

Why Jesus Became a Man

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Four Qualifications of a High Priest:

1. The High Priest Must be One of the People

John 1:14, *“The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory.”*

2. The High Priest Must be Faithful in Ministry

Revelation 1:4-5, *“Grace to you and peace, from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood.”*

3. The High Priest Must be Appointed by God

Hebrews 5:9-10, *“Jesus became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation, being designated by God as a high priest.”*

4. The High Priest Must be Cleansed from All Sin

Hebrews 4:15, *“We do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.”*

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1. To Suffer and Taste Death for Everyone

Hebrews 2:9, *“We see Jesus who was made for a little while lower than the angels, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor; so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.”*

2. To Perfect the Author of Their Salvation through Sufferings

Hebrews 2:10, *“It was fitting for Him in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.”*

Perfect: to complete

Hebrews 2:11, *“Both Jesus who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren.”*

3. To Render Satan Powerless and Free Us from Death

Hebrews 2:14-15, *“Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,¹⁵ and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.”*

1 Corinthians 15:22, 45, *“For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. The first man, Adam, became a living soul. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.”*

1 John 5:19, *“We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.”*

1 Peter 5:8, *“Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”*

4. To Become a Merciful and Faithful High Priest

Hebrews 2:17, *“Jesus had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.”*

Propitiation: to atone for, to appease, to be merciful, gracious, to show favor, to forgive and to pardon

Hebrews 2:18, *“For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.”*