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2:14-18

Jesus, the Lamb of God, suffered by bearing our sin, receiving the curse and wrath for our sin, and dying in our place thus becoming the founder of our salvation.

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Is it important to believe that Jesus is both God and man?

Yes, the humanity and deity of Jesus are vital components of the gospel message.

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Romans 1:1-4

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2 John 1:7

For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist.

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Can Jesus be an idol?

If a person defines Jesus differently than the authentic Jesus, then he or she has created an idol named Jesus.

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Philippians 2:5-8

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Genesis 3:15

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1 John 3:8

Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

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All people will experience death, but not all people should fear death.

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Who should not fear death?

Only those who know that there is nothing to fear on the other side.

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Romans 8:38-39

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Philippians 1:21-24

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2 Corinthians 5:6-8

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

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The same confidence to face death without fear, should be experienced by you as well.

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Being a Christian should change the way you live, and it should change the way you die.

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John 11:25

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,

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Galatians 3:7-9

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The role of the temple, the High Priest, and the sacrifice was all fulfilled by Jesus Christ.

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Propitiation

The appeasement of God's wrath

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Christ's faithfulness to God
resulted in mercy towards us.

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The only way to approach the holiness
of God is through God's appointed,
and successful, High Priest.

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If Jesus is not your High Priest, then
you have no access to God.

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Knowing Whose you are, and what He has
done to acquire you, should be a great
help as you fight against temptation.

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The more you realize what Christ
has done for you, the more the
fear of death will diminish.

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1. Hebrews 2:18 mentions that Jesus is our high priest.
 - a. What are some practical benefits of knowing that Jesus is your High Priest?
 - b. How would you explain Jesus being our High Priest to a child, or to someone who had no knowledge of the subject?
2. Death is a serious matter that most people tend to avoid thinking about unless they are forced to do so. How should a Christian's thoughts of death be different from that of the world's?
3. Throughout church history false teachers teaching false doctrine about the person of Jesus Christ have tried to prevail. One of them that was popular and resurfaces often is Apollinarianism, named after its founder Apollinaris. He taught that Jesus was not fully human (a view that is officially taught by Jehovah Witnesses). In 451 A.D., the Chalcedonian Creed was written to defend the truth against such heresy:

“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.”

4. Do modern professing Christians seem to be as serious about defending the humanity and Divinity of Jesus? Why, or why not?
5. What verses could you look to in order to defend the full humanity of Jesus? Here is one to start with, it appears to be an early confession of the church, see 1 Timothy 3:16. Can you find others?
6. Why is it important to acknowledge the humanity of Jesus?