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v. 6 **JESUS IN THE FORM OF GOD**

Jesus is God

Son and Father are one (John 5:19, 30, 16:32) in will (John 4:34, 6:38, 7:28) activity (John 14:10) and giving eternal life ((John 10:30). Father loves the Son and commits all things into his hands (John 5:35), gives Him authority to judge (John 5:22). The title implies unity of being and nature with Father – uniqueness of origin and pre-existence. (John 3:16, Heb. 1:2

Son is in the Father and Father in the Son (John 10:38, 14:10)

v. 7 **JESUS IN THE FORM OF A SERVANT**

In the humiliation of His self-identification with our humanity

(Heb. 2:17, 4:15, 5:7, 2:9, 12:2) He fulfills the part not only of a victim, but also of a high priest, offering himself once for all ((Heb. 7:27, 9:12, 10:10) in a self-offering that brings about forever a new relationship between God and man.

v. 8 **JESUS IN THE FORM OF HUMAN**

“being born in the likeness of men”

Jesus' humanity can be taken for granted especially in the gospels.

* lying in the cradle	* doubt	* growing
* disappointment	* learning	* surprise
* subject to hunger	* anxiety	* death and burial

(Luke 2:40, Mark 2:15, 14:33, 15:34, Luke 7:9, John 1:1)

Besides this emphasis on His true humanity, there is nevertheless always an emphasis on the fact that even in His humanity He is sinless and also utterly different from other men and that His significance must not be sought by ranking Him alongside the greatest or wisest or holiest of all other men. The virgin birth and the resurrection are signs that we have something unique in the realm of humanity.

HE IS THE TRUE:

Prophet (Mark 9:7, Luke 13:33)

Priest (John 17, Heb.)

King (Matt. 2:2, 21:5)

