

Servants Serving Servants



The Integrity of Jesus Christ: From Eternity Past to Resurrection Glory

Servants Serving Servants Conference Lesson

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I. Jesus' Integrity in Eternity Past

Ephesians 1:4–7 (NASB 1995)

just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

Jesus did not become committed after arriving on earth. His integrity existed before creation itself. Before there was sin, humanity, or ministry, Christ had already committed Himself to the Father's redemptive plan.

True servants settle obedience before the assignment begins. Pastors and ministers must not build ministry around convenience, popularity, or ambition. Jesus agreed to the cross before He wore the crown.

II. Jesus' Integrity in His Baptism

Matthew 3:13–17 (NASB 1995)

Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him. But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he permitted Him. After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he

saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

Jesus submitted Himself to baptism, not because He was sinful, but because righteousness required obedience.

Integrity submits to what is right even when there is no personal benefit. Jesus honored divine order and heaven affirmed His obedience. Public affirmation followed private surrender.

III. Jesus' Integrity in His Transfiguration

Matthew 17:2–6 (NASB 1995)

And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground and were terrified.

The transfiguration revealed outwardly who Jesus truly was inwardly.

Integrity means the private life and public life match. Pastors must guard their prayer life, study habits, motives, purity, and devotion to God. Crowds may celebrate charisma, but heaven honors integrity.

IV. Jesus' Integrity in His Prayer Before the Cross

Luke 22:41–46 (NASB 1995)

And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done." Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground. When He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow, and said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

Integrity is proven most under pressure.

Jesus wrestled honestly in prayer yet remained surrendered to the Father's will. Ministry will bring exhaustion, betrayal, disappointment, and spiritual warfare, but integrity keeps serving without abandoning God's assignment.

V. Jesus' Integrity in His Resurrection

Luke 24:46–47 (NASB 1995)

and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem."

The resurrection validated everything Jesus taught, promised, and endured.

Integrity survives suffering, opposition, accusation, and even death itself. Ministry integrity means remaining faithful until the assignment is complete. What is built on truth will ultimately stand.

Conclusion

Jesus demonstrated integrity before time, in submission, in suffering, and in victory. Talent may open doors, but only integrity sustains ministry. Servants who serve servants must first belong fully to God.