

Voluntary Humiliation of Jesus Christ

Key texts

- **Hebrews 4:15:** "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."
- **John 1:14:** "And the Word was made 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."
- **Hebrews 12:3:** "For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."

What did we learn?

- **Incarnation** - God took on flesh to 1) save from sin, and 2) that He might be a sympathetic High Priest.
- **Endurance of Contradiction of Sinners** - Jesus endured constant criticism, pressure, and misunderstanding.
- **Passion (Sufferings)** - Jesus was condemned and rejected.
- **Death and Burial** - Jesus suffered the ultimate punishment, by men and by God.

How should we respond?

- **Incarnation** - In a word, trust. Jesus understands and knows my needs.
- **Endurance of Contradiction** - In a word, endure. I am called to endure unjust suffering in the power and example of Jesus.
- **Passion** - In a word, rejoice. Jesus was condemned so that I will never face God's condemnation. All other sufferings are bearable and temporary.
- **Death and burial** - In a word, fight. When Jesus said, "It is finished," my bondage was ended. Because Jesus died for my sin, I am dead to sin and have power to fight remaining sin.