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  - b. Jesus has flesh and bones (ὀστέον) Luke 24:39
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  - d. Jesus has a human soul (ψυχή) Matt 26:38
  - e. Jesus has a human spirit (πνεῦμα) Luke 23:46; John 13:21
  - f. Jesus has a human will (θέλημα) Luke 22:42
- (5) **Jesus was moved by normal human instincts, hungers, and emotions.**
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  - h. Jesus felt sorrow (John 11:33-35)
  - i. Jesus prayed (Matt 14:23)
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- (6) **Jesus was subject to the ordinary laws of human development, both in body and soul**
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  - b. Jesus learned obedience and suffered (Heb 5:8)
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How Human is Jesus? Jesus is Fully Man

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Fully Man / Truly Man

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Two Natures (kept preserved and distinct without confusion or mixture)

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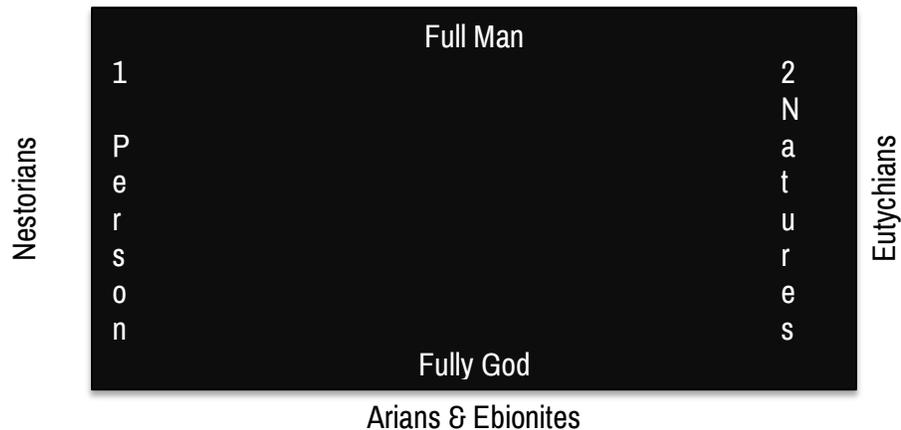
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