

## CHRIST WAS “MADE”

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(slightly abridged)

It may be profitable to meditate on the seven passages dealing with the word “made” when applied to the Lord Jesus.

Christ, the Son of God, was made

1. Of a woman Galatians 4.4. The Eternal Word became flesh, became a man, was begotten as a son, as clearly stated in Hebrews 1, becoming a baby and growing into manhood.

It is totally wrong to say that He was a mere man since as the Eternal word, He is now revealed in flesh as the Son of God. He was Deity. There was never a time when He was not divine. Luke 1.35 reads, “The Holy Ghost shall come upon you and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee; therefore also the holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.” This indicates that He was not known of the Son of God before His Incarnation. It is recorded that He was given this name at His incarnation which shows that He did not have this appellation before. God had become a Son, a person, a man, yet He was the Eternal Word before His incarnation. He was, and remains, deity and always has been.

Amazing, that the Christ of God,  
The Lord’s anointed king,  
To take the guilty rebel’s place  
To take away his sin.  
And sinners ransomed by His blood  
Back unto God to bring  
Should come to earth as Jesus  
The lowly Nazarene.

2. Made of the seed of David says Romans 1.3. Matthew tells us that Christ became the Son of David at His birth. He descended from David via His mother, the Virgin Mary. The significance of this is that He had legal title to the throne. Even in evangelical circles, the Kingship of Christ is somewhat played down.

All nations soon shall praise Him,  
And speak His wondrous fame,  
When Christ the Lord’s anointed  
Shall take His Power and reign.  
All that hath breath shall praise him  
His name alone shall be  
Through heaven and earth exalted  
And praised eternally.

3. Made like unto His brethren as stated in Hebrews 2.17. This speaks of his identity. He was made like unto His brethren for the work of propitiation and to be a merciful High Priest. In order to provide salvation He had to become man. J N Darby writes, “For verily the Lord did not undertake the cause of angels, but that of the seed of Abraham and in order to proclaim, the work that was necessary for them and to represent them efficaciously before God, He must needs put Himself into the position and circumstances into which that seed was found, though not the state they were personally in.”

Though in the very form of God,  
With heavenly glory crowned,  
Thou didst partake of human flesh,  
Beset with sorrows round.  
Thou wouldst like sinful man be made  
In everything but sin,  
That we like Him may become,  
As we unlike have been.

4. Made Himself of no reputation as said in Philippians 2. 7. The Lord emptied Himself that we believers might be filled. He could stoop no lower. He was stripped of His glory and of His rights at Calvary so that we might be clothed and stand before our God in all the infinite worth and beauty of His own dear Son. He was rich and for our sakes became poor. He had no where to lay His head. He had no money to pay His taxes, no colt to ride upon, no place in which to keep the Passover and no grave in which to be buried.

Oh, what wondrous love and mercy—  
Thou didst lay Thy glory by;  
And for us didst come from heaven  
As the lamb of God to die.

5. He was made a curse write Galatians 3.13. He was degraded and He was made a curse for us. The curse was the sentence pronounced upon those who did not keep the law. Who could ? Offenders fell under the wrath of a righteous God but the Lord Jesus bore the curse for those of us who believe in Him. We are redeemed from the curse of the law because the Lord has taken both our place and our punishment.

Beneath the curse, in grace He dies—  
He dies for sinful men ;  
Redeemed we upward turn our eyes—  
Lo, Jesus lives again.

6. He was made under the law quotes Galatians 4.4. He took our place and accepted responsibility for us. He put Himself under the sentence of the law placing Himself where we should be found.

Behold I come, O God, to do Thy Will,  
Became Incarnate God with men to dwell ;  
Thy law to keep, its righteousness to fulfil.  
To conquer sin and Satan, death and hell.

We should remain grateful to the Lord and put him first in everything. He has done for us what no one else could do and yet there are believers and denominations that do not put Him first but, rather ply their own experiences and doctrines which are not always supported by Scripture. In worship we are to let go of everything, save Christ.

7. Made sin for us as recorded in 2 Corinthians 5.21. This is the glorious message of reconciliation. Christ was made sin for us. Under the Levitical economy, when sin was charged to any Israelite he was to bring an offering before Jehovah, put his hand on the head of the victim transferring his guilt to the victim who was made sin in his stead. This was the sin offering and the victim was slain in his stead. The Lord Jesus had no sin of His own but was spotless and undefiled. He not only bore our sins in His own body on the tree but was made sin for us. Because of this we can become the righteousness of God.

All our sins were laid upon Him,  
Jesus bore them on the tree ;  
God who knew them, laid them on Him,  
And believing, thou art free.

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