

THE HUMANITY OF CHRIST

I. TWENTY-FIVE QUESTIONS FOR MARY.

“25 Questions For Mary” from Max Lucado’s Book, *“God Came Near.”*”

1. What was it like watching him pray?
2. How did he respond when he saw other kids giggling during the service at the synagogue?
3. When he saw a rainbow, did he ever mention a flood?
4. Did you ever feel awkward teaching him how he created the world?
5. When he saw a lamb being led to the slaughter, did he act differently?
6. Did you ever see him with a distant look on his face as if he were listening to someone you couldn’t hear?
7. How did he act at funerals?
8. Did the thought ever occur to you that the God to whom you were praying was asleep under your own roof?
9. Did you ever try to count the stars with him....and succeed?
10. Did he ever come home with a black eye?
11. How did he act when he got his first haircut?
12. Did he have any friend by the name of Judas?
13. Did he do well in school?
14. Did you ever scold him?
15. Did he ever have to ask a question about Scripture?
16. What do you think he thought when he saw a prostitute offering to the highest bidder the body he made?
17. Did he ever get angry when someone was dishonest with him?
18. Did you ever catch him thoughtfully looking at the flesh on his own arm while holding a clod of dirt?
19. Did he ever wake up afraid?
20. Who was his best friend?
21. When someone referred to Satan, how did he act?
22. Did you ever accidentally call him Father?

23. What did he and his cousin John talk about as kids?
24. Did his brothers and sisters understand what was happening?
25. Did you ever think, That's God eating my soup?

II. SCRIPTURE REVEALING JESUS.

- A. Genesis 3:14-15 – prophecy of Christ; victory over Satan.
- B. Deuteronomy 18:15-19 – prophet like Moses, speaking the words of God.
- C. Isaiah 9:6-7 – King forevermore.
- D. Isaiah 53:1-9 – Suffering Servant; pierced for our transgressions.
- E. Luke 5:22-26 – frequently called the Son of Man.
- F. John 1:1-5, 14 – the Word was God and became flesh.
- G. Acts 17:28-31 – appointed by God; proven by resurrection.
- H. Galatians 4:4-7 – God sent His Son at the right time.
- I. Philippians 2:5-9 – obedient to the point of death on a cross.
- J. 1 Timothy 2:1-6 – gave Himself a ransom for all.
- K. Hebrews 2:9-10, 14-16 – through death rendered Satan powerless.
- L. 1 John 1:1-3 – seen, heard, and touched.
- M. 1 John 4:2-3 – Christ in the flesh.

III. ABSURDITY IN THE FLESH. from Max Lucado's Book, "God Came Near."

He looks like anything but a king. His face is prunish and red. His cry, though strong and healthy, is still the helpless and piercing cry of a baby. And he is absolutely dependent upon Mary for his well-being. Majesty in the midst of the mundane. Holiness in the filth of sheep manure and sweat. Divinity entering the world on the floor of a stable, through the womb of a teenager and in the presence of a carpenter. She touches the face of the infant-God. How long was your journey! This baby had overlooked the universe. These rags keeping him warm were the robes of eternity. His golden throne room had been abandoned in favor of a dirty sheep pen. And worshiping angels had been replaced with kind but bewildered shepherds. Meanwhile, the city hums. The merchants are unaware that God has visited their planet. The innkeeper would never believe that he had just sent God into the cold. And the people would scoff at anyone who told them the Messiah lay in the arms of a teenager on the outskirts of their village. They were all too busy to consider the possibility. Those who missed His Majesty's arrival that night missed it not because of evil acts or malice; no, they missed it because they simply weren't looking. Little has changed in the last two thousand years, has it?

CLOSING Acts 17:27-28