

ONE WITH THE FATHER

Bible Reading: John 14:1-12

Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? John 14:9

This passage in the wonderful fourteenth chapter of John's Gospel presents an ineffable mystery. How can Jesus Christ be a real man and yet be the God who created the universe? How could the little Babe who lay in the manger crying for His milk be the same Person who was directing the planets in their orbits and holding all the universe together by the Word of His power?

It is impossible for the human mind to understand this mystery. It is clearly taught in the Scripture that Jesus Christ was a Man, as truly human as any one of us. "He was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." When He was tired He needed rest. He needed food, even as we do. Even after His resurrection He could be touched and handled. He was a real man and yet He was far more than a man. Jesus Christ is actually the God who created the universe. He is the Second Person of the Trinity. He exists from the very beginning of the ages. He holds all things together by the Word of His power.

How can one be both God and man at the same time? We cannot understand it but we can accept it. It is the clear teaching of the Scripture. Jesus is human, and we can come to Him with our troubles and needs and know that He can fully sympathize with us. He is divine, and has the strength to answer all our needs. The incarnation of Jesus Christ is the very Rock upon which His church is built.

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