

Sermon Notes for September 26, 2021

## **GOD UNDERSTANDS YOU – HEBREWS 4:14-16**

### **SERIES: STANDING ON THE PROMISES**

<sup>15</sup> For our high priest is able to understand our weaknesses. When he lived on earth, he was tempted in every way that we are, but he did not sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us, then, feel very sure that we can come before God's throne where there is grace. There we can receive mercy and grace to help us when we need it.

*Hebrews 4:15-16 (NCV)*

#### **1. \_\_\_\_\_ WITH US**

- **Incarnation**: For a time, God became one of us.

<sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us." *Matthew 1:22-23 (NIV)*

<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. *Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)*

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.  
*John 1:14 (NIV)*

- ✓ If Jesus simply descended to earth as a mighty being we would respect Him, but not draw near to Him.
- ✓ Had Jesus been biologically conceived by two human parents we might draw near to Him, but would we worship Him? Why would we?
- ✓ But Jesus was both God and man then we have the best of both worlds we can draw near to His humanity and worship His deity.

#### **2. JESUS WAS \_\_\_\_\_ HUMAN AND \_\_\_\_\_ GOD**

- Not one bit of divinity was lost with the addition of humanity

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

*Colossians 1:15-16 (NIV)*

<sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, *Colossians 1:19 (NIV)*

<sup>26</sup> He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. <sup>27</sup> The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

*Matthew 8:26-27 (NIV)*

- **Jesus was undiluted deity**

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." *Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)*

- **Jesus was willing to enter humanity for a time and purpose.**

<sup>52</sup> Jesus became wiser and grew physically. People liked him, and he pleased God. *Luke 2:52 (NCV)*

<sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there. Jesus was tired from his long trip, so he sat down beside the well. It was about twelve o'clock noon. *John 4:6 (NCV)*

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.  
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#### **3. GOD \_\_\_\_\_ YOU**

- **Jesus blended in with humanity so well, He went "unnoticed for 30 years."**

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<sup>21</sup> For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. *2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT2)*

- ✓ **Because Jesus was human, He understands you.**
- ✓ **Because Jesus is divine (God), He can help you.**