

Jesus Can Help Us When We Are Tempted

(Hebrews 2:16-18)

Introduction:

1. The apostle John warned against teachers who denied that Jesus came in the flesh (1 John 4:1-3).
2. John showed that Jesus did come in the flesh (1 John 1:1-3; John 1:14).
3. These verses in Hebrews 2 explain why it was necessary for Jesus to come.
 - a. (vs.17) He came so *"that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest."*
 - b. (vs.18a) While He was on earth Jesus *"suffered being tempted."*
 - c. Consequently, Jesus is able to assist us when we are tempted (vs.18b).
 - d. The same information is presented in Hebrews 4:15-16.
4. In our lesson we are listening to John tell us in his Gospel about 10 temptations that Jesus suffered.
5. Doing so will help us know that "Jesus can help us when we are tempted."

Discussion:

- I. JESUS SUFFERED "WEARINESS" (John 4:3-6; Matthew 11:28-30)
- II. JESUS SUFFERED "UNBELIEF FROM HIS FAMILY" (John 7:3-5; Acts 1:14)
- III. JESUS SUFFERED "SARCASM" (John 8:48, 52)
- IV. JESUS SUFFERED "REJECTION" BY HIS DISCIPLES (John 6:66) AND HIS COUNTRYMEN (John 8:59)
- V. JESUS SUFFERED "GRIEF" (John 11:32-36)
- VI. JESUS SUFFERED "BETRAYAL" (John 18:2-5)
- VII. JESUS SUFFERED "UNJUST TREATMENT" (John 19:1-3)
- VIII. JESUS SUFFERED "CONCERN FOR HIS MOTHER" (John 19:25-27)
- IX. JESUS SUFFERED FROM "PHYSICAL NEEDS" (John 19:28-29)
- X. JESUS SUFFERED "DEATH" (John 19:30)

Conclusion:

1. The Gospels reveal many more temptations that Jesus suffered.
2. Let us practice the instructions given in Hebrews 4:14, 16.