

CHRIST, INCARNATE IN HUMAN FLESH

Scripture: Romans 8:3
1 John 4:2
John 16:33
Hebrews 4:15

Introduction

There is great significance in the three words "in the flesh" here. Jesus lived on this earth in the flesh. Not only did he have a mortal body, but he had a carnal nature to contend with. Hebrews 4:15 says that Jesus was in all points tempted like as we are yet without sin.

His coming in the flesh to defeat the flesh enables us to do the same.

- I. His coming in the flesh made him subject to the same pains that we are
 - A. Knew hunger, fatigue, and pain
 1. After 40 day fast he was an hungred
 2. Fatigue caused him to be asleep in the vessel during the storm
 3. Pain of the cross
 - B. Knew the agony of human emotions
 1. Lazarus' death John 11
 2. Forsaken by friends at trial
 3. Forsaken by God on the cross
- II. His Coming in the flesh made him subject to the same tendency to sin.
 - A. Possessed both a human and divine nature
 1. Divine nature could not tolerate sin
 - a. Its purity
 - b. Its sinlessness
 2. Flesh wanted to engage in sin
 3. Wasn't exempt from temptation

II. His coming in the flesh made him subject to the same tendency to sin

B. Defeated temptation with the Word

1. Knew the power of "It is written"

2. Temptation could not stand before the Word

III. His overcoming the world enables us to be more than conquerors through Him

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: That by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2 Peter 1:4

A. Overcome through the divine power

B. Letting the divine nature control us