

(Matthew 26:31-35; Mark 14:27-31; Luke 22:31-34; John 13:31-38)

Matthew 26

³¹Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written:
" I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' ³²But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."
³³Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."
³⁴"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."
³⁵But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

Mark 14

²⁷"You will all fall away," Jesus told them, "for it is written:
" I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered.' ²⁸But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."
²⁹Peter declared, "Even if all fall away, I will not."
³⁰"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice you yourself will disown me three times."
³¹But Peter insisted emphatically, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the others said the same.

Luke 22

³¹"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. ³²But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."
³³But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."
³⁴Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

John 13

³¹When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once."
³³"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come."
³⁴"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
³⁶Simon Peter asked him, "Lord, where are you going?"
Jesus replied, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later."
³⁷Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you."
³⁸Then Jesus answered, "Will you really lay down your life for me? I tell you the truth, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!"

After Judas had left the place Jesus spoke about His relation with God and what was about to happen. The happening was not only in the immediate but over a period.

Jesus here calls Himself as usual 'Son of Man' and He speaks of how God will glorify Him. To understand this deeper we need to do two things:

- 1) Go through the Greek interlinear text (John 13:31-32).
- 2) Understand the Trinity, the relationship between of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and the relation with Jesus.

John 13:31-32 *(Greek interlinear by Alfred Marshall)*

³¹When therefore he went out, says Jesus: Now **was(is)** glorified the Son – of man, and – God **was(is)** glorified in Him; ³²if – God **was(is)** glorified in Him, both – God will glorify Him in Him; and immediately will glorify Him.

The New Testament was mostly written in Greek therefore I have taken the interlinear translated text from the Nestle's Greek text 21st Edition which is considered the most accurate text.

Here in the text Jesus spoke in pass tense (*was*) yet it has been corrected as present tense (*is*).

Is it wrong?

Really, it is not.

Then why am I bringing this up?

This is so that you can understand the truth.

This is not the only place that Jesus spoke about an event as completed even before it was done. You will understand this when you understand Jesus and His relation with God (*especially the Holy Spirit*).

As you know and as I have many a times reiterated, Jesus was the Son of God (*Lord*) who came as man. On earth He was man, fully and completely man (100%). He was as strong and as weak as you and me are, yet He was perfect without sin.

How did He become or remain perfect?

Firstly all humans born of man are sinners (*this includes Jesus' mother Mary too*). No human born of man was and is without sin. Sin came into man through Adam and Eve. Sin is the outcome when man falls into temptation; temptation came after man received the knowledge of good and bad through Adam and Eve. Only when knowledge (*worldly knowledge*) is there in man, man gets tempted.

Genesis 2

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷but **you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.**"

Genesis 3

⁶When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

⁸Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

¹⁰He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

Before eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and bad Adam and Eve did not realize that they were naked, for they were covered with righteousness. But when the knowledge they receive from the tree, told them that they were naked (*which was a fact but not the truth*) they believed and tried to cover themselves.

If there was no knowledge of good and bad, then there would not have been sin. Even now if we do not have any knowledge in an area, we are not tempted in that area. So ignorance is bliss! This can not do, for we have to live in this world. We have to receive knowledge to survive in this world, yet we have to fight temptations because of this knowledge. Temptation is not wrong, but falling to temptation is wrong and is called 'Sin'. Jesus was tempted but yet He was free from sin.

Knowledge is passed from parents to children like curses / sicknesses are, this has been scientifically proven. We also can see this in our children. A new born baby after a few months is aware of things, without being told. Due to this very reason the new generations are smarter than the older generations.

Like knowledge even sin is passed from generation to generation via the father; this was due to the curse of God on man. It is not passed from mother to child, but from father to child.

Exodus 20

⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand {generations} of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Exodus 34

⁶ And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷ maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation."

Numbers 14

¹⁷ "Now may the Lord's strength be displayed, just as you have declared: ¹⁸ 'The LORD is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation.'

The NRSV replaces the word **fathers** with **parents** which is wrong.

Exodus 20 [NRSV]

*⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, **punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation** of those who reject me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.*

Exodus 34 [NRSV]

*⁶ The Lord passed before him, and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷ keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means clearing the guilty, but **visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.**"*

This mistake can result into two things one that Jesus had sin in Him because He was born of a woman, this was not the case. The other is that Mary was born with out sin, which could have been possible if she was not born from human parents or if her parents were without sin; either of the case were false. Or if the curse was broken between Mary's parents and her; this was the reason Jesus came. If it had already happened then Jesus would not have had to come.

Job 14

- ¹ *"Man born of woman
is of few days and full of trouble.*
- ² *He springs up like a flower and withers away;
like a fleeting shadow, he does not endure.*
- ³ *Do you fix your eye on such a one?
Will you bring him before you for judgment?*
- ⁴ ***Who can bring what is pure from the impure?
No one!***

No human before Jesus born of human parents could be without sin, it also included Mary. It was for this very purpose that Jesus' Father was the Holy Spirit. He was born of a Father who was without sin, even though Mary was a sinner, yet Jesus was without sin.

Mary was holy and a blessed person, like other men and women of God before and after her. Jesus too confirmed that in the Gospel of Luke.

Luke 8

- ¹⁹ *Now Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd. ²⁰Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you."*
- ²¹ *He replied, **"My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice."***

Luke 11

- ²⁷ *As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, **"Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you."***
- ²⁸ *He replied, **"Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."***

Mary was as weak as other women, there was even a time when she and her other sons did not trust Jesus and were afraid something was wrong with Him.

