

to save Him from death, and who was heard because of His piety; although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered; and having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation."

This scripture speaks to us of Christ's exercise of genuine human emotions, His ability to experience death, and His ability experientially to learn obedience, thereby completing the conditions of salvation for His own people.

Luke 22:44 -- "And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground."

This scripture speaks to us of Christ's genuine and very deep human emotions.

Mark 13:32 -- "But of that day or hour [of the coming of the Son of Man] no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone."

This scripture (on the crucial point of which there is absolutely no textual question!) speaks to us of Christ's genuine Ignorance of the time of an event which is to take place in the Eschaton (the end time). Since Christ in respect of His deity "knows all things" (John 16:30), we must understand this to refer to genuine human ignorance i.e., ignorance of factual information not available to Him as a human being. It would seem to be a sound inference to say that there are probably other things which He, in respect of His humanity, did not know. In this sense "ignorance" does not imply "lack of mental ability" or "wilful stupidity", but simply lack of knowledge of a fact or facts.

Heb. 2:18 -- "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."

This scripture speaks to us of Christ's suffering and temptation in connection with suffering, the word translated "tempted" (TC1pu.i could mean "put to the test" or simply "tested", instead of "enticed to evil" or "solicited to commit sin."

Heb. 4:15 -- "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."

This scripture speaks to us of Christ's temptations in all respects as we are tempted, yet with one dissimilar respect: He was without sin in connection with sin, the word translated "tempted" (πειράζω) could mean "enticed to evil" or "solicited to commit sin" instead of "put to the test" or "tested".

A number of scriptures call Christ a man, or the Son of Man, including the following:

John 8:40 -- "But as it is, you are seeking to kill me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God; this Abraham did not do."

John 1:30 -- "This is He on behalf of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.' "

Acts 2:22 -- 'Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know --"