

Thursday School
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I. Denial of Christ's Real Humanity

A. "The writers of the 4 Gospels were never in doubt of the reality of Christ's humanity, but this doctrine has not been undisputed in the history of the Church." J. Oswald Sanders

- 1. Apollinaris → Bishop of Laodicea,**
- 2. Mary Baker Eddy → Christian Science**

B. I John 4:3

II. Proofs of Christ's Real Humanity

- A. His Ancestors**
- B. His Appearance**
- C. His Constitution**
- D. His Reputation**
- E. His Infirmities**
- F. His Limitations**
- G. His Sufferings**
- H. His Perfections**

The Manliness of Christ

Jesus was not only a man → He was a "manly man" → the crown and glory of humanity.

I. Resolute Courage

- A. Our Lord never evinced the slightest timidity or fear → Luke 9:51**
- B. When confronted by Judas and the soldiers, He refused to exercise the divine power which He demonstrated before.**
 - 1. He faced the suffering and the cross with manly courage.**
 - 2. John 18:3-8; 12:27-28**

II. His Intrepid Utterances

- A. Our Lord is a strong man who will voluntarily speak words which inevitably bring on Him painful consequences.**
- B. John 19:11**

III. His Physical Endurance

- A. In His years of ministry, He travelled around 2500 miles and we not concluded that every journey was recorded.**
- B. Consider the strain imposed on the Lord:**
- C. Only a man of extra-ordinary physique could have endured such unremitting strain.**

IV. His Courageous Silence

- A. Isn't it easier to speak than to keep silent?**
- B. Our Lord knew when to speak and when to hold His peace.**

V. His Unbending Sternness

- A. mercy and justice met and were harmonized in the character of the God Man.**
- B. We see this in John 2:13-17 & Luke 19:45-47**

VI. His Remarkable Self-control

- A. Not even once did Jesus betray the slightest semblance of lack of self-control.**
- B. "In Jesus there was no contradiction between the voluntary and the involuntary, the unconscious and the controlled. All the manifestations of His inner life were reliable and true, and they constantly increase our awe of Him and our sense of His majesty and mystery."**

VII. His Blistering Denunciations

- A. Listen to His words → Matthew 23:14-15; 27-28; 33**
- B. These blistering words were not spoken to the prodigal son or Mary Magdalene, but to the hypocritical ruling class and religious leaders.**

VIII. His Uncompromising Frankness

- A. Our Lord never concealed the cross to gain a disciple.**
- B. No one ever left all and followed Him who did not have the opportunity to count the cost.**
 - 1. Today, the emphasis is on what one gains in becoming a Christian.**
 - 2. Jesus never fail to emphasize the cost of following Him.**
 - 3. Luke 14:27**

Our Lord showed Himself every inch a manly man in life's most testing hours.