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What Does God's Word Say About...

Could Jesus Be Tempted To Sin?

First we need to realize that Jesus was Deity. He is the divine character and nature of God. The apostle Paul wrote, "For in Him [Christ] all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you [the saved] have been made complete, and He is the head of all rule and authority" (Colossians 2:9-10).

Jesus was not a created being, for He was there in the beginning. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father full of grace and truth." "No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him." (John 1:1, 14, 18). These verses explain that power [God] begets power [Jesus].

The apostle John wrote, "By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him" (1 John 4:9). Jesus said in the Lord's prayer, "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do. Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was" (John 17:3-5). In Jesus' prayer to the Father He said, "even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they [obedient believers] may also be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me" (John 17:21). When the disciple Thomas witnessed Jesus after His resurrection, Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). These verses prove that Jesus was not a created being, He was there from the beginning, and the disciples recognized Him as God!

Jesus was both the "Son of God" (John 3:16) and the "son of man" (Matthew 8:20). The angel Gabriel announced to Joseph that Mary was going to have a son "for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit and she shall bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus" (Matthew 1:18, 21). When Isaiah prophesied about Jesus he said, "Behold, the virgin shall be with Child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which translated means, 'God with us'" (Isaiah 7:14; 8:10).

While Jesus was in the flesh He was tempted by Satan (Matthew 4:3-11) but without sin. The Hebrew writer said, "Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, so that through death He might render the devil. Therefore, He had to be made like his brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted" (Hebrews 2:14-18). Jesus was divine, but became a partaker of flesh and blood to join with us and comfort us. This was the human connection that made Jesus accessible to His followers then and to His followers today. "For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). As a man, Jesus was tempted to sin. As a perfect man, He became a sacrifice for sin. As God, He became our savior from sin.

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