

Westminster Larger Catechism (WLC) 2020-2021

Women's Thursday Bible Study #12

Prayer/Two weeks ago- Prophet, Priest Some of same Scriptures

Now look particularly of how his incarnation, birth, life, death and after death

Q. 46 What was the estate of Christ's humiliation?

A. The **estate** of Christ's humiliation was that low condition, wherein for our sakes, emptying himself of his glory, took upon him the form of a servant, in his conception and birth, life, death, and after his death, until his resurrection.

Phil. 2:6-8 voluntary

Luke 1:31 but v. 26-38 - Angel Gabriel message to Mary

II Cor. 8:9 being rich , (glory) became poor

Acts. 2:24 (22-36 for context)

Discuss *What serious error has been often put forth concerning Christ " emptying himself"?

Position of a servant - clearly prophesied in Is. 53

Q.47 How did Christ humble himself in his conception and birth?

A. Christ humbled himself in this conception and birth, in that, being from all eternity the Son of God, in the bosom of the Father, he was pleased in the fullness of time, to become the Son of man, made of a woman of low estate ,and to be born of her; with divers circumstances of more than ordinary abasement.

John 1:14,18

Gal 4:4

Luke 2: 6-8

Luke 1: 48

Discuss *From your familiarity with the birth, what were the " circumstances of more than ordinary abasement ?

Q. 48 How did Christ humble himself in his life?

A. Christ humbled himself in his life,

*by subjecting himself to the law, which he perfectly fulfilled

*by conflicting with (1)the **indignities** of the world

(2) temptations of Satan and

(3) **infirmities** of his flesh

Whether common to man, or particularly accompanying that low condition. **Define terms above**

Gal. 4:4

Matt. 5:17-18

Rom. 5:18 Christ the 2nd Adam , contrast and parallel, with 1st Adam- all necessary as our successful representative

Ps. 22:1-21

Heb. 12:2-4

Matt. 4 and Luke 4 wilderness temptations

Heb. 2:17-18, 4:15

Is. 52:13-14

- **What should be our attitude in view of the way in which our Saviour humbled himself in his life?**

Q. 49 How did Christ humble himself in his death?

A. Christ humbled himself in his death ,in that having been *betrayed by Judas

*forsaken by his disciples *scorned and rejected by the world

*condemned by Pilate and

*tormented by his persecutors; having also

*conflicted with the terrors of death, and the powers of darkness

*felt and borne the weight of God's wrath,

He laid down his life an offering for sin, enduring the painful, shameful, and cursed death of the cross.

Mat. 27:4

Matt. 26:56

Is. 52:2-3

Matt. 27:26-50 , Jn. 19:34

Luke 22:44 and Matt. 27:46

Is. 53:10

Phil 2:8 and Heb. 12:2; 13:13

Acts 5:30, Deut. 21:22-23 (Gal. 3:13)

- **What was the character (nature) of our Saviour's death?**
- **Can you explain to someone why it is so important?**

Q.50 Wherein consisted Christ' s humiliation after his death?

A. Christ's humiliation after his death consisted in his

*being buried, and

*continuing in the state of the dead, and *under the power of death till the third day;

Which hath been otherwise expressed in these words, " he descended into Hell "(from the Apostle's Creed)

I Cor. 15:3-4

Ps. 16:10 as compared with Acts 2:24-31

Rom. 6:9; Matt. 12:40

- **Where was Christ's soul (or human spirit) during the time his body was in the tomb? See Luke 23:43**
- **What is meant in the Catechism answer by the expression, " he descended into hell"?**

Next week: Q. 51-56. Here the less familiar topics of Christ's exaltation - beginning with resurrection, Ascension, sitting at the right hand intercession, and judgment at his second coming. Please look ahead at the Scripture references.