

why GOD became Human

# To Identify With Us

HEBREWS 2:14-18; 4:14-16

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Jesus **BECAME** human (2:14, 17)

**eternally fully God** John 1:1-2; 8:58; Colossians 1:17; Hebrews 1:2-3; Revelation 1:8

**added full humanity to his deity** John 1:14; Philippians 2:7-8; 1 Timothy 3:16; 1 John 4:2

to **FULLY** identify with us (4:15; 2:18)

**tempted in every way** Matthew 4:1ff; Luke 4:13; 22:28; James 1:13-14

**bears our every weakness** Isaiah 53:4; Matthew 8:17; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24; Romans 8:3

so that we can **FREELY** approach God. (4:16; 2:18)

**our part: approach the throne** Ephesians 2:18; 3:12; Hebrews 10:19-22; Romans 5:1-2; 1 Peter 3:18

**his part: mercy and grace** Ephesians 2:4-7; Titus 3:5-7; Romans 5:20-21; 2 Timothy 1:9; 1 Peter 1:3

**We are sent** to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

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## Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

### Welcome to Life Group!

#### Getting to Know You

Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, take some time to catch up with each other as you gather.

If it helps, here's a question to discuss and get you going. Have everyone answer:

*What's one everyday human experience you think would surprise someone who has never lived on earth? Or one that—when you think about it—is kind of weird?*

### Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

**Use this guide for further personal and group study this week.** For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or anything that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Why was it necessary for the eternal Son to be both fully God and fully human in order to save us?

Reflect on **Hebrews 2:14-17**...

- Which part of Jesus's person (divine or human) do you tend to emphasize more in your own thinking?
  - How might that imbalance shape your view of prayer, salvation, or daily struggles? Or how could an imbalance one way or the other affect this?
3. Read and compare these passages: **Hebrews 4:14-16, Matthew 4:1-11, and Luke 22:39-46.** What do these accounts of Jesus's temptations and struggles teach you about:
    - His full identification with human weakness?
    - His ability to sympathize with your specific battles?
    - The way he resisted temptation compared with how we often respond?

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At Wawasee, each of us is growing to increasingly live out these four roles as we follow Jesus together.



**Secure Son/Daughter**

I live each day increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval.



**Courageous Connector**

I cultivate honest relationships that cross barriers and create belonging—even before belief.



**Ready Storyteller**

I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.



**Legacy Builder**

Because of Jesus, I multiply what has been given to me by spiritually investing in others for kingdom impact.

Word Find in the **Word**

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

**Word Find: Hebrews 2:14-18 (NLT)**

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>14</sup> **Because** God's **children** are **human beings**—**made of flesh and blood**—the Son **also became flesh and blood**. For **only** as a **human being** could he die, and **only** by dying could he **break the power** of the **devil**, who had the **power of death**. <sup>15</sup> **Only** in this way could he set **free** all who have **lived** their **lives** as **slaves** to the **fear** of dying. <sup>16</sup> **We also know** that the Son did not

**come to help angels**; he **came to help** the **descendants of Abraham**. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, it was **necessary** for him to **be made in every respect like** us, his **brothers** and sisters, so that he could **be** our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to **help** us when we are **being** tested.

