

Was It Possible For Jesus Christ To Sin While He Was On Earth?

The question is suggesting that if Jesus Christ had sinned, He would have failed to be our Saviour.

This is undoubtedly true because a sinner can never be the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all humanity. [Read **John 3:16-17**]

Exodus 12:1-5 [King James] *“And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. **Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year:** ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:”*

The Old Testament made it clear that the lamb chosen for the Passover lamb, depicting Jesus Christ [**1 Corinthians 5:7**], was to be perfect without any blemish and a young male.

Leviticus 23:9-12 [NIV] *“The LORD said to Moses, “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘When you enter the land I am going to give you and you reap its harvest, bring to the priest a sheaf of the first grain you harvest. **He is to wave the sheaf before the LORD so it will be accepted on your behalf;** the priest is to wave it on the day after the Sabbath. On the day you wave the sheaf, you must sacrifice as a burnt offering to the LORD **a lamb a year old without defect,**”*

This lamb without defect also was symbolic of Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, as the “firstfruit” of God’s harvest.

1 Corinthians 15:20-23 [NIV] *“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.”*

The firstfruit of many, that will be resurrected at Jesus Christ’s second coming.

Note this sheaf of corn was called “*the wave sheaf*” because it was lifted up to heaven from the ground, depicting the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ the Son of Man and the Son of God.

From God’s standpoint, there was no possibility that Jesus Christ might sin, even while He was on earth as a human being.

Revelation 13:8 [NIV] *“All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast, all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.”*

The Greek word translated “from” is “*apō*”. The best translated here is “before.”

1 Peter 1:18-20 [NIV] *“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. **He was chosen before the creation of the world,** but was revealed in these last times for your sake.”*

Jesus Christ the Lamb of God was chosen before the creation of the physical universe, to be our Saviour.

This means that from God's standpoint, the success of Christ's mission was a foregone conclusion.

The prophets of the Old Testament were all very specific as to Jesus Christ's birthplace, life, suffering, death and resurrection.

If all these prophecies depended on chance they would **not** have been uttered with such certainty.

The argument against the above position is put forward because of the statements in the book of Hebrews.

Hebrews 2:10 [NIV] *"In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should **make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering.**"*

Some see this as indicating that Jesus Christ was **not** perfect.

The Greek word translated "*perfect*" is "*tēlēiōō*" meaning **to bring to an end** by completing or perfecting its use.

The suffering and eventual death on the cross **brought to a completed end** the mission that Jesus Christ had for His first coming to this earth.

Hebrews 4:14-15 [NIV] *"Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but **we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin.**"*

Some people take this scripture as an indication that Jesus Christ experienced every temptation imaginable, including the urge to molest children, to rape, rob, abuse drugs and commit suicide.

Only by reading this scripture in a vacuum or lifting it out of context can anyone come to this erroneous conclusion.

This passage of scripture must be read in the context of the actual life Jesus Christ lived, as revealed in the Gospel Books of the New Testament that record His life and preaching.

For example, the devil's temptations that Christ has to face as recorded in **Matthew 4:1-11** and **Luke 4:1-13**.

The context shows that Jesus Christ rejected Satan's suggestions immediately.

There is **no** suggestion that Jesus Christ entertained even the thought that Satan's ideas might be attractive.

This attempt of Satan to test Christ failed to shake Jesus even in the slightest way.

The general misunderstanding of the Greek word translated "*tempt*" is made clear by the context of Christ's experience.

The Greek word is "*pēirazō*" meaning to put to the test or to prove for quality.

Jesus Christ passed this test with "*flying colours.*"

Every promise that Jesus Christ made was with the full assurance that He had **not** sinned and would **not** ever.

We can all trust these promises will come to fruition.