

## ***“Which of You Convinceth Me of Sin?”***

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John 8:46

This question deals with “the sinlessness of Jesus.” By the sinlessness of Jesus we mean His absolute perfection... Holiness... and purity.

The idea of a perfect and sinless man had never occurred to anyone—**until Jesus came.** It was a given that a sinless life was impossible because of man’s sin nature. The universality of sin is mentioned throughout the Bible: *“There is none righteous, no, not one... there is none that doth good, no not one... For all have sinned... All our righteousness are as filthy rags... All we like sheep have gone astray...”*

Now Jesus issues the challenge—***“Which of you convinceth me of sin?”*** Who can stand here today and make this challenge—“Can anyone convict me of a sin?” without someone pointing out a sin in their life?

Yet, no one could prove a single flaw or blemish in Jesus’ character. Jesus was absolutely sinless.

### **I. The DECLARATIONS of Christ’s sinlessness.**

#### **A. Testimony of Scripture.**

1. John 1:14 declares Jesus was *“FULL of grace and truth.”* He was always gracious and never any mixture of error in His life.
2. 2 Corinthians 5:21 asserts Jesus *“KNEW NO SIN.”*
3. Ephesians 4:13 declares Christ to be *“a PERFECT man.”*
4. Hebrews 4:15—Jesus *“was in all points tempted like as we are, YET WITHOUT SIN.”*
5. Hebrews 7:26 says Jesus was *“holy, harmless, undefiled, SEPARATE FROM SINNERS.”*
6. 1 Peter 2:22—*“[He] DID NO SIN, neither was guile found in his mouth.”*
7. 1 John 3:5 says of Jesus, *“...in him is no sin.”*

#### **B. Testimony of Men.**

- ➡ Jesus challenged men to offer proof that He had sinned. No one could point out a single sin in Christ’s life.

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Some tried to accuse Him of breaking the Sabbath, but the charge could not stick. They called Jesus a wine bibber and a glutton, but could not produce any evidence to prove it.

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1. Christ's disciples walked with Jesus 3½ years—They observed Him up close and personal. They ate with Him and lodged with Him. They witnessed Jesus' dealings with men. If anyone could have spotted an inconsistency between Christ's talk and His walk, they could have pointed it out. Yet, they proclaimed to the Jewish leaders, that Jesus was "*the Holy One and the Just*" (Acts 3:14). Peter wrote Jesus was "*as a lamb without blemish and without spot.*" (1 Pet. 1:19).
2. Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Christ confessed, "*I have betrayed the innocent blood.*" Judas could not bear the guilt of betraying the sinless Son of God and committed suicide. Why would Judas do this if he knew Jesus was a sinner?
3. After thoroughly examining Christ, Pontius Pilate admitted, "*I find no fault in him.*"
4. The thief crucified with Jesus testified, "*This man hath done nothing amiss.*"
5. The demons confessed, "*I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God*" (Mk. 1:24).
6. The devil could not bring any railing accusation. Jesus said, "*The prince of this world cometh, and HATH NOTHING IN ME!*" (John 14:30).
7. Even the infidel David Strauss, while denying Christ's deity, he had to confess: "Jesus had a conscience unclouded by the memory of any sin."

## II. The DEMONSTRATIONS of Christ's sinlessness.

➡ Jesus lived a sinless life. His character is holy. His actions were blameless... His speech was pure.

- A. Sin can be committed in thought, word, or deed. Jesus never had an impure thought... never uttered a perverse word... never performed a sinful deed.

- The law draws a line between good and evil—Sin is stepping over that line. Jesus never stepped over the line. He fulfilled every jot and tittle of the law. He never violated one of the Ten Commandments.
  - We may think we fair pretty well in keeping most of the commandments. But when you get to the tenth commandment we all get nailed—The tenth commandment deals with the desires and intents of the heart. But, Jesus never had a single covetous thought.
6. 1 John 5:17—“*All unrighteousness is sin...*” Jesus never performed an unrighteous act. Everything He did was righteous.
  7. Essentially, **sin is falling short of the glory of God** (Rom. 3:23).

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Sin has been described as “missing the mark”—The mark being “*the glory of God.*” Some lives may come closer to the mark than others, but we have all fallen short of the glory of God in some areas of our life. Jesus never missed the mark. He hit it in every detail of His life. God was glorified in everything He did. He never committed an act that did not bring glory to God. Can you or I say that?

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- D. Jesus said He “*always those things that please him.*” (John 8:29). Can you say that?
- E. Jesus never had to ask God or anyone else for forgiveness, because He did nothing that required forgiveness.

### III. The DEMAND for Christ’s sinlessness.

- A. **His deity required it.** The fact that Jesus was sinless proves His deity, for only God is sinless. If Jesus sinned, He is not God.
  1. Jesus miracles were not the greatest confirmation of His deity. The real sign of Christ’s deity was His sinlessness!
  2. The sinlessness of Christ puts Him in a class all by Himself. He is superior to Buddha, Mohammed, Krishna, Confucius, the Pope and the rest of the world’s religious leaders.

B. **His payment for salvation required it.** Only a sinless man could pay for sins of a sinful man.

1. 1 John 3:5— Jesus *“was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.”* If Jesus had sins of His own, He could not take away anyone else’s sins. He could not save anyone—He would need a savior Himself.
2. 2 Corinthians 5:21—*“For he hath made him to be sin for us, WHO KNEW NO SIN.”* He who knew no sin... who would never touch sin... who was separate from sinners—became sin for us! He became every vile thing that has ever happened on earth. And God’s wrath upon sin was poured out on Christ as He bore yours and my sin on the cross!
3. But, if Jesus was a sinner Himself, He could never have purchased salvation for us. Because the payment of sin required a sacrifice without spot or blemish—A sinless sacrifice.

**SUMMATION:** Jesus’ challenge—*“Which of you convinceth me of sin”*—Still unanswered and never will be answered!

Jesus challenge was—**Either convict Me or believe Me!** If you cannot prove Jesus to be a sinner, why don’t you believe on Him?

There is no middle ground. Either Jesus was sinless or He was a sinner. If He was sinless—He is who He said He was. If He wasn’t who He said He was, He is a liar and a sinner.

Jesus is Someone you can commit your life to. You can trust your life with Jesus because He is perfect. No one has ever found fault with Him. No one has ever been disappointed by following Him.

Others, as well intentioned as they are, will fail you or disappoint you. But never Jesus!

If you haven’t given your life to Jesus, what or who are you giving your life to? Can they do for you more than Jesus?

**Why wouldn’t you commit yourself to someone who is sinless?**