

EXTOLLING THE KING WHO REIGNS FOREVER

I. Psalm 145:1-21

A. As we end another tough year and begin a new one, it's good to remember the names of folks our Community and respective spheres of life we've lost. Those beloved names include: Victoria Schilling Mouzon; Jerry Burkhart; Jeff Watson; Kathy Saunders; Don Atwood; Joanne Severance; Don Budnick; Jim Pettet; Mary Lou Myers; Tina Armstrong; Hans Glockner; Bert Severance; Wanda Mackie-Flick; Karl Johnson; Chris Ankeney; Deborah Reed; Mark Anthony Orozco; Elizabeth Shover; Bo Huff; Ethel Dyer; Ruth Hite; Lester Keller; Ronda Loudermilk; Sue Ann Morris; Joanne Hall; Grace Keller; Fran Ralston; Ed Brookover III; Janice Maples; Annette Price; Dick Pieschel; Bobby Karr; Lloyd Parkinson; Tony Montagnese; Curt Taylor; Joe Sabo; Sarah Stought; Stuart Pierce; Ralph Harper; Carolyn Zollinger; Kyle Maite; Peggy Springer; Mary Brandt; Donna Masheter; Ruth Crutcher-Beckwith; Neal Stephens; Patty Beavers...

B. Just as it's good for us to end and begin the new year by remembering loved ones lost, it's especially good for us to turn our attention to the One who's not going anywhere. His steadfast love and faithfulness are from eternity past and will have no end--ever! For this we turn to Psalm 145, a Psalm attributed to David, and a hymn of praise that gushes with exaltation toward our Lord and all His attributes. Let's listen and count the Psalmist's words of adulation and let's make these our words of praise on this brand new morning of this brand new year...

C. Psalm 145:1-21 (ESV) A Song of Praise. Of David. (This psalm is an acrostic poem, each verse beginning with the successive letters of the Hebrew alphabet...)
1 I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever. **2** Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever. **3** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable. **4** One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts. **5** On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate. **6** They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds, and I will declare Your greatness. **7** They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. **8** The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. **9** The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made. **10** All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your saints shall **ble**ss You! **11** They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and tell of Your power, **12** to make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom. **13** Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations. [The LORD is faithful in all His words and kind in all His works. **14** The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. **15** The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season. **16** You open Your hand; You satisfy the desire of every living thing. **17** The LORD is righteous in all His ways and kind in all His works. **18** The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. **19** He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him; He also hears their cry and saves them. **20** The LORD preserves all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy. **21** My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless His Holy name forever and ever.

D. It's no wonder God refers to David as a man after His own heart. And God has made very clear in His promises to David that Another King, One from the lineage of David, would sit upon the throne of the very Kingdom this Psalm so wonderfully extols. When the NT describes Jesus the Messiah as the descendent of David and risen from the dead, it's in essence saying Jesus was both Man and God, or as the Creeds declare--fully God and fully Man. In 2 Timothy 2:8 (AMPC) Paul writes his faithful friend: *8 Constantly keep in mind Jesus Christ (the Messiah) [as] risen from the dead, [as the prophesied King] descended from David, according to the good news (the Gospel) that I preach.*

E. And yet David saw all this from way far off. His vision of this Descendent Messiah King was seen through a mirror even dimmer than the one we peer through. David prophesied about this coming King but we see and know this King came indeed, died for you and me, rose from the dead, and now sits upon a throne from which He'll never be removed! The Bread & Cup remind us!

F. One of the songs we've sung for many years is, "You Are My King" written by Billy James Foote and recorded by many, most popularly by Chris Tomlin. The lyrics can lead us this morning to the Lord's Table...

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken.
I'm accepted, You were condemned.
I'm alive and well. Your Spirit is within me
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Amazing love, how can it be
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It's my joy to honor You, in all I do.

