

Does Jesus Care?
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Introduction: Where can we turn in times of trouble?

- A. There are times in life where we *cry out for help in deep pain.*
 - 1. Just hearing the voice or having the presence of one that cares is most comforting. The pain of isolation is very real.
 - 2. Those that know Jesus, have *a voice and a presence* that is always with them!
(1 Pt 5:6-7)
- B. What can we do when we *need help in things we cannot change?*
 - 1. That is where God tells us to trust Him. **(Rom 8:31-32)**
 - 2. The Christian understands the eternal picture and makes all requests to God in that understanding! **(Rom 8:18, 28)**
 - 3. Let us examine why we can know that Jesus cares for us and will hear our prayers!

I. Jesus came to this world to show us that He cares for each of us

- A. Jesus *left heaven and became a man.* **(Jn 1:1-2,14)**
 - 1. Jesus willingly limited His powers and became a man that suffered. **(Isa 53:3-5)**
 - 2. At any time Jesus could use His powers as God and end all suffering!
 - 2. God becoming a man was *foretold in prophecy.* **(Heb 10:5; Psa 40:6-8)**
- B. The loss and exposure on the part of God becoming man *cannot be overstated.* **(Phil 2:5-8)**
 - 1. Jesus for the first time in eternity could now be hungry, tired, thirsty, and even suffer physical death. He is exposed to the great adversary Satan!
 - 2. Remember, He did this for you and me. *He cares!*

II. Jesus showed that He understands the pain and hurt that we experience in life

- A. Jesus experienced *the full force of temptation.* **(Mt 4:1-2)**
 - 1. This and other occasions of temptation were beyond anything we have experienced.
 - 2. How did He cope under this kind of pain? He learned how to trust and call out to the Father in prayer. **(Heb 5:7-9)**
 - 3. Jesus would call out to God in agony and know that He would be answered!
(Ps 22:1-4, 21)
 - 4. When we are severely tempted, remember – Jesus cares! **(Heb 4:15-16)**
- B. Jesus knew what it was like to be *hungry, weary and thirsty.* **(Mt 4:2; Jn 4:6)**
 - 1. We probably would rationalize a reason to do nothing. Jesus was busy!
 - 2. You cannot use a busy schedule to relieve you of your duties. **(John 4:33-34)**
 - 3. We can be busy and tired and serve God. Remember Jesus cares.
- C. Jesus knew what it was like to *be betrayed and abandoned by men.*
 - 1. Those that He loved rejected him and treated Him as an enemy.
(Jn 1:10-11; 15:24-25)
 - 2. He was pained to see such personal betrayal. **(Lk 22:47-48)**

3. We can be hurt and unjustly accused by men. Jesus understands and cares deeply for you!
- D. Jesus knew what it was like to see the sickness and death of loved ones.
1. We would rather bear the pain ourselves than have a loved one experience it!
 2. Even knowing the promises of God, the death of a loved one is a deep pain and loss.
(Jn 11:33-36)
 3. He comforted them through the promises of God. **(Jn 11:25-26)**
 4. When we lose a loved one, we must know that Jesus weeps with us!
- E. Jesus experienced pain, ridicule and death. **(Rom 5:6-8; Jn 3:16)**
1. In fact the cross represents all these pains brought together.
 - a. He was tempted to come down from the cross. **(Mt 26:53)**
 - b. He experienced pain, thirst and weariness.
 - c. He suffered the disappointment of betrayal and desertion.
 - d. He witnessed His enemies mocking Him at His death.
 2. What did Jesus do? **(Lk 23:34)**
 3. Let us remember the Lord in our trials, for we can know without a doubt that He cares.
(Heb 12:2-4)

III. What can this knowledge mean to us?

- A. Those that know this have a powerful friend when in need! **(Jn 15:13-16)**
1. How can you explain to those who have yet to know Jesus the peace that our faith gives us? **(Phil 4:6-7)**
 2. We can know that the “eyes of the Lord” are over us!
- B. What do we need to pray for right now? Does Jesus care? Oh yes, He cares!
1. What do we know about the character of God? **(Ps 17:1, 7-8)**
 2. Our God has the eternal view and the power to work all things for good.
(Rom 8:28)
- C. In humbling times we need to know that God is our hope! **(Ps 39:3-5, 7)**
1. Death is certain for all of us. What has God promised?
 2. May we always be humble so that we will always turn to the God that we trust.
- D. God will answer every prayer of the righteous. When overwhelmed let us turn to Him! **(Ps 61:1-4)**
1. God has answered so many prayers that He is described as sitting on a throne of praises! **(Ps 22:3-5)**
 2. Let us be fervently praying for our brother Chris Carter and his family.
 3. Instead of an invitation, let us now have a special time of prayer.

Conclusion: Jesus cares and provides for each of us.