



HE LEARNED
OBEDIENCE

JESUS LEARNED?

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- The scriptures clearly indicate that Jesus was fully divine while ministering in the flesh (Col. 2:9, John 13:13). The Son is an omniscient, omnipotent, eternally pre-existent Being (Philippians 2:6, Colossians 1:15-18, John 1:1-3) who is co-equal with the Father in power and purpose (John 10:37-38, 5:17-19, 5:36).
- Even in the context of Hebrews, it is stated that Jesus "is the radiance of God's glory, the exact representation of His nature" (Hebrews 1:3).
- So, how is it possible for Someone omniscient to *learn*?

KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE



- To be sure, the Son has vast, unimaginable knowledge of the creation. Everything (from the subatomic to the galactic) is held together by His will (Col. 1:17). He knows how many hairs you have (Lk. 12:7). He knows every particle of our being (Ps. 103:14). His divine imprint is on every part of the creation (Rom. 1:19-20).
- So God knows how many hairs you have, but He has never had to wash His own hair. He knows how a bone breaks, but has no bones to be broken. He imbued blood with all of its qualities, but never shed His own blood... *until...*

YES, JESUS LEARNED!

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- The One with precise, complete knowledge of your digestive system became the One who felt hunger for 40 days in the wilderness (Matthew 4:2).
- The One who designed your body with only a limited amount of energy every day became the One who slept (Mark 4:38).
- The One who created a world full of fruits to be eaten (Gen. 1:29) became the One who experienced the disappointment of a tree that bore nothing (Mark 11:12-14).
- The One who set stars in their place (Job 38:31ff) became the One who struggled to carry a piece of lumber up a hill!

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GOD HAS COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE
OF THE CREATION – BUT THAT IS
NOT THE SAME THING AS

EXPERIENCE.

Luke 2:40, 52

SUFFERING, THE TEACHER

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- Jesus didn't merely come as a human to taste fish for the first time or appreciate how frustrating facial hair can be. He came so that He could learn something from His suffering. Defined so appropriately as the Man of Sorrows, He knew it was His mission to take on flesh and sacrifice it to make salvation possible.
- James 1:2-4 – While typically applied to us, this passage gives us a glimpse into what suffering did for Jesus. To be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing, He had to experience suffering. Notice how the language of “perfection through suffering” is applied in Hebrews 2:10.

APPLICATION

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- See suffering as a "teaching moment" and not just something to "get through" as quickly as possible. Take the time to reflect on what a challenge or obstacle did for you. Ask yourself if you took advantage of it.
- Jesus learned obedience (Hebrews 5:7-9) so that we could learn obedience (5:9). He took the path of submission, service, and humiliation to set the tone for His people (1 Peter 2:19ff).
- Mercy comes from a place of shared experiences and sympathy. Jesus had to become like us in all things so that He could understand our weaknesses and treat us graciously (Heb. 2:14ff).