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Understanding the Humanity of JESUS

By Charles Capps

So many times you hear people say things that they can't back up with scripture. They are not doing it maliciously, for it is what they've either been taught or just simply assumed to be truth. Yet, a diligent search of the Word of God would reveal quite a different story.

I know when I was growing up that I just assumed from what I had heard or read between the lines that Jesus was God while He was here on earth. That's the reason He could do the things He did here on earth. This is generally believed in the religious circles today. The scripture does say that God was manifest in the flesh, but we need to realize it was in the flesh

that He was manifest. If we don't have a clear understanding of this, it can throw us off track.

It is true that God was manifest in the flesh, He is also manifest in the flesh today. He wants to manifest Himself in your flesh as a born again believer, but the idea permeates the religious world that Jesus did the miracles because He was God in all of His divine power and glory when He was here on earth. A close study of the scriptures will disprove that and shed great light on the subject. We must allow the Bible to interpret itself. There is always a scriptural balance, and if we continue in the Word, then we will know the truth.

You notice in the scripture that Jesus had done no miracles until He was baptized in the river Jordan and the Holy Ghost came upon Him. Then in Luke 4:18, Jesus said:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me..."

Here He tells us the source of the miracles He would do. He was anointed of God. Why didn't He do miracles before He was thirty years old, before the Holy Ghost came upon Him? He couldn't. He didn't have the ability. It came with the anointing. Yet, He was the son of God. He was the divine Son of God.

Philippians chapter two tells us that He made Himself of no reputation. One translation says, "He stripped Himself of His divine power and glory when He came to the earth." He actually became a

man. He looked like a man. He walked like a man. He talked like a man. He got tired like a man because He was a man, yet, He was the Son of God. He was not operating in His divine power and glory. He was operating as a man under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Hebrews 2:16 says,

"For verily He took not on him the nature of angels; but He took on him the seed of Abraham." He took the likeness of man. Notice chapter 5 verse 8-9: ***"Though He were a Son, yet***

learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him;" What were the things He suffered? Back to Hebrews 2:18: ***"For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour (or help) them that are tempted."***

He suffered temptation, just like you and I suffer temptation. Somehow we've gotten the idea that Jesus never suffered the things we suffer in the area of temptation, but He did. If we get the idea that Jesus was operating as God while He was here on earth, then it leads us off track scripturally, because Jesus gave up His power and glory when He came to this earth. He lived here as a man, anointed with the Holy Ghost and healing power.

He is able to help you through the same things victoriously

First of all, ask yourself, if He were God in His power and glory here on earth, why would God have to anoint Him? There is no higher anointing than God. So, this is our first clue that Jesus was not operating in His Godhead powers when He was here on earth. He was operating as a man anointed of God. He said Himself, "God hath anointed me." Jesus, through His temptation that He suffered here on earth, became a perfect high priest. Notice Hebrews 4:15: ***"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the***

feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”

Jesus suffered being tempted. Now this shows us that Jesus was not God while He was here on earth. He had laid down His mighty power and glory when He came to this earth. He was tempted like any other man.

In I Corinthians 10:13, Paul says: *“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man...”*

Temptation is not a sin

Jesus was exposed to every form of temptation that is common to man. Satan can't tempt you supernaturally; he has to do it through that which is common to man. Jesus has already suffered that temptation and came through it victoriously. He is able to help you through the same things victoriously. He knows what it is like to be tempted. So many people think that Jesus never was tempted to have a bad thought or tempted to do anything wrong. He was tempted in every point like as you are, yet without sin. He proved that it is possible to overcome. Remember He said, “in the world you'll have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” In essence He is saying, “I have overcome the world, so, you can overcome the world.”

Jesus was God manifest in flesh. God can also be manifest in your flesh so you can overcome temptation.

Jesus suffered being tempted of everything that you have been tempted, but He came through it victoriously. Therefore He is able to help you through your situation.

Now let's let the Bible interpret itself *“Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, He shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any man:”* James 1:12-13

This is positive proof that Jesus did not operate on earth as God until after He was raised from the dead. All the miracles that He did, He did as a man anointed by the Holy Ghost. This scripture tells us that God cannot be tempted of evil, yet we have just read in Hebrews that Jesus was tempted in all points like as we are yet without sin.

If He were here as God, in His power and glory, He could not have been tempted at all. It's impossible for God to be tempted of evil. Yes Jesus was the Son of God, but He was not operating in His Godhead powers to heal the sick or do the miracles. God was manifest through the humanity of Jesus. God still manifests Himself in your flesh and through your humanity today, just as He did with Jesus in His temptations.

Now, let's find how man is tempted. That will tell us how Jesus was tempted. *“But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.”* James 1:14. In other words, he is drawn away of his own desire. *“Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”* James 1:15

This tells you how Jesus was tempted. He must have had a desire toward the things that He was tempted to do. You cannot be tempted to do something that you have no desire to do. Temptation is not a sin. Jesus would not let temptation conceive within Him. When it conceives, it brings forth sin. You cannot keep the devil from bringing bad thoughts to you, but they will die unborn if you don't entertain them and speak them. When you begin to dwell on them and talk them, they are conceived and eventually will bring forth sin.

