



REFLECTIONS

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The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Hebrews 1:3

That Man, Jesus

Fully God. Fully Man—It's hard to imagine someone that way, isn't it. Our minds don't want to allow both to reside in the body of one person. He's either one or the other, not both.

Even God is hard for us to imagine without giving him a humanlike face with eyes, ears, and a mouth, with hands raised above his greyed head pointing toward something He wants us to do. So that man, Jesus, fathered by God, borne of a woman, entered our world in human form to experience life as *we* envision it to be.

We watched him reject Satan's tempting promises, felt his compassion for the suffering, and shared his tear-stained sorrow over the death of a friend just as other men would. But He performed miracles as no other man. He calmed the sea, healed the sick, he walked on water, and turned water into wine; then to further confirm his deity, Jesus rose from the grave.

"[That man, Jesus] did not come into the world to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:42-45)

Apostle Paul saw the qualities of a role model in Jesus' humanity when he said, *"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross."* (Philippians 2:5-8)

Yes, that man, Jesus did some things only God could do. But as a man, Jesus modeled the way we should try to live. He *made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant*. And he brought glory to the Father when *he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross*.

"You are the light of the world,"

Richard +

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