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The Humanity of Jesus Matters Every Day

Hebrews 12:1-4

THE
HUMANITY
OF JESUS

“In those days a decree went out from

_____ that all

_____.”

“In those days a decree went out from
Caesar Augustus that all
the world should be registered.” Luke 2:1

“This was the first registration when
_____ was governor of Syria.”

“This was the first registration when
Quirinius was governor of Syria.” Luke 2:2

“and his name shall be called Wonderful
_____, Mighty _____,
Everlasting _____,
the Prince of _____.”

“and his name shall be called Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty **God**,
Everlasting **Father**,
the Prince of **Peace**.”

Isaiah 9:6

Why does the humanity of Jesus matter to me every day?

Keep at it; He's worth it.

Keep at it; Jesus is worth it.

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“Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”

1 Peter 5:8

Threats to daily life:
the **Devil**

“So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.”

Romans 7:21

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self

“Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am being tempted by God,’ for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

“But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.”

James 1:13-14

weariness

“Even youths shall faint and be weary, and
young men shall fall exhausted;”

Isaiah 40:30

“The words of Agur son of Jakeh. The oracle.
The man declares, I am weary, O God; I am
weary, O God, and worn out.”

Proverbs 30:1

“And let us not grow weary of doing good,
for in due season we will reap, if we do not
give up.”

Galatians 6:9

“As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.”

2 Thessalonians 3:13

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely,

“and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

“who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

“Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

“In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.”

Hebrews 12:1-4

Why does the humanity of Jesus matter to me every day?

Carefully considering the human experience of Jesus prevents weariness.

Carefully consider.

“looking to Jesus” =

fix attention away from all else

“consider Jesus” =

think thoroughly and ponder carefully

4 questions to consider about Jesus:

1. Who is Jesus?

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- **Perfecter** = the one who completes the task, finishes the job

2. What did Jesus endure?

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- **hostility**

“Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame . . .” (2a)

“Consider him who endured from sinners
such hostility against himself . . .” (3a)

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hostility - rebellion, opposition, and defiance

3. Where is Jesus now?

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at the right hand of the throne of God (2b)

“And he [Jesus] led them [his disciples] out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them.

“While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.

“And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.”

Luke 24:50-53

“And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.

“For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

John 6:39-40

“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.”

John 6:44

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life.

“Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

John 11:25-26

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Consider it all “so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.” (3b)

Consider it all “so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.” (3b)

weary - discouraged, sick, and tired

Consider it all “so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.” (3b)
faint - lose, give up, give out

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faint - lose, give up, give out

hearted - soul, life, breath

“I cling with feeble fingers to the ledge of
your great grace.”

John Piper

Carefully consider the human experience of Jesus to prevent weariness.

How does carefully considering the human experience of Jesus prevent weariness?

Considering Jesus illuminates our daily life
so we can see reality.

Illuminated reality — I'm not **sinning**.

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Illuminated reality — I'm not **alone**.

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“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses . . .” (1a)

Illuminated reality — I'm not sinning.

Illuminated reality — I'm not alone.

Illuminated reality — I'm not **bleeding** . . . yet.

“In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.” (4)

Illuminated reality — I'm not sinning.

Illuminated reality — I'm not alone.

Illuminated reality — I'm not bleeding . . . yet.

Illuminated reality — I'm not **writing my own story**.

“the joy that was set before him.” (2b)

“For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread,

“and when he had given thanks, he broke it,
and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.’

“In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

“Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

1 Corinthians 11:23-26