

Some Things Jesus Had

Introduction

1. There are some things that Jesus had and there are some things that Jesus never had.
2. In our study this morning I want to take this time to look at some things Jesus had and the Lord willing, next Sunday, we are going to look at some things that Jesus never had.

Jesus Had Pre-existence

1. Would you believe that there are actually those in the world today that believe and teach that Jesus was a created being?
 - A. But this is NOT so. Jesus has always been. He existed before He came to this earth.

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

- B. The apostle Paul wrote to the Colossian brethren:
Colossians 1:16-17
- C. We should know by reading the inspired Word that Jesus is eternal. Jesus told the Jews of His day:

John 8:58 "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

- 1) Don't let anyone try and tell you that Jesus had no pre-existence!

Jesus Had an Unusual Conception

1. **He had a conception that none of us, no one before, or anyone hereafter will ever have and that is that He was born of a virgin.**

- A. **Isaiah saw this conception of Jesus as a miracle.**

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself **will give you a sign**: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

- B. **Matthew even wrote concerning this unusual story:**

Matthew 1:18-20 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, **before they came together**, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, **for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit**."

- 1) **The birth of Jesus was ordinary, it was the conception that was oh so different!**

Jesus Had Dual Being

1. Jesus had a dual nature. He was God and man.

A. He was both human and divine. Can any one of us make that claim?

Matthew 1:23 Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, "God with us."

B. The apostle John wrote:

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

C. Paul wrote to the Philippian brethren and said this concerning Jesus:

Philippians 2:5-8

D. Even though Jesus took on the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men, He still had all His divinity.

1) He was both human and divine.

a. Something took on the likeness of man. What was that?

b. It was divinity that took on the likeness of men.

Jesus Had Compassion

1. **Our society today is lacking in compassion. While Jesus was here, He had compassion on men. Notice what is written:**

Matthew 9:36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

- A. **There is a great need among the Lord's people to show compassion toward others.**

- 1) **Perhaps one reason we are losing people faster than we are converting them, in lots of places, is because we show so little care, concern, and compassion! Peter said:**

1 Peter 3:8-9 Finally, all of you be of one mind, **having compassion for one another**; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

- 2) **It doesn't matter how much we have or how much we give on Sunday into the collection plate, if we do not have compassion for others, we are in a terrible bad way! I am reminded of the words of John:**

1 John 3:17-19

Jesus Had Work to Do

1. **Jesus was a busy person. He had a work to do while on earth. He said:**

John 9:4 I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.

2. **At the tender age of 12, Jesus told Mary and Joseph:**

Luke 2:49 "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that **I must be about My Father's business?**"

- A. **To the Jews of His day Jesus said:**

John 5:17 "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

- B. **When John asked "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" (Matthew 11:3).**

- 1) **The works Jesus did were pointed to as evidence that He was who He said He was.**

- 2) **Some of those works were:**

Matthew 11:5 The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

3. **Then near the close of His life on earth, He said:**

John 17:4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

- A. **Can this be said of each of us? Everyone should be working.**
1 Corinthians 15:58

Jesus Had All Authority

- 1. Our failure to recognize that Jesus had all power or authority has been the very source of many problems among the Lord's people. Jesus said:**

Matthew 28:18 All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

A. Even the mother of Jesus recognized that He had all authority:

John 2:5 His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

- 2. While Jesus was here on earth, many people were astonished at His doctrine.**

Matthew 7:29 for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

- 3. A failure for the church to know that Jesus is "the head of the body" (Colossians 1:18), has kept many churches of Christ from being in subjection to Him.**

A. As a result of this concept, lots of churches have engaged in unauthorized works such as providing entertainment and recreation out of the church treasury and also contributing to human organizations in doing the work of the church.

- 1) Years ago, over 4,000 churches contributed money to the "One Nation Under God" project of a Tennessee church to the tune of about 10,000,000 dollars in an evangelistic campaign.**

- a. The authority of Christ does not allow such an arrangement as this!**

Conclusion

1. **Jesus had several things and these are just a few of those things.**
2. **Before we can ever grow and mature in God's Word we must recognize these things that Jesus truly had.**
 - A. **Jesus had pre-existence** "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness."
 - B. **Jesus had an unusual conception** "for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit."
 - C. **Jesus had a dual being. He was** "God with us." He "being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself"
 - D. **Jesus had compassion** "when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd."
 - E. **Jesus had a work to do. He said:** "that I must be about My Father's business."
 - F. **Jesus had all authority** "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."
3. **May we all strive to follow the steps of Jesus in those things in which we can do. We need to recognize the power of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and then do the things in which we CAN do!**
 - A. **These are some things in which Jesus had. The Lord willing, next Sunday, we will examine some things that Jesus never had.**

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