

...and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembly together...but encouraging one another.  
 Heb 10:24-25

Share the teaching  
 Guard the sharing

# Male Call

## May 16, 2008—Atonement—The Humanity of Christ

6:00 – 6:05	Coffee & Donuts Opening Prayer
6:05 – 7:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Something is wrong: the world shouldn't be this way</li> <li>2) We are complicit in what has gone wrong</li> <li>3) Sin is systemically organic</li> <li>4) Something must be done about it, and we can't do it</li> <li>5) God's salvific plan             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Return to the promise—Genesis 3:15</li> </ol> </li> <li>6) Jesus as a human<sup>1</sup> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Thirsty—Mt 25:35</li> <li>b) Hungry—Mt 4:2</li> <li>c) Weary—Jn 4:6</li> <li>d) Wept—Lk 19:41</li> <li>e) Compassionate—Mk 6:34</li> <li>f) Righteously angry—Mk 3:5</li> <li>g) Frustrated—Mt 17:17</li> <li>h) Troubled—Mt 26:37</li> </ol> </li> <li>7) Why Jesus' humanity?<sup>2</sup> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Representative obedience             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Jesus' temptation harkens back to the Garden of Eden (Luke 4:1-13)</li> <li>ii) Romans 5:18-19; 1Corinthians 15:45, 47</li> </ol> </li> <li>b) Substitute sacrifice             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Hebrews 2:16-17</li> </ol> </li> <li>c) One mediator between God and man             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) 1Timothy 2:5</li> </ol> </li> <li>d) To fulfill God's plan for humanity to rule over creation             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 1:22; Revelation 3:20-21</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>

<sup>1</sup> Sanders, *et al.* 192.

<sup>2</sup> Grudem. 540ff.

	<p>8) What Jesus' humanity means for us</p> <p>a) Jesus sympathizes with us</p> <p>i) Hebrews 2:18, 4:14-16</p> <p>b) Jesus sets an example for us</p> <p><i>If Jesus is superhuman, then I can admire him, but I do not have to take seriously his call to emulate him. I can never be a superhuman being<sup>3</sup></i></p> <p>i) Jn 13:15; 1Jn 2:6; 2Cor 3:18; Rom 8:29; 1Pet 2:21; Heb 12:2</p> <p>ii) Jesus was <u>predominately</u> dependent on the resources of the Father and the Holy Spirit, the same resources that are available to us<sup>4</sup></p> <p>(1) Possible exceptions in which Jesus acted Divinely:<sup>5</sup></p> <p>(a) Forgiving sins (e.g., Luke 5:24)</p> <p>(b) Transfiguration (Matthew 17:2)</p> <p>(c) Display of his glory (John 2:11, 18:6)</p> <p>(d) Yearning for his pre-existence with God (John 17:5)</p>
7:00	Closing Prayer

Further reading:

- *The Bible*
- Grudem, Wayne. *Systematic Theology*. InterVarsity Press. 1994.
- Sanders, Fred and Klaus Issler. *Jesus in Trinitarian Perspective*. B&H Academic. 2007.

<sup>3</sup> William Barry, *Letting God Come Close*. Quoted in Sanders, *et al.* 203.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.* Ch 6. This is the author's premise.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.* 204.