

## Doctrine Matters

### “According to the Scriptures... Jesus is both fully God and fully man”, part 3

**Article III.** “We believe, according to the Scriptures that Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is God and true man. He died on the cross, shedding His precious blood as a sacrifice for our sins. He was bodily resurrected, ascended into Heaven, and is present there as our High Priest and Advocate.”

#### I. Jesus is LORD of \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 4:35-41)

<sup>35</sup>That day when evening came, He said to His disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>Leaving the crowd behind, they took Him along, just as He was, in the boat. There were also other boats with Him. <sup>37</sup>A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. <sup>38</sup>Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?” <sup>39</sup>He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to His disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” <sup>41</sup>They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!”

#### II. Jesus forgives \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 5:16-27)

<sup>17</sup>One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. <sup>18</sup>Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. <sup>19</sup>When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. <sup>20</sup>When Jesus saw their faith, He said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.” <sup>21</sup>The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, “Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

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<sup>22</sup>Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, “Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? <sup>23</sup>Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? <sup>24</sup>But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So He said to the paralyzed man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” <sup>25</sup>Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. <sup>26</sup>Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, “We have seen remarkable things today.”

#### Discussion questions for the family

1. What does the NT teach Jesus did that the OT says only God is able to do?
2. How can sin only against God?
3. Who alone can forgive sin?
4. Why did the Pharisees think that Jesus was blaspheming?

#### Scripture memorization for December

Philippians 2:5-8, <sup>5</sup>“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

#### Songs for worship this week

“Pass the promise”, by The Gettys

“Hark the herald”, by Sovereign Grace

“I heard the bells on Christmas day”, by Doxology

“Hypostatic Union”, by Shai Linne (best song on Jesus’ two natures)

“God rest ye merry gentlemen”, by Pentatonix

\*You can find these songs on Spotify or Youtube\*