Snapshots of Jesus

The Humanity of Jesus

41 Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. 42 When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual. 43 After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't miss him at first, 44 because they assumed he was among the other travelers. But when he didn't show up that evening, they started looking for him among their relatives and friends

45 When they couldn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for him there. 46 Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. 47 All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

48 His parents didn't know what to think. "Son," his mother said to him, "why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere."

49 "But why did you need to search?" he asked. "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" 50 But they didn't understand what he meant.

51 Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And his mother stored all these things in her heart.

52 Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.

John 1.14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 4.6

Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime.

Luke 2.52

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Matthew 8.5-10

When Jesus returned to Capernaum, a Roman officer[a] came and pleaded with him, 6 "Lord, my young servant lies in bed, paralyzed and in terrible pain."

- 7 Jesus said, "I will come and heal him."
- 8 But the officer said, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed.

Matthew 8.5-10

9 I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, 'Go,' and they go, or 'Come,' and they come. And if I say to my slaves, 'Do this,' they do it."

10 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to those who were following him, he said, "I tell you the truth, I haven't seen faith like this in all Israel!

Matthew 14.12-13

Later, John's disciples came for his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus what had happened.

13 As soon as Jesus heard the news, he left in a boat to a remote area to be alone. But the crowds heard where he was headed and followed on foot from many towns.

John 11,35

Jesus Wept

Matthew 4.1-3

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. 2 For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry.

3 During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread."

Luke 24.39-40

Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it's really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do." 40 As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his feet.

Matthew 26.39

He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."

2 John 7

I say this because many deceivers have gone out into the world. They deny that Jesus Christ came[a] in a real body. Such a person is a deceiver and an antichrist.



John Calvin

"Jesus put on our feelings along with our flesh"

Bryan Loritts

"It was the writer of Hebrews who said of Jesus 'For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with out weakness, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin' (Heb. 4.15) The magnitude of this verse cannot be overstated, for the writer posits our Savior as one who at his core can identify with all of us in our crucible of struggle.

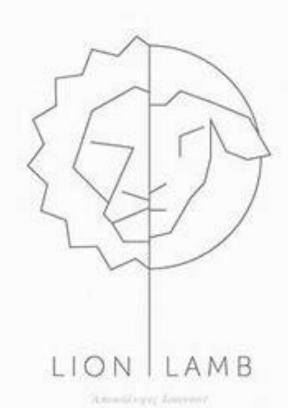


Bryan Loritts

To women who have been victimized by the male power structures, Jesus responds by saying '#MeToo'. To men who struggle with the physiological yearnings of their loins, Jesus nods his head in solidarity. And as a incarnational minority, Jesus stands with people of color, wrapping an arm around [them] and knowing exactly how it feels to be belittled and pillaged of ethnic dignity."



JOSHUA LEVENTHAL



God is better at being stronger than we are and better at being weaker than we are.

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