

Week 2 5-3-1 Assignment

QUESTIONS

1. What is Christology from Above?
2. What is Christology from Below?
3. What is the main problem with the *Quest for the historical Jesus*?
4. When can we see Jesus present in the Old Testament?
5. Why is a virgin birth important?

ANSWERS

1. Christology based on the church's proclamation of who Jesus was, is, and will yet be. Focuses on his divinity.
2. Christology that begins with the Jesus of history and focuses on his humanity.
3. The historical Jesus is always a scholarly construct and not an article of faith.
4. Only when viewed from the vantage point of New Testament faith.
5. It is a distinctive against contemporary religions that had stories of divine-human intercourse. It explains the identity of Jesus of Nazareth as both human and divine.

TERMS

Kerygma: the proclamation of the Gospel.

Christophany: Old Testament appearances of the *pre-incarnate* Jesus

Ebionism: Jesus is a human being who has a special relationship with God but is not identified with God in any serious way

SUMMARY

This section of the reading dealt with the two Christological views Below (human) and Above (divine) in order to explain his life and also why the virgin birth matters to the proclamation of the Gospel. The section completed by exploring the ministry of Jesus.