

The Sinless Character of Jesus

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"Which of you condemneth me of sin?"

Allow me to speak to you tonight on the sinlessness of Jesus. we love to think of Jesus in this respect and indeed it is hard for any one to think of Him otherwise although the enemies have pretended to think so from the Jesus here in this connection to the present day.

In the preceding verses here Jesus reproves the Jews. They disregarded His teaching, hated His doctrine and tried to kill Him.

This conduct made Christ to tell them that they were lined up with Satan. you see Christ knew how to class people, we can know where people stand to-day by their conduct.

The character of Satan is dark and dreadful and his influence is destructive. Christ came to save us from that blight. To do this it took divinity, i.e. infinite wisdom, power, rectitude, and love. It took perfect humanity. Jesus had all of this - He was sinless.

His life had to be the pure burning ray with not a blot of sin in it so that He could burn out the evil.

He was sinless by birth. He came into the world free from the taint of sin which characterized Adam's posterity.

His friends prove or testify to His sinless

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1. Jew. says we can convict him of sin.
2. Paul says "He knew no sin"
3. Peter says "He did no sin neither was any guile found in his mouth."

All the sacred writers would present him as the Lamb with out blemish and without spot.

Christ puts this challenge, "Which of you can sin with me?"

He severely rebuked His bitterest enemies the Scribes and Pharisees then asked the test. "How they could not present a flaw. Pilate said three times over "I find no fault in this man."

The Centurion who stood among the crowd of soldiers said, "Truly this was a righteous man."

Judas the traitor came and threw down the money that he had received for Christ saying "I have sinned, in that I have betrayed innocent blood."

Even the spirit of darkness when Jesus came near said, "We know thee who thou art, Jesus the Son of God."

His own dear testimony. "He that sent me is with me, and He hath not left me alone, for I do always the things that are pleasing to Him. This was not a heart but a testimony naturally impelled as streams of water or impelled by the fullness and constant flow from the fountain.

Temptations which He resisted offered proof of His unspotted purity. He was tempted in all points as we live without sin. He performed miracles to supply needs of others but not for Himself. He endured

poverty without complaint. "Foxes have holes and the birds have nests but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head."

Things of the world such as earthly power and place did not appeal to him for they had come from heaven - He was divine.

The ingratitude, reproach, and persecution did not turn him into the customs of men but in it all he grieved for the people and made rules for the transgressors.

God the Father testifies at day of baptism and transfiguration.

Important uses of this text

1. Confirmation of Christ's divine mission
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2. Perfect innocence necessary
3. Sinlessness made Him complete Model.

