
Words of Truth

Jesus Was A Great Student

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Very often we have considered how great a teacher Jesus was during His time in the flesh on this earth. Those studies and lessons are great. Jesus was widely known, even amongst His enemies, as being a great teacher (Matthew 22:16 and John 3:1-2). He alone deserves to be called Rabbi (Matthew 23:8). He masterfully knew not only what to teach, but also when His students were able to learn certain things (Mark 4:33).

If we only think of Jesus in the process of learning and teaching as a teacher, we are missing an important side of our Rabbi. One of the reasons that Jesus came in the flesh to this world is to serve as an example of faithfulness for us to follow (Ephesians 5:1-2, I Peter 2:21, and I John 2:3-6). Jesus had things to learn and He left for us a pattern even in that for us to follow. Therefore, let's consider some things that Jesus showed for us to learn from being students of the Father's will. We will start with the fact that Jesus actually did learn some things by taking on human flesh, living, and dying in this world.

Jesus DID Have Things To Learn

The Scriptures plainly declare that Jesus learned some things while living and dying in the flesh. Take note of what was written: *"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need... So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son, **yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered**; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec"* (Hebrews 4:14-16 and Hebrews 5:5-10).

If you read the texts quoted above you see that Jesus learned what it meant to live and die in the flesh. You also read that He learned what it meant to be tried in the flesh. Therefore, He is fully understanding of what it means to live in the flesh. As a spiritual being

in Heaven, He did not know those things. By having a proper mindset and willingness to learn those things, He has an understanding that He did not have before living in the flesh. To accomplish this, He had to be willing to learn.

Jesus Had The Right Attitude Towards Learning

When it was time for Jesus to learn what physical death was like, He set aside His wants and accepted the Father's will. Notice: *"Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless **not as I will, but as thou wilt**. And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, **thy will be done**. And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me"* (Matthew 26:36-46).

Jesus came to this earth with a mindset towards obeying His/our Father (John 4:34 and John 6:38). He left that example behind for us to follow (John 15:10). Now, Jesus could have taken a "know-it-all" mentality, for He sure knew it all. He didn't do that. The fact is, He showed us that having information and being able to fully grasp it are not the same things.

Conclusion

Before, during, and after Jesus coming to this world in the flesh He was/is deity [God] (Isaiah 9:6, Matthew 1:23, John 1:1-14, John 8:56-58, John 10:30-33, John 20:28-31, Acts 20:28, Romans 9:1-5, Colossians 2:8-9, Titus 2:13, Hebrews 1:8-12, I John 3:16, and I John 5:20). Since Jesus was/is God, we are right to conclude that He is "all knowing" (John 16:30 and John 21:17). There is only one exception to that statement (Matthew 24:35-36).

Jesus knew the concepts of pain, suffering, and death prior to His painful death (Mark 8:31). Jesus knew all that was to come in His death from the standpoint of having the information concerning such (Luke 18:31-34). While Jesus had the information of pain, suffering, and death; He did not have the experience of living in the flesh and understanding that information. He learned pain, suffering, obedience, physical tests, etc. Jesus left for us an example that proves even the wise can still learn something (Proverbs 9:9).
