

Week 4 – The Sinlessness of Jesus

2 Corinthians 5:21

So far this season, we have talked about who God is, how God created man, and how sin has ruined our relationship with God. Because God is holy and perfect, He cannot be around sin. And all of us have sinned so we have no way of achieving a relationship with our God and Creator. That leaves all of us with a big problem.

As soon as we are born, we have a sinful nature. It is natural for us to do things that God does not like; it is our instinct to sin. In order to have a relationship with God, like He created us to have, there has to be no sin. For us, that is impossible. But God knew that so He did something amazing!

“For God so loved the world that He gave his only son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.” Maybe you have heard that verse in the Bible. Do you understand what it means? Let’s look at the beginning of the verse.

God knew that we could not have a relationship with Him because we all sin and can’t get rid of our sin. He knew that He needs to punish sin and that the punishment is death. But God loved us so much that He did something to save us.

God gave His only son, Jesus, to take the punishment that we deserve. Unlike us, Jesus was born without a sin nature. He was fully God and fully man which meant that He could not sin. He was tempted in every way, but never sinned. Jesus did what Adam never could. He was perfect and because of that perfection, he was THE perfect sacrifice.

Jesus never disobeyed his parents. He never lied. He never cheated or said bad words. He never did anything that displeased God. He was able to have a unique relationship with God because of his sinlessness and he made it possible for us to have a way to have a relationship with God too.

We talked earlier this season about how sin came into the world because of the sin of Adam and Eve. In a similar way, Jesus brought life to all the world through His actions. We will talk more about that as the season continues.

Discussion Questions:

1. Describe the differences between Adam, the first man, and Jesus?
2. What do you think of when you hear the word “perfect”?
3. What makes Jesus the perfect sacrifice?