

Dear Jonathan,

Thank you for writing us at Christian Questions Radio. You asked, “Was Jesus biologically the son of Mary or was he 50% God and 50% Mary?” You also said that you thought it would make more sense if Jesus was 100% God because then the finite would not be merging with the infinite.

We do not believe that Jesus was a hybrid, half celestial and half human, nor do we believe that he was 100% God. We believe, instead, that Jesus, when he was born of Mary, was 100% human, a perfect and sinless human being, just as Adam was perfect and sinless before he disobeyed and plunged his entire race into sin and its consequences—death.

In order to fulfill God’s plan of redemption for humankind, a perfect sinless man (not a celestial being) was needed to die so that Adam and his race could be lifted from the curse of death. The scripture states, “For just as through the disobedience of the one man, the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.” (Romans 5:19) Therefore, Jesus willingly accepted the assignment to be transformed from a celestial being and be born as a perfect human being. To clarify to his disciples that he was completely human, Jesus, on numerous occasions, referred to himself as “the Son of man.” Just as Jesus in his pre-human existence was not God, but in the “form” of God, in his human existence he was in the “form” of a servant.

The apostle Paul in Philippians 2:5-8 (ASV) says. “Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient *even* unto death, yea, the death of the cross.” The word “form” used in the above scriptures is Strong’s #3444 and means shape or nature. Just as Jesus had a celestial form when he was in heaven, he took on the human form when he came to earth. This text does not describe the mixing of two natures. Contrarily, it describes Jesus as fully in the “form” of a servant as he had been in the “form” of God.

Philippians 2:9-11 also gives us powerful evidence that God and Jesus were two separate entities. It tells us that God exalted Jesus - meaning that Jesus had not been exalted prior to this time. God also rewarded him with a name that was above every other name and declared that at the name of Jesus, every knee should now bow - meaning that such a reverence had not existed before.

Was Jesus a combination of two natures, spiritual and human? The answer is no. The blending of two natures produces neither one, nor the other, but an imperfect, hybrid thing, which is obnoxious to God. The only time a hybrid race existed on earth was before the Flood when angels married human women and produced a hybrid race, the nephilim. God destroyed that race in the Flood. When Jesus walked the earth He was a perfect human being. (Only a perfect sinless human being could pay the corresponding price as the Redeemer.) “For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:21-22) Previous to his time on earth, Jesus was a perfect spiritual being; and since His resurrection He is a perfect

spiritual being of the highest divine order, but not equal to God, his creator. We hope we have answered your question. Please write us again.

Sincerely,
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