

## Thursday School

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### The Sinlessness of Christ

**"He did No sin"**

**We are looking at the uniqueness of the God-Man→the Incomparable Christ, Today, we are considering another element of that uniqueness: His Sinlessness.**

**Lets consider this whole nature of sin:**

- **Adam and Eve were created without a sin nature→they went their way and they sinned.**
- **Adam represented all of us→ we are all born into this world as sinners→we sin because we are sinners.**
- **Jesus lived a sinless life→He did what the first Adam failed to do. He perfectly fulfilled the law of God.**
- **"He knew no sin" II Corinthians 5:21**
- **The physical body of Jesus was born in Bethlehem was a special creation of God, placed in the womb of Mary→the Virgin Birth**

#### **I. The Witness of Scripture**

**A. There is not one statement of Scripture which, consistently interpreted, can be made to imply less than sinlessness for our Lord.**

**B. Four affirmations by New Testament writers share the same testimony**

1. **I John 3:5**
2. **I Peter 2:2**
3. **II Corinthians 5:21**
4. **Hebrews 4:15,**

#### **II. The Witness of Christ Himself**

**A. The Carping Critics of our Lord**

1. **His response to them →John 8:46, "Which of you convicts me of sin?"**
2. **His sinlessness was impeachable, or they would have brought a charge against Him.**

**B. The Consistent Immunity from Sin**

1. **He never reveals the slightest discontent with Himself**
2. **Never did He shed a tear over conscious failure.**
3. **He demanded penitence of others yet was never penitent Himself.**
4. **At the end of His life, He claimed to have accomplished perfectly the work entrusted to Him. John 17:4**

**C. T. C. Edwards:**

**"The fact that Jesus never confessed sin implies that in His case that He never did sin. In every other good man, the saintlier he becomes the more pitiless is his self-condemnation, and the more severe he is on certain kinds of sins, such as hypocrisy. But Jesus, if He were a sinner, was guilty of the very worst of sin, which He rebuked with burning anger in the Pharisees of His day. Yet He never accuses Himself.... He never speaks about redeeming Himself but declares**

Himself to be the paschal lamb 'whose blood of the new covenant is shed for many unto the remission of sins.'" Matthew 26:28.

1. While painting the doom of the impenitent in awful colors, He is quite unconcerned about His own salvation.
2. He prayed, "Father, forgive them," but never, "Father, forgive me."
3. Scriptures so faithfully records the sins and the failures of the great men of faith: Abraham, Moses, and David, but has no record of His sins or failures.

### III. The Witness of Friend and Foe

That Jesus was sinless appears to be the conviction of His contemporaries, whether friend or foe:

#### A. His Disciples

1. More than 3 years His disciples had daily opportunity to observe His actions and reactions under all possible circumstances.
2. Had there been any discrepancy between His walk and His talk they would have been the first to observe and note it.
3. But they consistently found in His life the embodiment of His teaching.
4. As honest men, they would have detected any flaw or shortcoming, they would have recorded it as they did their own.
5. But with one voice they exalt their Master as the perfect example of a holy life.
6. They openly declared of Him that He "did no sin, neither was any guile found in His mouth" I Peter 3:22.

#### B. Judas

1. "The testimony of Judas," wrote Joseph Kemp, "is of peculiar importance. After he had betrayed his best friend, he found he could not retain the wretched price of blood. Remorse compelled him to fling the silver at the feet of the high priests and elders, saying "I have betrayed innocent blood."
2. Judas was unable to extract a single crumb of comfort from any inconsistency in the life of the Jesus.

#### C. The Malefactor

Deeply impressed by the words and demeanor of the Lord under the most agonizing conditions, gave as his testimony, "This man has done nothing wrong." Luke 23:41.

#### D. The Centurion

Similarly impressed, could find no explanation for such serenity and triumph in the hour of suffering and death, except in the conviction that "this man was the Son of God." Matthew 27:54

#### E. Pilate and His Wife → united together to pronounce Him, "this just man."

#### F. The Demons → were forced to add their unwilling testimony, "I know who You are, the holy one of God." Mark 1:24

### IV. Could Jesus have Sinned?

#### A. The Scripture affirms that Jesus was tempted in all points as we are, yet never for a moment did He entertain temptation → Hebrews 4:15

#### B. Consider the implications of the possibility of His being able to sin.

#### C. If Jesus could have sinned on earth, He could sin now, for is He not "the same, yesterday, today, and forever?" Hebrews 13:8.

→ And would this not place the whole work of redemption on a very shaky foundation?