Most people have never understood that Jesus himself suffered the same temptations that you and I suffer on this earth. He wasn't some superhuman that could not be affected by the things that affect us today, but because of His commitment to the Word and to His Father God, He overcame the world, the flesh, and the devil.

God was manifest in the flesh through Jesus and today God is still manifesting Himself in the flesh of those that will present their bodies to

God and His service. (Romans 12:1-2) Here is why sin should not have dominion over the believer:

Romans 8:10-13 *“And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the*

. . . As God hath said, I will dwell in them. . .

flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.” Notice what the Holy Spirit said through Paul in II Corinthians 6:16, *“..for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”*

This is positive proof that God is still manifest in flesh today, here on earth through you as a believer.

Make a decision to allow God to dwell in you in His fullness, to walk in you. Then you can understand why the Apostle John said, “you have overcome the wicked one, for greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world.” Don't give up. The greater one in you has already overcome everything you will ever face in life. ■

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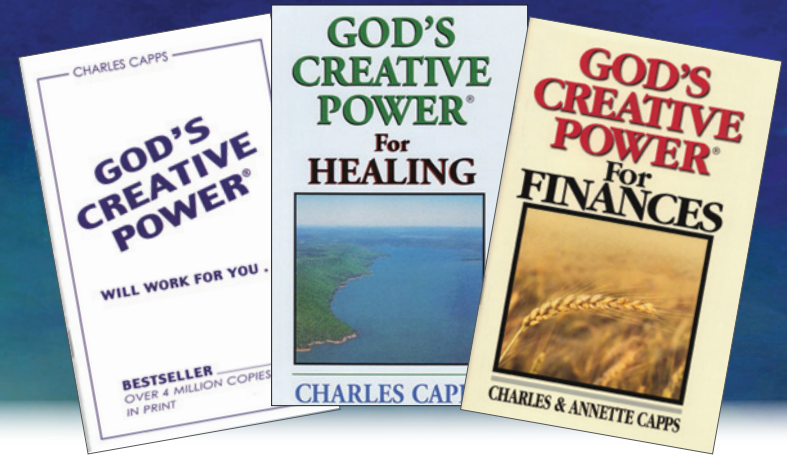
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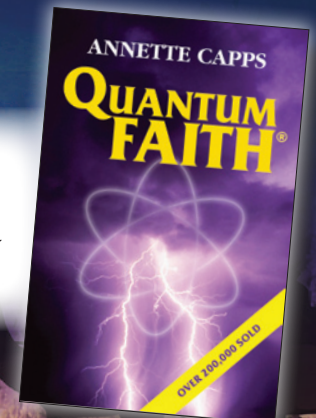
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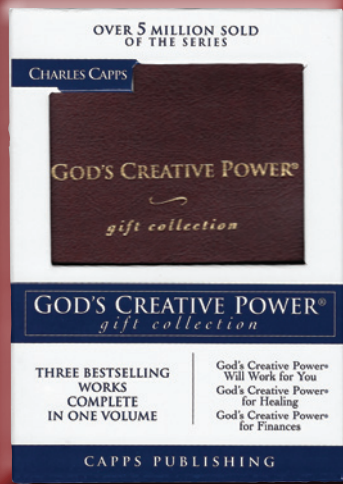


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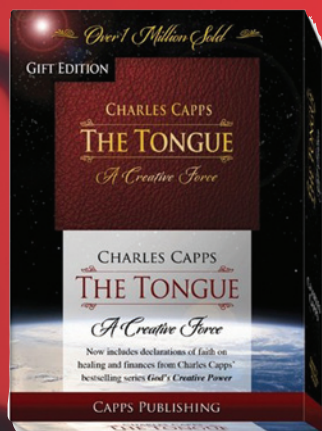
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Mary, Woman Of Faith

By Peggy Capps

As I was meditating on the Christmas season we are approaching, my thoughts turned to Mary, the mother of Jesus.

I began to read the story in Luke 1:28 about how the angel Gabriel came to Mary and began to tell her the things that were going to take place and her part in God's plan for the Redemption of mankind.

I was amazed at the *faith* and *love* of God in this young woman! The scriptures tell us that when she saw Gabriel, she was confused and troubled, and kept revolving in her mind what such a greeting might mean.

The angels went on to say, "Don't be afraid, for you have found grace and favor with God, and you will give birth to a son and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord will give to Him the throne of His forefather David. And of His reign there shall be no end."

Mary's only question was, "How?" Then the angel answered, "...*The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God*" (v. 35).

