

## STRANGE BUT TRUE:

### God, but Man

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## Notes:

There is a doctrine known as the hypostatic union in Christ. Simply put, there is only one Jesus, but this Jesus has two natures: He is God and He is man. Paul explains this well as he points to Jesus' human characteristics, like His death on a cross, while also asserting His divinity, saying that the very fullness of God dwells in Christ.

*"The character of Jesus has not only been the highest pattern of virtue, but the strongest incentive in its practice, and has exerted so deep an influence, that it may be truly said that the simple record of three years of active life has done more to regenerate and to soften mankind than all the disquisitions of philosophers and all the exhortations of moralists."*

**W. E. H. Lecky, historian and political theorist <sup>1</sup>**

<sup>15</sup> The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

- Colossians 1:15-20

### My Next Step(s):

- I will acknowledge Jesus as 100% God and 100% man/human.
- I will let Jesus' divinity give me hope, security and peace.
- I will let Jesus' humanity comfort me in my daily challenges.
- I will learn more about the history of Jesus' time on earth.
- I will learn more about the unique claims of Jesus among world religions.

**Memory Verse:** The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. – John 1:14

Footnote: <sup>1</sup>[www.glenarbaptistchurch.co.uk/quotes-jesus-influence-on-history/471](http://www.glenarbaptistchurch.co.uk/quotes-jesus-influence-on-history/471)

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