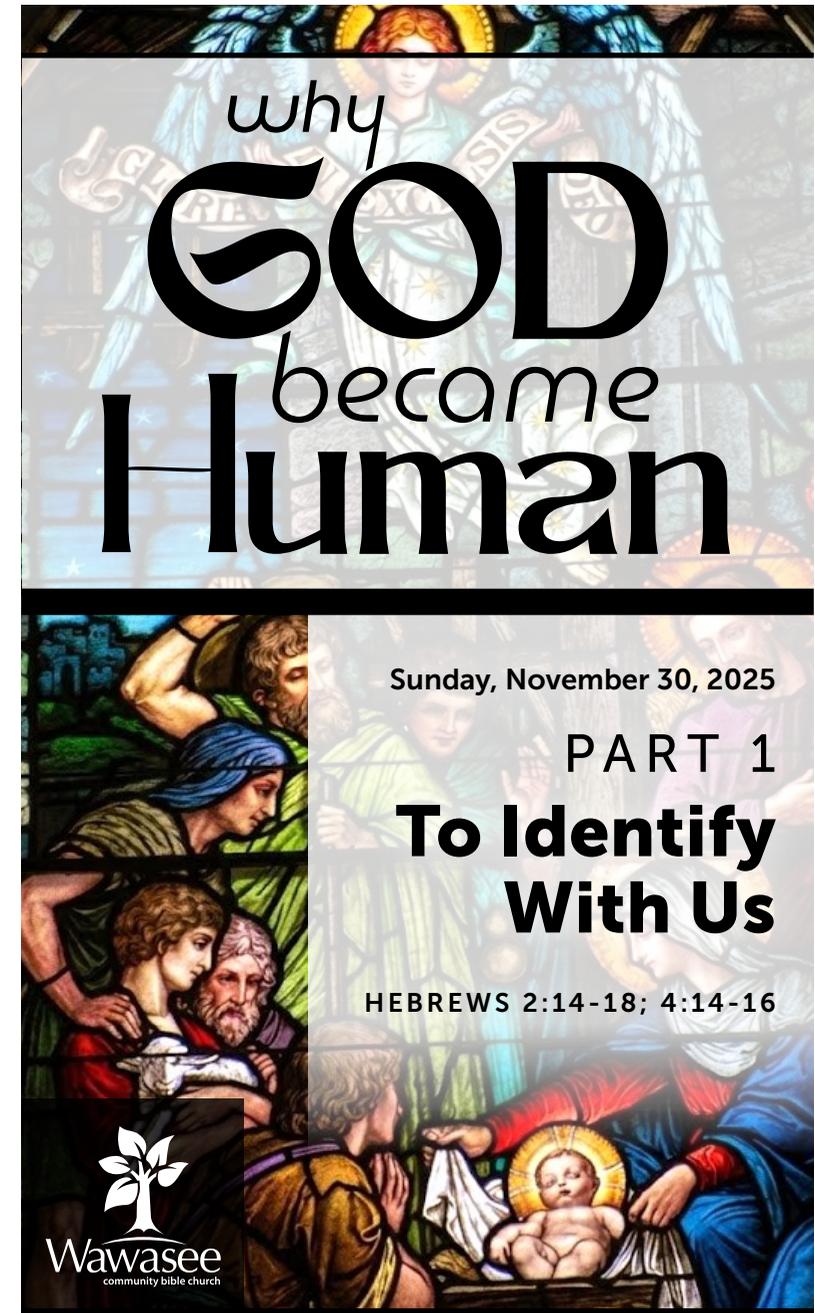
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- Jesus experienced real human emotions, limitations, and pains — without ever sinning (**John 1:14; Phil. 2:7–8**). Which aspect of his humanity (fatigue, grief, betrayal, fear, physical pain, etc.) is most meaningful to you right now, and why?
  - How does knowing he felt those things strengthen your trust in him or reshape how you approach God in prayer or worship?
- Read Romans 5:1–2, Ephesians 3:12, and Hebrews 10:19–22. Discuss how all three passages describe **bold** access to God, then consider the following questions...
  - How do these texts deepen the meaning of the “throne of grace” in Heb 4:16?
  - What tends to keep you from approaching God freely and confidently?
  - What would change in your life if you consistently approached God as one who is already welcomed?

**Taking it Home**

- Jesus bears our weaknesses (**see Isaiah 53:4; Matthew 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24**). How does his ongoing compassion toward your weakness (not just past forgiveness of sin) reshape the way you carry suffering, shame, or discouragement today?
  - Where do you sense an invitation to bring your weakness into the light instead of hiding it?
- Looking back over this week's sermon and homework, what's the most important thing for you to remember?

*As you close, pray for each person in your group.*



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