

No Man Ever Behaved Like This Man

I. Introduction

A. Just as Jesus' teaching was unique (cf. **John 7:46**), so too was His behavior. While we must strive to follow His steps, Jesus is the only person to walk the earth whose behavior was perfect on every occasion. **Hebrews 4:15**

II. Jesus' Purpose

A. At the root of Jesus' ever-perfect behavior is His purpose that guided His decisions. While most people live for temporal purposes and endeavors, Jesus lived on earth to submit to the Father's will. **John 6:38; Matthew 26:39; 2 Corinthians 5:9**

III. Jesus' Selflessness

A. His submission to the Father's will demonstrates Jesus' selflessness. While most people focus on what is most pleasant and desirable for oneself, Jesus was always thinking of the Father's desire and what benefitted others. **Philippians 2:21; Philippians 2:4-5; 2 Corinthians 8:9**

IV. Jesus' Compassion

A. Jesus' concern for other's well-being is related to a third part of Jesus' behavior, His compassion. When Jesus saw people in need, He was eager to help. This applied to people's physical needs, and even more chiefly, to spiritual needs. **Luke 15:1-2; Matthew 9:36 (v. 37-38); 9:12-13**

V. Jesus' Endurance

A. The Father's will for the Son was for Him to selflessly meet the spiritual needs for mankind by enduring intense sufferings. Jesus obeyed, and always did what was right, no matter the depth of His suffering. **1 Peter 2:21-23; Hebrews 12:1-3**

VI. Jesus' Self-control

A. Through His sufferings, Jesus also demonstrated great self-control. While most would lack the temperance to follow the Father's will when faced with Jesus' circumstances, He did not. **Matthew 27:12-14; John 19:10-11; Matthew 27:39-44**

VII. Jesus' Courage

A. Jesus also showed courage when He willfully faced death by crucifixion. Not only did Jesus *give* Himself as a sacrifice, but He did so as One who *knew* throughout His time on earth that this crucifixion was coming. His choice to follow through with this showed remarkable courage. **Matthew 16:21; John 18:4-5**

VIII. Jesus' Commitment

A. Jesus' choice to endure His sufferings further showed the depth of His commitment to the Father's will. Jesus was determined to do what was right no matter the temporal consequences. **Matthew 16:22-24**

IX. Jesus' Resistance

A. While Jesus did not resist the sufferings that were a part of the Father's will, He did resist *Satan*. When faced with temptation, Jesus considered what the Father's will was, and had the resolve to follow it. **Matthew 4:4, 7, 10; James 4:7**

X. Jesus' Prayerfulness

A. When faced with temptation, Jesus sought the Father's help. The stark contrast between His behavior and what is typical of most is seen in how fervently and frequently He approached the Father in prayer. **Luke 6:12; Matthew 26:41**