

How Human was Jesus?

Why Buy a Sword?

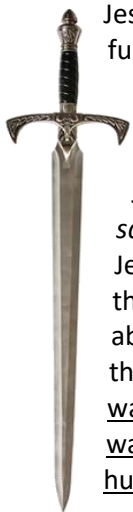
A Few Days Before His Crucifixion,

Jesus clears again the money changers and hawkers singlehandedly out of the temple. (Mark 11:15-19)



In chapter 23 of his gospel, Matthew recorded Jesus blasting the religious Scribes and Pharisees in no uncertain terms. He is exposing them as a “*generation of vipers, how can you escape the damnation of hell? ...whited sepulchres, which appear beautiful outwardly, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness, hypocrisy and iniquity.*”

Buy a Sword



Jesus was not a pacifistic “Do-Gooder”. He was furious with these religious hypocrites. When finished with the last supper he told his disciples, “*He that has no sword let him sell his garment and buy one.*” – and they said, “*Lord look, here are two swords.*” He said to them, “*It is enough.*” – (Luke 22:36,38,39) Jesus knew that Judas was to betray him to the same people he had blasted. Jesus asked about the swords as he was tempted to give them a good thrashing. This shows that Jesus was not only God in human form, but that he was also one hundred percent man with human emotions and tempted like any of us.

(Mat.26:36-44) *And he went, as usual, to the Mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him...They come to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to the disciples, “you sit here, while I go and pray over there.”*

And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then he said to them, “My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: stay here, and watch with me. Pray that you will not enter into temptation.” The temptation was to put up a good fight and send them running. And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed.

He Had to Wrestle This One in Prayer Alone

He could not stay with his disciples or pray with them, as this one he had to wrestle through by himself. - *And fell on his face, and prayed, saying, “O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me:”* – or – “*I don't know Father, if I can go through with this crucifixion business, I don't know if I have it in me. I'd rather put up a good fight.*”



“Nevertheless not as I will, but as you will.”

My will is to lay an ambush and send these hypocrites screaming.

He Seeks Help from the Disciples to Pray for Him

And he comes to the disciples, and finds them asleep, and says to Peter, “What, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that you do not enter into temptation: The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak,”

Simon Peter had fallen asleep and did not pray to not enter into temptation, as is soon evident. ‘*The spirit is indeed willing*’ - My spirit wants to definitely do what my Father asks of me, - ‘*But the flesh is weak,*’ - Believe me, my flesh wants to do something else.

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, your 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, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me”: (Luke 22:42-45) I don't know Father if I can do this - I need your help.



“Nevertheless not my will, but yours, be done.”

Heavenly Intervention

I want to do Your will above all else, but please **send me help, Father**. If I ever needed help, it is now. - *And*



there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. - This human temptation could only be overcome with angelic intervention. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat

was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. – This shows the intensity of the battle. - This was the greatest battle ever fought, which turned the tide of all of history.

THIS BATTLE IS STILL HERE FOR EACH OF US. DO WE ACCEPT GOD'S WILL AND PLAN FOR OUR LIFE, OR DO WE YIELD TO THE TEMPTATION AND GIVE IN TO OUR OWN WILL?

The Victory Is Won

With angelic help and agonizing, desperate prayer, the victory was won and **JESUS ACCEPTED THE CUP**.

‘And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow,’ (Mat.26:45, 46) - And said 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.”

No Turning Back

Here we see that Jesus had won the battle, he had peace. He does not ask them to pray with him or for him anymore. He had received help from the Father and had accepted the cup and was fully determined to drink it. No turning back.

"Rise, let us be going: look, he is at hand that betrays me." (Luke 22:47, 48; Mark 14:45) *And while he yet spoke, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near and said, "Master, master" and kissed Him. But Jesus said unto him, "Judas, do you betray the son of man with a kiss?"* (John 18:4-8) *Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, "Who are you looking for?" They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth".*

They Fell to the Ground

Jesus said to them, "I am he". And Judas also, which betrayed Him, stood with them. As soon then as He had said unto them, 'I am he', they went backward, and fell to the ground. - It shows that Jesus had total power and full command over the whole situation. *'Then asked he them again, "Whom seek ye?" and they said, "Jesus of Nazareth". Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am he."*

Simon Peter Fell for the Temptation

When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, "Lord, shall we smite with the sword?" (Luke 22:49) - Shall we attack them? Simon Peter did not wait for the answer. He fell asleep while praying and thus fell for the temptation.



Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. (John 18:10,11) - Simon Peter was obviously aiming for his head, but Malchus dodged and so only lost his ear.

Determined to Drink the Cup

Then Jesus said to Peter, "Put up your sword into the sheath" - Okay, that's enough Peter. "The cup which my Father has given me, shall I not drink it?" As there was no retaliation to Peter's attack, it shows again that Jesus had absolute authority and control of the situation, because he had accepted, what his Father was asking of him. (Mat.26:52-54) *"For all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Don't you think that now I cannot pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?"*

Peter, this cannot be fought in the flesh. I can call on heaven right now and wipe the floor with this lot. However I have accepted the cup that my Father has given me to drink and I am determined to drink it. Otherwise *"how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?"* And he touched his ear, and healed him. (Luke 22:51-53)

This is Your Hour

Nobody could do anything, unless Jesus permitted them. *Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, "Are you come out, as against a thief,*



*with swords and staves? When I was daily with you in the temple, you did not touch me: but **this is your hour, and the power of darkness.**"*

He was Invincible, Indestructible, Unshakable

After this Jesus allowed them to do whatever their evil hearts desired. He had won the battle. He had surrendered his own will, and he had peace, complete peace. He was invincible, indestructible, unshakeable. He knew they would torture and crucify his body, but never could they conquer or destroy his spirit and soul. **That outraged them more than anything else.** He was unflinching and did not stoop to their level by railing accusation for accusation. *'Then the band, the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, bound him, and led him away.'* (Jn.18:12,13)

Unwavering until His Mission was Fulfilled

Nothing could shake him now. Not the accusations flying, being spat upon, punched in the face,



scourged, a crown of thorns pounded on his head, and finally crucified. - Hanging naked on the cross for six hours, the revolting sponge and vinegar, while these religious vipers spewed their

poison at him. Rock solid until his mission was fulfilled and we could have salvation available to us, and we would somewhat begin to grasp what it meant, **"You are bought with a price"** (1Cor.6:20)

He was in All Points Tempted like We Are

He told Pilate *"My kingdom (he didn't say religion) is not of this world - otherwise would my servants fight."* Can you see why Paul wrote, *"We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our weaknesses; but was in **all points** tempted like as we are, yet without sin."* (Heb:4:15)

Sons and Daughters of God.

If Jesus would have taken up arms, then his followers would have just been another worldly, divisive, militia religion. Religions draw circles that shut people out. Instead Jesus lifts us high above the quagmires of religion and gives us *"the power to become sons of God."* (Jn.1:12) God has zero interest in religion, as He is the purest form of Love. He is not only our loving Father. He is more. He is also the Energy of quantum physics* that holds all mass, including you and me, together and he created us to love each other.

* For this see [the-Matrix.pdf \(johanpeters.in\)](https://johanpeters.in)

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