

Could Jesus Christ Have **SINNED?**

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Hebrews 6:18-20, “That by **two immutable things**, in which **it was impossible for God to lie**, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as **an anchor of the soul**, both **sure** and **stedfast**, and **which entereth into that within the veil**; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, **even Jesus**, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.”

God cannot lie.

1 Timothy 3:16, “And without controversy great is **the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.”

God was manifest in the flesh.

John 1:1-4, “In the beginning was **the Word**, and **the Word** was **with God**, and **the Word was God**. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were **made by him**; and **without him was not any thing made that was made**. In him was **life**; and the **life** was **the light of men**.”

The Word was God.

John 1:14, “And **the Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) **full of grace and truth**.”

The Word was made FLESH.

John 8:46-47, “**Which of you convinceth me of sin?** And if I say **the truth**, why do ye not believe me? **He that is of God heareth God's words**: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.”

You cannot convince Jesus Christ of SIN.

Matthew 4:3, “And when **the tempter came** to him, he said, **If thou be the Son of God**, command that these stones be made bread.” And Matthew 4:7, “Jesus said

unto him, It is written again, **Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.**” (Luke 4:12)

Jesus Christ Claimed to be the Lord thy God even when tempted by the devil.

Matthew 16:1, “The **Pharisees** also with the **Sadducees** came, and **tempting** desired **him** that he would shew them a sign from heaven.”

The Pharisees and Sadducees came tempting Jesus Christ to prove that He could SIN!

Matthew 22:18, “But **Jesus perceived their wickedness**, and said, **Why tempt ye me**, ye hypocrites?” (Luke 20:23)

Jesus Christ knew them, and so the great question: Why tempt Jesus Christ? If He could NOT sin, what is the point of Him being tempted?

Luke 22:28, “Ye are they which have **continued with me in my temptations.**”

1 Corinthians 10:9, “**Neither let us tempt Christ**, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.”

Just because someone tempts Jesus Christ, does not make it right that they should do so. If it was RIGHT to tempt Him, then it would stand to reason that Jesus Christ COULD have sinned. But the fact is He could NOT because He is GOD. And it is NOT right for anyone to tempt Him.

James 1:13, “Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for **God cannot be tempted with evil**, neither tempteth he any man:”

Hebrews 4:15, “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.**”

Psalms 147:5, “**Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.**”

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Matthew 10:1, “And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, **he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.**” (Luke 9:1, 10:19)

Jesus Christ gave others incredible power.

Matthew 22:29, “Jesus answered and said unto them, **Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.**”

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Matthew 28:18, “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**”

How can anyone say Jesus Christ could have sinned if he had ALL power in Heaven and Earth? He had power over sin!

John 10:17-18, “Therefore doth my Father love me, because **I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.** This commandment have I received of my Father.”

This is some power; and you think He could still SIN? If he COULD sin, he WOULD have sinned. But he had POWER over temptation NOT to sin. Thus, he WOULD not, COULD not sin.

John 17:1-2, “These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him **power over all flesh,** that he should **give eternal life to as many** as thou hast given him.”

If Jesus Christ had power over ALL FLESH, then he could NOT have EVER sinned. If he COULD have sinned he would have already been a sinner!

If Jesus Christ could give ETERNAL LIFE to people: how could he sin? The end of sin is death. If he could sin, how could he give eternal life? If he could sin the whole Bible would be a lie. He was not tempted because he could sin: he was tempted because he could NOT sin, but the tempter did not realize WHO he really was: 1 Corinthians 2:7-8, “But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.” So Satan did not realize really who Jesus Christ was or he would not have tempted him, nor would he have incited the mobs to crucify him; because THAT was what God’s plan was and he HID it from them.

Charles Hodge was a Presbyterian theologian and principal of Princeton Theological Seminary between 1851 and 1878. He was a leading exponent of the Princeton theology, an orthodox Calvinist theological tradition in America during the 19th century. Hodge argued that Christ could have sinned. His main argument is that temptation is not real unless there is a possibility of yielding to it. (This figures coming from a Calvinist.)

The term “impeccability” is the doctrine that Christ could not sin, though he could be (and was) tempted.

From the Calvinistic Presbyterian viewpoint:

This question “Was it possible that Jesus could sin?” cannot be answered by any direct statement in the Scriptures. It can only be answered through a process of reasoning from the Scriptures. As our Confession of Faith says “The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for his own glory, man's salvation, faith and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit, or traditions of men” (1:6). But in this instance it is not the case that all Reformed Theologians have come to the same conclusion.

The reason for this, in my opinion, is the fact that our Lord is both divine and human—fully God and fully man. I've never heard any Reformed theologian suggest that it is possible for God to sin—and, remember; Jesus is God (John 1:1). At the same time, however, the Bible says that he took to himself a true human nature. He was made like us in all points except for sin (Heb. 4:15). This means that he was not born, as we are, with a sinful nature (original sin).

So his human nature was like that of Adam before he chose to sin. Adam had the ability to choose. So did Jesus. So the ultimate question is really this: Is it possible that Jesus could have chosen to sin, as Adam did?

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Now let's clear up all this nonsense and get to the truth: Was it possible that Jesus Could sin?

1. Why can't it be answered by any direct statement in Scripture?
2. Why only can it be answered through a process of reasoning from the Scriptures?
3. Wait; he said that it is to be deduced from Scripture unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit, or traditions of men.
4. A Reformed Theologian is a Calvinist: pagan fatalistic propagator of pseudo-Christian theology.



5. He said: “This means that he was not born, as we are, with a sinful nature (original sin).” And where is that in the Bible? I thought he was not going to add to the Scriptures or use any new revelations or traditions of men? So he lied. Where does the Bible say “sinful nature” or “original sin” or “born dead in trespasses and sin”? The Calvinist has gone against his own rules of engagement.
6. He said: “So his human nature was like that of Adam before he chose to sin. Adam had the ability to choose. So did Jesus.” Where does it say that in the Bible? Adam was a soul, and everyone chooses to sin or not; we all have the ability to choose. Jesus was GOD manifest in the flesh: He was not just a manifestation: His body, soul and spirit were GOD! Jesus had the ability to always do RIGHT: what choice? For him it was the only way.
7. He said: “So the ultimate question is really this: Is it possible that Jesus could have chosen to sin, as Adam did?” According to Charles Hodge YES he could have sinned! But if that were the ultimate question then the answer is still NO. We all chose to sin: Calvin was wrong. When you are physically born in this life your body is ADAMIC. You are the SOUL, and you are IN ADAM by being IN your BODY. You were not IN HIM back when he was alive and died in sin when Adam sinned! What a ridiculous anti-Biblical thing to believe.

1 Corinthians 15:45-48, “And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.”

John 3:11-13, “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.”

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