

Could Jesus Have Sinned?

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The question is often asked: “Was it possible for Jesus to have sinned during His Incarnation?” I asked a handful of people this question, and their answers were all over the map. Their answers ranged from “Yes, it’s possible, maybe” to “God is that old Man with a beard—How is it possible for Jesus to be born without a ‘real’ (human) father” to the (blasphemous) “Jesus had an affair with Mary Magdalene and they had a child.” My view is “No, it is not possible for Jesus Christ to sin.” But what does the Scripture say? Always go to Scripture for your answer. The word used to describe Jesus’ sinlessness in this context is impeccability, which means to express the inability to sin. If Jesus had sinned, it would make Him less than God. If it were possible that Jesus could have sinned, it would also make Him less than God, because God cannot sin. The Bible has the answers, and if you seek them, you will find them. *“The just shall live by his faith”* (Habakkuk 2:4, NKJV). Faith and belief go hand in hand. Scripture proves that Jesus is God. *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God”* (John 1:1). This is a crystal clear Scripture, stating that Jesus was God, and is God. *“And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin”* (1 John 3:5). *“Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone”* (James 1:13). Jesus said, *“He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first. Neither do I condemn you”* (John 8:7,11). Could Jesus have been able to stone her? Yes, because He was without sin, but instead He showed her compassion and mercy. As Christians, we must believe in faith, and never waver in the truth. *“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin”* (Hebrews 4:15). God’s plan was to move from Law to Grace, and Jesus fulfilled the Law by paying sin’s penalty for us. By His blood, we are saved by God’s grace and mercy. *“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him”* (2 Corinthians 5:21). Scripture shows Jesus’ sinlessness and impeccability (inability to sin). Either you will believe the Scriptures, or you will not.