

THE MIRACLE OF THE GOD-MAN
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Mr. Steele:-- Your subject today sounds very interesting, Dr. MacRae. I'm sure that if a person did not have a Christian background he would be quite ignorant as to what could possibly be meant by the term "the God-man."

Dr. MacRae:-- You are entirely right, Mr. Steele. This is a subject that is unique to Christianity. Other religions have been founded by men who claimed to be great teachers. Sometimes it has been believed that the great teacher was made into a god after his death, but this is altogether different from what Christianity means by its idea of the God-man.

Jesus was a wonderful teacher, but the center of Christianity is not the teaching of Jesus. It is not even the marvelous life of Jesus. Christianity holds that Jesus, while being a thoroughly normal man--one who was human in every way--was at the same time actually God, the Second Person of the Trinity. This is clearly a miracle. No man can clearly understand how it could be, but this is what the Bible teaches and what Christians have always believed.

Mr. Steele:-- Even those who do not accept this theology generally have a high regard for the person of Jesus Christ.

Dr. MacRae:-- Yes, that is right. It is amazing to scan the roster of those individuals who have expressed great regard for Jesus Christ. Goethe, the most universal and finished, but at the same time the most worldly and self-sufficient of all modern poets, calls Christ 'the Divine Man,' 'The Holy One,' and represents Him as the pattern and model of humanity. We think also of the statement that Napoleon made toward the end of his life. Would you please read us a part of it, Mr. Steele?