Mark 3

- ³⁰ *He said this because **they were saying, "He has an evil spirit."***
- ³¹ ***Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."***

In life we some times find that the children suffer due to the wrong doings of the mother. This happens still via the father. When the two are married they become one, the husband is the head of the family / church and is responsible for it. He is also the partaker of the sins of his wife. If he has taken the efforts to correct her, then, he could be exempted from it or else he too bears the burden of it and so will the kids. It is always via the father that the mother's curses come on the child.

Secondly Jesus had knowledge of things of this world, yet He did not fall to temptation. In fact no temptation came to Him leaving for the three temptations that Satan tried on Him in the desert during the forty days Jesus was in the wilderness led by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit allowed Jesus to be tempted, the same temptations which Adam and Even went through in the Garden of Eden, so that we could learn how to fight it with the Word of God.

There is no other place in the Bible where Jesus was tempted. How was this possible?

This can be possible even for us today if we do exactly what Jesus did to keep temptations away.

In this world things are bombarded at us, we need to take what is good and reject what is evil. To avoid what is evil, we should use the same trick that Satan makes us to do to avoid the good. There are many a time when we sit to hear God's Word but yet being present at the place and hearing the Word, still we do not receive it. The reason being, that when the Word is given, our hearts and our minds are not focused on it. Our heart is in this world, set on the worldly things and our minds lost on things that do not matter.

To avoid evil we too need to keep our hearts not in this world but in God's world, in the Heavenly Kingdom of God. We should also keep our mind on something that does not shake or change, which is the truth; the Word of God. Since we do not yet know the truth for it has not been fully revealed to us; therefore we need to keep our mind in tuned with the Holy Spirit, who is God and knows the truth and is with us.

Jesus was physically on earth but His heart was in the Kingdom of God and He totally relied on the Holy Spirit at every step therefore was free from sin.

It was the relation of Jesus with the Holy Spirit and Jesus' faith in Him that whenever He was prompted any thing, Jesus considered it done.

Coming to the Trinity: We all call 'God' or 'Lord' is the name of individually; God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, as well of the whole body of God the Father which is made of God the Father as the head and God the Son and God the Holy Spirit as the body. It is this body of that we call as God and we can not differentiate one from the other for They are part of the same body.

1 Corinthians 11

*³Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and **the head of Christ is God.***

1 Corinthians 3

²³and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

Jesus is the Son of the Lord God who became man. Jesus is the link that links us to the Lord. He is the neck that links the body to the head. For, we will become the body of the Lord after the redemption of man (*after the judgment day*). Jesus will be gloried in God on that day.

Zechariah 13

*⁷ "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd,
against the man who is close to me!"
declares the LORD Almighty.
"Strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered,
and I will turn my hand against the little ones.*

In the Gospel of Matthew, Mark and John, Jesus reiterates about His resurrection just before His crucifixion.

Matthew 26

³²But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

Mark 14

²⁸But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.

John 13

³³"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come."

He also speaks going to Galilee after resurrection. Why Galilee that too after resurrection?

This was part of the many scarifies that Jesus did to cleanse mankind. This matter I will explain in detail later when we come to the resurrection.

Coming to Simon Peter, Jesus tells Simon Peter how he is going to betray Him thrice. Jesus also knew that when Simon denies Him, Satan will want to crush and destroy Peter.

Luke 22

³¹"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. ³²But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

To understand this in depth you need to understand how the Heavens are made (*Read [Creations] – especially chapter 4*).

Here the name Simon is repeated twice like other words in some of the scriptures the Old and New Testament. During those times there was no highlighting a text, like we do, by underlining, italics or bold. They use to highlight the text by repeating it. It was like Jesus shouting the name Simon or putting emphasis while saying the name Simon. Jesus would have done that because He too was surprised that Simon Peter was the one whom God revealed Jesus' true identity and even after knowing, Peter would shake and deny Him.

Matthew 16

¹³When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

The last verse in the interlinear is written as below.

Matthew 16

¹⁶Thou art the Christ the Son – (of) God of the living.

The word *of* is added to the text to make it easier to read and when you removed, the true text that Peter spoke can be read.

Matthew 16

¹⁶Thou art the Christ the Son – God of the living.

Even after Peter knowing this great revelation Jesus was surprised how Peter would fall. But Jesus prays for Peter to save him.

The word '*pray*' in the old text literally meant '*kissing the face*'; it is a very close way of communication with God. What Jesus did, was ask God the Father to be merciful on Simon Peter when he betrays Him and not to let Satan destroy Simon. When we deny Jesus or God (the Father, Son or the Holy Spirit- the body); God

turns His face from us and therefore Satan gets to destroy us. Peter also was in this position for a short time, but due to Jesus' request God did not turn His face away from Peter.

We too, when we pray for others, we can save them by not letting them be destroyed; but turning to God is what they have to do by themselves. When they become resistant to the call, God turns the heat on to break their harden hearts. That's the reason at times when we pray for someone, things happen to change around that person which causes discomfort for that person.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus speaks about a new commandment.

John 13

³⁴"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

What was 'New' about this commandment? Jesus spoke about loving others when He told us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

What was different here, if it was 'New'?

This commandment was given to the Apostles; they were believers and followers of Jesus Christ. They were called to be part of the body of Christ. Jesus asks us to love those people who are called to be part of the body of Christ, like the way He loved and loves.

We need to love all mankind, but going to all extend is only for those who are called by God (*To understand people and the categories that people fall in, please read [Creations] – chapter 3*).