

**Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:**

Virginia McKinney fell again and cracked a rib.  
Ray Sturgill's brother-in-law, Teddy Adams, has brain issues but is back home after being in the hospital in Lexington, KY  
Iris Hash is dealing with hip issues.  
Iris Hash's son, Bobby Eppards, is in the hospital cardiac care unit with heart issues. He had surgery to allow for use of a mechanical heart.  
Deloris Hendrickson continues to need our prayers for sustained health.  
Scott Wiley, gospel preacher at the Clay City Church of Christ, underwent surgery to remove a kidney and is recovering well.

**Pray For Our Shut-Ins:**

Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, Terry Richardson, and Kathy Malowitz

**Pray For The Mission Works We Are Supporting:**

John Grubb and his wife (Mission work in Asia), Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru). See reports of their works on the bulletin board.

**Deepest Sympathy:**

Our prayers of sympathy go out to Charlie Henard and his family at the passing of Charlie's niece, Brittany Henard, after a long battle with cancer. Services are pending in Tennessee. We rejoice that she recently became a Christian.

**Benevolent Opportunities:**

We are now collecting macaroni and cheese. These items will be donated to the MSD food pantry.

**Gospel Meeting:**

The Shelbyville Rd. congregation at 4915 Shelbyville Rd. in Indianapolis will be hosting a gospel meeting September 28 – October 2 with brother Hiram Kemp doing the speaking. Services Monday through Thursday will be at 7:00 PM.

**Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:**

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, October 5th following the AM services. Following the meal we will have a service in song at 1 PM then dismiss for the day.

**Radio Program:**

Please remember to tune in every Sunday morning at 8:00 AM to WCBK 102.3 FM to hear our radio program which is entitled: "Preparing For Eternity".

**God's Plan For Our Salvation**

Hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32).  
Believing what is taught (Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6).  
Repentance (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30).  
Confession (Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37).  
Baptism (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; I Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3, 4).  
Faithful Christian Living, after the above five steps (I Peter 2:11, 12; Rev. 2:10).

September 28, 2025

***MORGAN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST***

**540 E. Morgan Street  
Martinsville, IN 46151  
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**Schedule of Services:**

**Sunday**

Bible Study – 9:30 AM  
Worship – 10:30 AM  
Evening Service - 6:00

**Wednesday**

Bible Study – 6:00 PM

**Thursday**

Ladies' Bible Study – 11:00 AM

**Radio Program:**

"Preparing For Eternity"  
Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

**Website:**

[www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org](http://www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org)

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

# WAS JESUS PERFECT?

*John Chowning*

***“Jesus Christ admittedly was not perfect when He was here on earth.” This statement is either true and tragic or false and blasphemous.***

Misconceptions about Jesus are nothing new. They have been around since His earthly ministry. In the seventh chapter of John there are five different answers given to the question — “Who is Jesus?” They include: a good man ([John 7:12](#)), a deceiver (v.12), a demon possessed man (v.21), the Christ (vs.26,41), and the Prophet (v.40).

There are three primary reasons for this wide range of answers: ignorance of all the evidence, a lack of honesty with the evidence, and/or a lack of passion for the truth based upon the evidence.

On one occasion, CNN host **Don Lemon** made the following assertion: “Jesus Christ admittedly was not perfect when He was here on earth.” This statement is either true and tragic or false and blasphemous. Here are three significant pieces of evidence to consider in determining accurately and conclusively the nature of this statement.

**Consider the monikers used by the Bible for itself.** Within its pages, the Bible self-identifies with the following terms: “*the truth*” ([John 17:17](#)), “*the word of truth*” ([1 Thess. 2:13](#)), “*the holy Scriptures*” ([2 Tim. 3:15](#)), “*the perfect law of liberty*” ([James 1:25](#)).

For something to be genuinely true, there must not be any falsehood advocated by it or any inaccuracies in its recording of events. For something to be genuinely holy, there cannot be any impurities in it. The synonyms used in the Bible to describe its contents point to a book free from any falsehood.

If the Bible’s claim to be genuinely holy and wholly true is accurate, then its clear declarations of Jesus’ sinlessness (such as [2 Cor. 5:21](#); [1 Peter 2:22](#)) must be true. The holiness and truthfulness of the Bible’s contents are inseparably linked to the sinlessness of Jesus’ life. They stand or fall together.

The Holy Scriptures teach that Jesus Christ was perfect when He was here on earth ([1 Peter 1:18-19](#); [2:21-22](#)).

**Consider the impartiality found in the Bible.** As an example, every person lauded for his/her heroic faith in the 11th chapter of Hebrews also had a dark side of spiritual and moral failure. Noah got drunk and indecent. Abraham lied about his wife — twice. Sarah laughed aloud at God’s promise. Moses murdered a man. God is no respecter of persons ([Rom. 2:11](#)) and the Bible clearly documents this truth by its brutally honest record of its characters. Yet, it has no record of a single imperfection in Jesus.

Based upon the Bible’s impartial testimony, Jesus was perfect when He was here on earth ([2 Cor. 5:21](#); [Heb. 4:15](#); [Heb. 7:26-27](#); [Heb. 9:14,28](#); [1 John 3:5](#)).

**Consider the audacious challenge given by Jesus.** During the final two years of His ministry, Jesus had constant critics scrutinizing His every word and action — they sought to destroy Him ([Mark 3:6](#)). Amid this intense hostility and microscopic surveillance, Jesus asked His enemies the following question: “*Which of you convinceth me of sin*” ([John 8:46](#))? No one came forth.

The Lamb of God underwent months of hostile examination, yet not a single imperfection could be found in Him. In the end, His enemies had to resort to false witnesses against Him and ignore the fact their testimony did not agree ([Mark 14:55-59](#)). Three times Pilate’s legal verdict was “Not guilty” ([Luke 23:22](#)). Because of His complete innocence, the omniscient God (who knows the thought and intents of every heart) resurrected Him on the third day and declared Him to be the Son of God with power ([Rom. 1:4](#)). “*Let God be true, but every man a liar*” ([Rom. 3:4](#)).

Even the enemies of Jesus testify He was perfect when He was here on earth. “*Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God*” ([Matt. 27:54](#); [Mark 15:39](#)). To believe otherwise is false and blasphemous.

