

SERMON OUTLINE:

GOOD FRIDAY 2024



MAIN POINT: Jesus became human so we could face death without fear, to deal with our guilt, and to understand us.

KEY QUESTION: Why did Jesus become human?

KEY VERSE: Hebrews 2:14-18

INTRODUCTION:

- + In 1999, a huge statue of Jesus was erected in Trafalgar Square, London. The statue depicted Jesus in a loin cloth, thorny crown, with hands bound. The statue was named, Ecce Homo, which means, "Here is the man!"
- + Today, we are talking about a man. A human being like you and me.
- + In the past, you may have wondered, "Why did Jesus need to become human? Couldn't he have just come as an angel?"
- + In the Bible, the writer to the Hebrews says, "no". He gives three big reasons why Jesus needed to become fully human.

A. SO WE COULD FACE FEAR WITHOUT DEATH

- + When death draws near, we can begin to panic. "What will happen to me after I die? Have I lived a good enough life?"
- + On that first Good Friday, Jesus died a human death to pay the price for our sin. If we have accepted him as our Saviour, we don't need to wait for the verdict on whether we have been 'good enough'. The price has been paid.
- + That is why Paul says, "Death has lost its sting." The sting of death is sin and Jesus has already taken the poison!
- + We can face death without fear.

B. TO DEAL WITH OUR GUILT

- + Guilt is an awful feeling, is it? It eats us up and weighs us down.
- + Before Jesus died, the only way to be set free from guilt was to go through a human priest.
- + Jesus lived a human life and died a human death so he could become our once-for-all high priest.
- + Now, when we feel guilty, we can go straight to Jesus and be made clean.

C. TO UNDERSTAND US

- + We remember that difficult times have been common to every period of history, yet God remains the same and will one day put all things right.
- + In difficult personal times, we choose to remember that Jesus has defeated death and nothing can separate us from the love of God. Jesus has promised to return and wipe every tear from our eyes – and he can be trusted.