A wooden cross stands on the left side of the image, set against a dramatic sky with a bright sun breaking through clouds. In the background, there are rolling mountains under a hazy sky.

The Deity of Christ (4)

Whatever confusion there is arises because we tend to speculate rather than accept divine revelations and not go beyond them.

We Can Know

- **Jesus existed on an equality with God before He came to earth**
 - **Philippians 2:5-7**
 - **John 1:1**
 - **John 1:14**
 - **John 10:30**



By definition, Deity cannot give up any of these attributes and remain Deity. Deity is not temporary or transitory.

We Can Know

- **That God the Son became flesh**

- 1 Timothy 3:16
- Colossians 2:9
- John 8:14
- John 8:58

He gave up the glory that
He had while in heaven

Matthew 17:2
2 Peter 1:16-17

Jesus both “humbled” (emptied) Himself and “took upon
Him the form of a servant” (Philippians 2:7)

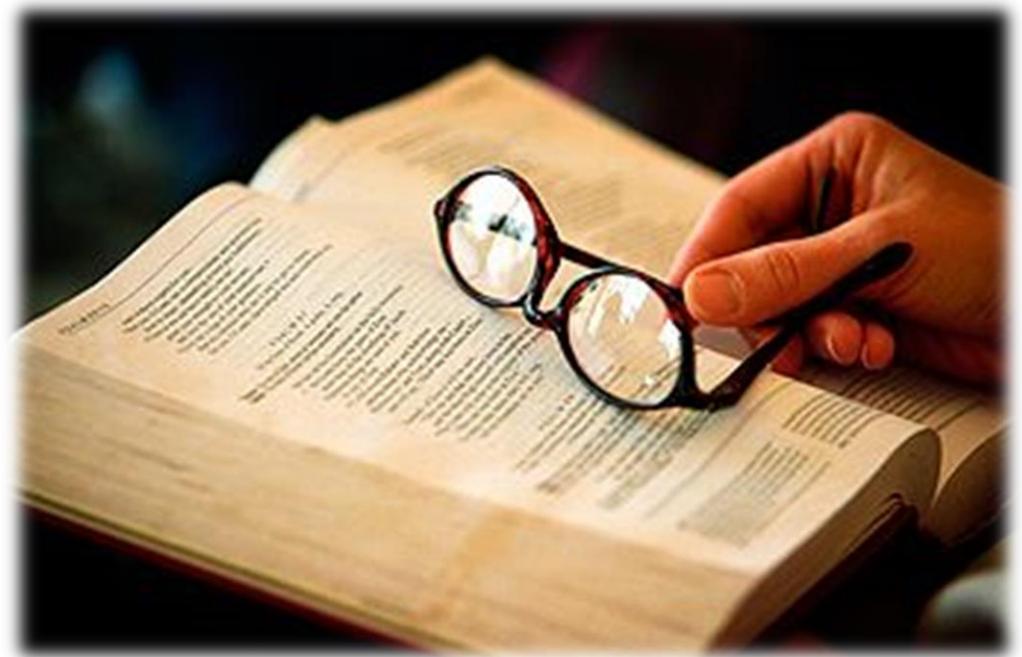
We Can Know

- **He was a man – Not just a man**
 - Hebrews 2:17-18
- **He later returned to the glory of God**
 - Philippians 3:21



We Can Know

- **While on earth – Jesus voluntarily limited the divine knowledge that He possessed**
 - Genesis 22:12
 - Luke 2:52
 - John 10:17-18
 - Matthew 24:36



We Can Know

- **That Jesus was tempted like we are**
 - **Hebrews 4:15**
- **To be tempted is not the sin – the giving in to temptation is the sin**
 - **James 1:14-15**
- **Not necessary for Jesus to exercise His powers of Deity to refrain from sin**
 - **John 8:14**

We Can Know

- **Jesus was both God and man**

“The Son of God came in the flesh to confront sin and defeat it. To do that, He had to be tempted, and He was (Hebrews 4:15). To deny that Jesus was tempted because He was God makes no more sense than saying that Jesus could not be God because "God is a spirit" and Jesus had flesh and blood (Hebrews 2:14). Or to deny that Jesus is God because people saw him (1 John 1:1f), yet scripture says "no man has seen God at any time" (John 1:18). We must not confuse statements that apply to God in heaven with the statements that apply to "God with us" (Matthew 1:23).” **(Tom Roberts)**

The Deity of Christ

While it is true that man does not have to sin and that Jesus became a man, we cannot draw the conclusion therefore that Jesus was “**only a man, an ordinary guy like you and me.**”

Jesus was in fact God as He dwelt here on earth