You are my King. You are my King.
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*** Pray & Officiate Communion...**

*** Back to where we began but hear in the AMPC: Psalm 145:1-3 (AMPC) takes us home: *1 I will extol You, my God, O King; and I will bless Your name forever and ever [with grateful, affectionate praise]. 2 Every day [with its new reasons] will I bless You [affectionately and gratefully praise You]; yes, I will praise Your name forever and ever. 3 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; and His greatness is [so vast and deep as to be] unsearchable.***

Scriptures, Videos, & Bonus Stuff

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You Are My King (Amazing Love)

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Bonus Goodies

"You Are My King" (Amazing Love) - Maranatha Music
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YNp1py98YPY>

Christ Died for Sin - John Piper
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzOAQI84g38>

He Died for Me - Paul Washer
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYEuTCJAzRc>

More Verses, Quotes, Excerpts, & Extras

1 Samuel 13:13-14 (AMP)

13 Samuel said to Saul, "You have acted foolishly; you have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you, for [if you had obeyed] the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. **14** But now your kingdom shall not endure. The LORD has sought out for Himself a man (David) after His own heart, and the LORD has appointed him as leader and ruler over His people, because you have not kept (obeyed) what the LORD commanded you."

2 Samuel 7:12-13 (ESV)

12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. **13** He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of His kingdom forever.

Luke 1:28-33 (ESV)

28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" **29** But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. **30** And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found

favor with God. **31** And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus. **32** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, **33** and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

John 7:40-44 (ESV)

40 When they heard these words, some of the people said, “This really is the Prophet.” **41** Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Is the Christ to come from Galilee? **42** Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” **43** So there was a division among the people over Him. **44** Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

Acts 2:29-36 (ESV)

29 “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. **30** Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, **31** he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. **32** This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. **33** Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. **34** For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, **35** until I make Your enemies Your footstool.” **36** Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Philippians 2:5-11 (AMP)

5 Have this same attitude in yourselves which was in Christ Jesus [look to Him as your example in selfless humility], **6** who, although He existed in the form and unchanging essence of God [as One with Him, possessing the fullness of all the divine attributes—the entire nature of deity], did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped or asserted [as if He did not already possess it, or was afraid of losing it]; **7** but emptied Himself [without renouncing or diminishing His deity, but only temporarily giving up the outward expression of divine equality and His rightful dignity] by assuming the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men [He became completely human but was without sin, being fully God and fully man]. **8** After He was found in [terms of His] outward appearance as a man [for a divinely-appointed time], He humbled Himself [still further] by becoming obedient [to the Father] to the point of death, even death on a cross. **9** For this reason also [because He obeyed and so completely humbled Himself], God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, **10** so that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow [in submission], of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and that every tongue will confess and openly acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord (sovereign God), to the glory of God the Father.

Theological Note on 2 Timothy 2:8

The NIV Study Bible

"Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained." - 2 Timothy 2:8-9 (NIV)

2:8: Raised from the dead, descended from David. Christ's resurrection proclaims His deity, and His descent from David shows His humanity; both truths are basic to the gospel. Since Christ is God, His death has infinite value; since He is human, He could rightfully become our substitute.

- Theological note on 2 Timothy 2:8, *The NIV Study Bible*, Zondervan, p. 1884.

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The NLT Life Application Study Bible

"Always remember that Jesus Christ, a descendent of King David, was raised from the dead. This is the Good News I preach." - 2 Timothy 2:8 (NLT)

2:8: False teachers were a problem in Ephesus (see Acts 20:29, 30; 1 Timothy 1:3-11). At the heart of false teaching is an incorrect view of Christ. In Timothy's day many asserted that Christ was divine but not human--God but not man. These days we often hear that Jesus was human but not divine--man but not God. Either view destroys the good news that Jesus Christ has taken our sins on Himself and has reconciled us to God. In this verse, Paul firmly states that Jesus is fully man ("*a descendent of King David*") and fully God ("*raised from the dead*"). This is an important doctrine for all Christians. For more on this key concept, see the note on Philippians 2:5-7.

- Theological note on 2 Timothy 2:8, *The NLT Life Application Study Bible*, Tyndale, p. 2706.

Quote by R.C. Sproul

"The christological debates of the early church can be hard to keep track of, but there is one important conclusion from them that we can easily remember, namely, that Jesus' humanity is as important to our salvation as His deity. Because He was and remains truly human as well as truly divine, Jesus atoned perfectly for our sin and helps us in our temptation. He can save us and sanctify us because He is one of us without sacrificing any of His deity."

The Nicene Creed (325 A.D.)

This creed was first formulated at the First Ecumenical Council, held at Nicea, located in what is now Turkey, in 325, as a response to the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ. It was revised at the Second Ecumenical Council, held at Constantinople in 381 as a response to the Macedonian or Pneumatomachian heresy, which denied the divinity of the Holy Spirit.

