

Was Jesus Fully Human?

Christians tell us that Jesus was fully human and fully divine simultaneously. Really?

Did Jesus ever have sex with a woman? With a man? Sheep? He was tempted for 40 days by the devil in the wilderness. But he wasn't tempted by Mary Magdalene? Come on. She was a hottie.

Was he a parent? Did he ever have to get up in the middle of the night to change a diaper, feed a baby, or convince a child that (s)he was not in imminent danger of being devoured by a monster? Did he have to get up before dawn every morning and go to work? Did he return home at night, exhausted, only to repeat the cycle the following day? Did he have to try to explain to a wife why he had to go out and heal the sick instead of spending more time with her and the children? Did he have to try to explain why he would rather hang out with the guys all the time than spend time at home?

Did Jesus ever get diarrhea? Did he ever throw up? Have a headache? A toothache? A hangover? Appendicitis? Jock itch? Constipation? The heartbreak of psoriasis?

He had several brothers. Did he experience sibling rivalry? Did he ever have to stand up to a bully as a kid? Was he ever late paying his taxes? Did he ever get fired? Did he ever apply for a job? Did he ever get dumped by a girl? Or get socked in the nose? Did he play sports? Did he ever get grounded or scolded for not taking out the garbage? Did he ever just goof off all day?

If Jesus ever did any of the kinds of things that most humans experience, we don't know about it from the Bible. And that is our only source of information about him. There is no reliable historical or archeological evidence of his ever having lived at all. Anyone with any knowledge of the Bible knows very well that the four gospels are not a reliable

source of historical information about Jesus (or anyone else).

How many fully human beings do you know who live(d) a lifestyle remotely resembling what we think we know about Jesus?

Still not convinced? Consider this. Christians tell us that all men sin. We are born into sin, thanks to Adam and Eve. Did Jesus sin? If not, he couldn't have been human. If he did, he couldn't have been divine. Nor did Jesus even claim to be divine in the synoptic gospels. That was something conjured up long after his death.

Anyone with a modicum of intellectual integrity must agree that the notion of Jesus being simultaneously fully human and fully divine is fully folly. There is nothing except blind faith to suggest that he was either. Yet, if he was not both, the entire Christian paradigm disintegrates.

If Jesus had lived during the Middle Ages, he would have torn the Church apart, judging from what he did in the Temple. If he had lived during the Inquisition, he might have been burned at the stake, because Jesus was a Jewish apocalyptic prophet, not a Christian. If Jesus were alive today, he would not be a Christian. He would still be a Jew. He would probably move to Israel and get himself killed again.

By the way, when I asked if he ever had sex with a man, I wasn't just being flippant or sarcastic. The John gospel author claims to be one of Jesus' disciples, the one who reclined next to him at the *last supper*. He often refers to himself as *the disciple who Jesus loved*. What did he mean by that? Didn't Jesus love all his disciples? It suggests that this particular relationship was something more than that. Does it suggest a homosexual relationship? I don't think we should ignore that possibility. There is nothing elsewhere in the gospels that suggests such a relationship, but there is also no denial of it.