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He was BORN

"...and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.

She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them."

Luke 2:7

"On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived."

Luke 2:21

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He GREW

"And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him."

Luke 2:40

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HUNGER

"After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry."

Matthew 4:2

He had human characteristics

HUNGER

FATIGUE

"Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon."

John 4:6

He had human characteristics

HUNGER

FATIGUE

CRYING

"Jesus wept."

John 11:35

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HUNGER

FATIGUE

CRYING

THIRST

"Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, 'I am thirsty."

John 19:28

"When the Son of God stepped down from his throne to become a man, the finest of heaven's wines funneled itself into the common earthen vessel of a Palestinian Jew."

Ken Gire

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:45

"Jesus has been there.

He experienced 'all the pain, all the testing.'

Jesus was angry enough to purge the temple,
hungry enough to eat raw grain,
distraught enough to weep in public,
fun-loving enough to be called a drunkard,
winsome enough to attract kids,

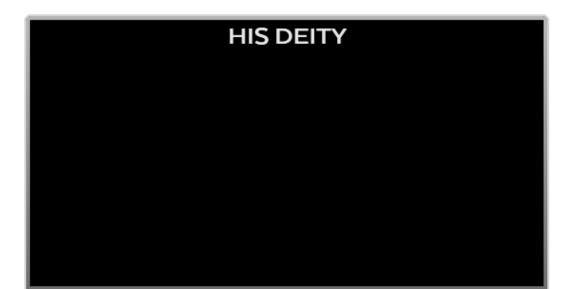
weary enough to sleep in a storm-bounced boat, poor enough to sleep on dirt and borrow a coin for a sermon illustration, radical enough to get kicked out of town, responsible enough to care for his mother, tempted enough to know the smell of Satan, and fearful enough to sweat blood.

But why? Why would heaven's finest Son endure earth's toughest pain? So you would know that 'he is able...to run to the cry of...those who are being tempted and tested and tried.'
Whatever you are facing, he knows how you feel."

Max Lucado

"A Savior not quite God is like a bridge broken at the further end."

Bishop Moule



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He is ETERNAL

"Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.

'You are not yet fifty years old,' they said to him, 'and you have seen Abraham!'

'Very truly I tell you,' Jesus answered, 'before Abraham was born, I am!' At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds."

John 8:56-59

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He is ETERNAL He is OMNISCENT "But Jesus KNEW what they were thinking and said to the man with the shriveled hand, 'Get up and stand in front of everyone.' So he got up and stood there."

Luke 6:8

"Jesus KNEW their thoughts and said to them:
'Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined,
and a house divided against itself will fall."

Luke 11:17

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He is
ETERNAL
He is
OMNIPOTENT

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"One day Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us go over to the other side of the lake.' So they got into a boat and set out. As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

The disciples went and woke him, saying, 'Master, Master, we're going to drown!'

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. 'Where is your faith?' he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, 'Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

Luke 8:22-25

HIS DEITY

He performed works that only God does

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He FORGIVES sin

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He has power over DEMONS, DISEASE, and DEATH

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He claimed to be God

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"To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. 'He himself bore our sins' in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; 'by his wounds you have been healed.'

"For 'you were like sheep going astray,' but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls."

I Peter 2:21-25

"But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin."

I John 3:5

The great proposition...
if God became man, then He would

have an unusual ENTRANCE into the world be without <u>SIN</u>

be <u>DIFFERENT</u> than all other men "No one ever spoke the way this man does,'
the guards replied."

John 7:46

"I know men; and I tell you that Jesus Christ is no mere man. Between Him and every other person in the world, there is no possible term of comparison. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and I myself have found empires; but upon what do these creations of our genius depend? Upon force. Jesus alone founded his empire upon love; and to this very day, millions would die for Him."

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Napoleon

have a lasting and universal IMPACT

"But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials, shouting: 'These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here..."

Acts 17:6

JESUS is the only GOD-MAN "I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God.'

That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher.

He would either be a lunatic - on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg - or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice: either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon;

or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

C.S. Lewis