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Note: The word "catholic" with a lower case 'c' does not mean the Roman Catholic Church, but the universal Christian Church as a whole.

The Chalcedonian Creed (451 A.D.)

This creed was adopted at the Fourth Ecumenical Council, held at Chalcedon, located in what is now Turkey, in 451, as a response to certain heretical views concerning the nature of Christ. It established the orthodox view that Christ has two natures (human and divine) that are unified in one person.

We, then, following the holy Fathers, all with one consent, teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood; truly God and truly man, of a reasonable [rational] soul and body; consubstantial [co-essential] with the Father according to the Godhead, and consubstantial with us according to the Manhood; in all things like unto us, without sin; begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead, and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, according to the Manhood; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, only begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures, inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ; as the prophets from the beginning [have declared] concerning Him, and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself has taught us, and the Creed of the holy Fathers has handed down to us.

Why Is Jesus Called “Son of Man”?

Interview with John Piper

<http://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/why-is-jesus-called-son-of-man>

Why is Jesus called "Son of Man"?

Let me give a common understanding and then a more sophisticated historical understanding.

The common understanding is that "Son of God" implies His deity—which it does—and that "Son of Man" implies His humanity, which it does too.

He was a son of man, that is, a human being. And He is the Son of God, in that He has always existed as the Eternally Begotten One who comes forth from the Father forever. He always has, and He always will. He is the Second Person of the Trinity with all of the divine nature fully in Him.

He is born of a virgin. He had a human father but He didn't have sex with this virgin until Jesus was conceived. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit in the virgin Mary. Thus He is human—fully human. The Bible wants to emphasize that He is fully human.

So that's the common understanding: He is both divine and He is human—two natures, one person.

The more sophisticated and important historical insight is that the term "Son of Man" doesn't merely align Him with humanity. It is probably taken from Daniel 7. And if you read that chapter you'll see that the Son of Man is a very exalted figure: not just a human figure but an exalted figure. It was Jesus' favorite self-designation.

If you do a study of the term "Son of Man" in the Gospels you'll see that He didn't refer to Himself most often as Son of God but as Son of Man. He said things like, in [Mark 10:45](#), "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many." So He calls Himself Son of Man very often.

I think the reason he did so is because, on the face of it, Son of Man is an ordinary phrase for "human being." He was born of a man. And there's no offense there: who isn't a son of man? But those with ears to hear could hear Daniel 7, in which He was claiming a very exalted role in the history of redemption. And he meant to do it.

Jesus was very subtle in that He was always opening His identity to those with eyes to see, but He wasn't opening it so blatantly that everybody would come and make Him king. He had to steer a very narrow course in disclosing His identity, not just openly saying, "I'm the Messiah, I'm the King of the World. Come and acknowledge Me as King." He didn't talk like that.

He was quiet. He was subtle. And He would make claims that were explicit in certain settings and implicit in others. And only when the time was right—mainly when He was on trial for His life, and they said, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the living God?"—did He say, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man coming with great power and glory." So He confessed His open deity right at the point where He knew He would be crucified for it.

So I hope that helps. "Son of Man" has the double meaning of human being and, according to Daniel 7, exalted heavenly one. And Jesus means to communicate both of those.

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How Can Jesus Be Both God and Man at the Same Time?

By S. Michael Houdmann - <https://www.gotquestions.org/Jesus-God-man.html>

Answer: The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ is both God and man. Many Christians are understandably confused when it comes to understanding how Jesus can be God and man at the same time. How could our divine Creator become a human? Could a first-century Jewish man really be God? While a certain amount of mystery will always accompany this issue, both Scripture and, to a lesser extent, church tradition provide for us important distinctions to help us make sense of this matter.

While previous church councils had deliberated over issues pertaining to the nature of Christ and His relationship to the Father, it was the [Council of Chalcedon](#) (AD 481) that affirmed that Christ is "the same perfect in divinity and perfect in humanity, the same truly God and truly man." This statement is not true simply because the council taught it. Rather, the council's declaration was authoritative only insofar as it aligned with what the Bible teaches on the subject. Scripture is clear that Jesus is God ([John 20:28](#); [Titus 2:13](#); [Hebrews 1:8](#)), and it is equally clear that He is truly human ([Romans 1:2-4](#); [1 John 4:2-3](#)). Jesus claimed the divine name ([John 8:58](#)) and did things that only God can do ([Mark 2:1-12](#); [Luke 7:48-50](#)). But Jesus also displayed the weaknesses and vulnerabilities common to humanity ([Luke 19:41](#); [John 19:28](#)).

