

Re: Section 2.16 Jesus Christ Experienced a Single Mortality, a Single Death, and a Single Sacrifice – and Never Will Again

IMPORTANT! John’s authentication script or litmus test of 1 Jn 4:2-3 and 2 Jn 1:7 very specifically unites “Christ” with “Jesus” in the flesh, to combat the heresy of the religious ancestors of the Gnostics and Docetists, who believed the divine Christ entered and left the human Jesus. These “antichrists” couldn’t accept the notion that the divine can interface with sinful flesh, and *they especially couldn’t accept the concept that God could suffer and die on the cross*. To them, the divine Christ entered the human body of Jesus and left it before it died on the cross, while what died on the cross was the human Jesus, someone else, or an illusion.

The point of the Incarnation was for the divine and human to unite completely, to create a bridge and conjoining that never existed before. All that makes God “God” was in Jesus Christ’s flesh (see [Section 2.5](#)). The point of the Atonement was for the divine to assume the consequences of the sin of the flesh to save from sin those who have flesh. The point of the Resurrection was to destroy death and allow all who’ve ever lived as humans to live again with immortal physical bodies.

What this means is it is *impossible* for anyone to validly claim they are the returning Jesus or Christ if they have a mortal body that is capable of dying, getting sick, or feeling pain.ⁱ

The returning Jesus or Christ will have a glorified immortal body that is incapable of feeling pain or getting killed. Punching him on the nose does nothing—he cannot feel pain, and no damage will ever occur. Stabbing him with a knife is like stabbing granite. Hitting him with a bat only breaks the bat and hurts your hand. Dunking his head under water will never cause him to drown. Poking him with a lit cigarette will never cause him to flinch or jump—and never burn his skin.

Also, the *real* returning Jesus or Christ will come back in a manner visible to all, descending from the sky, and accompanied by an innumerable multitude—angels and his resurrected followers—*after* a global catastrophe (see Section **Error! Reference source not found.**).

Anyone who claims to be the returning Jesus or Christ should be willing to undergo simple tests to confirm he is who he claims to be. Bring a bat.

ⁱ For example, the Bahá’í explicitly fail John’s test because of how they describe the “Manifestation of God” that enters and leaves different humans (Noah, Zoroaster, Moses, Krishna, Buddha, Jesus, Mohammad, the Bab, and Baha’ullah). Their doctrine is identical with the Gnostic separation of the divine “Christ” entering and leaving the human “Jesus” instead of *being* the human “Jesus” and *becoming* human flesh. This view is explicitly condemned by John as “antichrist.”

The Bahá’í actually go one step further than most of the early Gnostics and follow the Gnostic teacher Elchasai (see Hippolytus. *Refutation of all Heresies*. 9:9; 10:25) by advocating a repetitive mortal experience of this “Manifestation of God.”