

The Holy One

Read Luke 1:26-38; 3:16, 21-22; 4:31-34

We can believe that an all-powerful Spirit God, with no body, dwelling in heaven, is holy and separate. But in the New Testament something absolutely amazing, almost incredible happens: this holy, separate God becomes a human being. He becomes 100% human. He becomes just like us, but without sin.

How can this be possible? How can God be holy and separate, yet like us and among us? Isn't that a contradiction?

- He is still 100% transcendent God, even though He is 100% human. He is above us and our world in character, quality, and authority.
- He is still perfect and morally pure.

The gospels repeatedly tell us that this Galilean peasant is the Holy One:

- Both Matthew 1:18-20 and Luke 1:35 say that Jesus was conceived, not by a human father, but by the Holy Spirit of God. Because of that, this human being would literally be the Son of God in a unique way.
- According to all four gospel writers (Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33), John the Baptist introduced Jesus as the One who would baptize the human race in God's own Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit visibly came upon Jesus at His baptism, marking the beginning of His ministry (Luke 3:22; 4:1; John 1:29-34).
- The demons, fully evil and opposed to everything Jesus was, recognized Him as "the Holy One of God" (Mark 1:24; Luke 4:34).
- When Jesus had just sifted His disciples by insisting that they eat His flesh and drink His blood, He asked the twelve if they were leaving too. Peter replied, "*We have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God*" (John 6:68-69).

Both holy and human - in Jesus Christ we see God's plans for our entire race.

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