The belief that Jesus is both God and man is of fundamental importance. The apostle Paul wrote that an affirmation of the divinity of Jesus is required to be saved ([Romans 10:9](#)), and the apostle John provided a sober warning that those who deny Christ's true humanity are promoting the doctrine of antichrist ([2 John 1:7](#)).

The Triune God of the Bible has existed and reigned from all eternity, and the second Person of the [Trinity](#), the Son, took on human flesh at a particular point in time ([Luke 1:35](#); [Hebrews 1:5](#)). God the Son added a sinless human nature to His eternally existent divine nature. The result was the Incarnation. God the Son became a man ([John 1:1, 14](#)). [Hebrews 2:17](#) gives the reason that Jesus had to be both God and man: "He had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful

and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.” The Son of God took on human flesh to provide redemption to those under the law ([Galatians 4:4–5](#)).

At no time did Jesus ever cease to be God. Although He was made fully human, there was never a point when He abrogated His divine nature (see [Luke 6:5, 8](#)). It is equally true that, after becoming incarnate, the Son has never ceased to be human. As the apostle Paul wrote, “For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, *the man* Christ Jesus” ([1 Timothy 2:5](#), emphasis added). Jesus is not half-human and half-divine. Rather, He is *Theanthropos*, the God-man. The Lord Jesus Christ is one eternally divine Person who will forever possess two [distinct yet inseparable natures](#): one divine and one human.

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Why Is the Humanity of Jesus Important?

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Answer: The humanity of Jesus is as equally important as the [deity of Jesus](#). Jesus was born as a human being while still being totally divine. The concept of the humanity of Jesus co-existing with His deity is difficult for the finite mind of man to comprehend. Nevertheless, Jesus’ nature—wholly man and wholly God—is a biblical fact. There are those who reject these biblical truths and declare that Jesus was a man, but not God (Ebionism). [Docetism](#) is the view that Jesus was God, but not human. Both viewpoints are unbiblical and false.

Jesus had to be born as a human being for several reasons. One is outlined in [Galatians 4:4–5](#): “But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.” Only a man could be “born under the law.” No animal or angelic being is “under the law.” Only humans are born under the law, and only a human being could redeem other human beings born under the same law. Born under the law of God, all humans are guilty of transgressing that law. Only a perfect human—Jesus Christ—could perfectly keep the law and perfectly fulfill the law, thereby redeeming us from that guilt. Jesus accomplished our redemption on the cross, exchanging our sin for His perfect righteousness ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#)).

Another reason Jesus had to be fully human is that God established the necessity of the shedding of blood for the remission of sins ([Leviticus 17:11](#); [Hebrews 9:22](#)). The blood of animals, although acceptable on a temporary basis as a foreshadowing of the blood of the perfect God-Man, was insufficient for the permanent remission of sin because “it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins” ([Hebrews 10:4](#)). Jesus Christ, the perfect Lamb of God, sacrificed His human life and shed His human blood to cover the sins of all who would ever believe in Him. If He were not human, this would have been impossible.

Furthermore, the humanity of Jesus enables Him to relate to us in a way the angels or animals never can. “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are —yet was without sin” ([Hebrews 4:15](#)). Only a human could sympathize with our weaknesses and temptations. In His humanity, Jesus was subjected to all the same kinds of trials that we are, and He is, therefore, able to sympathize with us and to aid us. He was tempted; He was persecuted; He was poor; He was despised; He suffered physical pain; and He endured the sorrows of a lingering and most cruel death. Only a human being could experience these things, and only a human being could fully understand them through experience.

Finally, it was necessary for Jesus to come in the flesh because believing that truth is a prerequisite for salvation. Declaring that Jesus has come in the flesh is the mark of a spirit from God, while the Antichrist and all who follow him will deny it ([1 John 4:2-3](#)). Jesus has come in the flesh; He is able to sympathize with our human frailties; His human blood was shed for our sins; and He was fully God and fully Man. These are biblical truths that cannot be denied.

Recommended Resource: [The Moody Handbook of Theology by Paul Enns](#)

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