Mary's immediate response was, "...*Be it unto me according to thy word...*" (v.38). This was a great act of faith on Mary's part! She received God's Word through the angel Gabriel and considered it done, because she hurried to her cousin Elisabeth's house in Judah to tell her:

"For He Who is almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name..." (v.49 *The Amplified Bible*). *"For He has looked [with loving care] on the humble state of His maidservant; For behold, from now on all generations will count me blessed and happy and favored by God!* (v. 48 *Amplified*).

The Greek word for blessed as used by Mary means "to be indwelt by God" and therefore "fully satisfied."

Oh how blessed we are today to be indwelt by God – to be filled with His Spirit and thereby have our souls satisfied!

This was the purpose of Jesus' coming to redeem us and indwell us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Aren't we a blessed people? How thankful I am for such a loving Savior! ■



SUPERNATURAL DELIVERANCE

By Annette Capps

Hebrews 12:22 *“But you have come to Mount Zion, even to the city of the living God, heavenly Jerusalem, and to an INUMBERABLE MULTITUDE OF ANGELS...”* (Wuest’s Expanded Translation)

Many years ago the Holy Spirit spoke to me in a supernatural manner and said, “Teach my people about the supernatural. Teach them about visions and dreams. Teach them about ANGELS.” I have realized that one of the greatest means of teaching is by example, that is, by showing people what you are teaching. That is why I am going to share the story of this SUPERNATURAL DELIVERANCE.

In 1978, a friend and I went to minister in a church in eastern Colorado. Since we were going to be there a few days, we decided to stay with a friend who

lived on a farm located approximately 15 miles out of town. On Friday night there were no meetings scheduled, so we thought that perhaps later in the evening we would go into town for dinner. While waiting on the other girls to get ready, I took a walk on the farm. Suddenly I felt an intense urgency to intercede in the Spirit. The languages I prayed were very different from my usual prayer language. After about 45 minutes, the urgency left and I went back to the house.

It was a very dark drive back into town that night. There was no moon and the area was not very populated, so there were no lights other than our headlights. The three of us were chatting in the front seat when we crested a small hill where the highway ran by some feed-lots. Suddenly, out of the blackness, there was an entire

herd of black Angus steers moving across the highway in front of us. We didn’t have time to stop or avoid them. By the time we could see them it was too late. I began to scream, “In the Name of Jesus” just as our car plowed into the herd. There was the sound of breaking glass, metal bending, and *praying in tongues!* When the car came to a halt, we were sideways in the road blocking the entire highway. Miraculously, we were uninjured although none of us had our seatbelts fastened! Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth

tried to turn the headlights on. Nothing happened! No one could see us! I sent the other two girls down the road to try to stop any traffic, and I walked back up the hill to alert traffic coming from the opposite direction. When I had walked halfway to the top, I turned and saw that a vehicle had stopped about a half mile from the wreck where the girls were now standing. Then I heard it – a tractor trailer rig was coming toward me – and there were no lights on the car. He couldn’t see it! I turned back toward the wreck where

There was the sound of breaking glass, metal bending, and praying in tongues!

I could see the outline and shadow of the car. In front of the car I could see the shadow of a man. He was bending over the front of the car and the emergency flashers

speaketh and the first thing that came out was, “Hallelujah, Praise God, Thank you Jesus!” At times like that your mind wants to quit on you, but my spirit took control and the wisdom of God took over. I said, “We have to get out and stop any traffic from hitting us.” The driver’s door was jammed and the impact crumpled the hood, so we exited the passenger side door. We were traveling 55 M.P.H. when we hit the steers, our seat belts weren’t fastened, the car was demolished, and we weren’t hurt!

came on, the dome light, one headlight and then the brake lights. The truck crested the hill and came to a sliding stop, narrowly missing the car! I ran down to the car and no one was there. A few minutes later, the girls came back to the car and I asked, “What did you do to the car to get the lights on? Did that man help you? Turning the dome lights on was a great idea!” The girls said, “What? We thought you did it! There wasn’t anyone around except the three of us and a man stopped to talk to us a half mile down the road!” But there was someone else! We have come unto an innumerable multitude of angels. And I saw one of them in front of that car! And I know there were others in the car, protecting us from injury, bringing SUPERNATURAL DELIVERANCE. ■

The car lights would not come on! It became apparent to me that the urgency I had to pray in the Spirit was in regards to this situation. Because it was so dark, we needed illumination so others could see the wreck.

We tried to turn the emergency flashers on. And they wouldn’t work. We



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For My strength is with you and My ability is from within. No, not from without of the ways of the world but in the midst...in the midst of you shall it be. So learn I say, to release Me in laughter, release Me in praise, release Me with joyful thanksgiving. Let a melody from in psalms from your heart to Me.

Then shall My wisdom be released. Then you will lift up your head and rejoice knowing that you have found the peace that you have sought through life. For it comes not through the striving, not through searching the avenues of the ways of the world. But it comes through the joy of the worship and praise. So release Me. Release Me saith the Lord. Learn to walk in victory. For the battle is Mine and the victory is yours. ■

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