

CONFESSING OUR FAITH

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1. Phil. 2:6–8. 2. Luke 1:31. 3. Luke 2:7. 4. Gal. 4:4; 2 Cor. 8:9; Luke 9:58; Heb. 2:18; Isa. 53:3. 5. Ps. 22:1; Matt. 27:46; Isa. 53:10; 1 John 2:2; Phil. 2:8. 6. Matt. 12:40; 1 Cor. 15:3–4. 7. Acts 2:24–27, 31.

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

A Christ humbled himself in his life, by subjecting himself to the law,¹ which he perfectly fulfilled;² and by conflicting with the indignities of the world,³ temptations of Satan,⁴ and infirmities in his flesh, whether common to the nature of man, or particularly accompanying that his low condition.⁵

1. Gal. 4:4. 2. Matt. 5:17; Rom. 5:19. 3. Ps. 22:6; Isa. 53:2–3; Heb. 12:2–3. 4. Matt. 4:1–11; Luke 4:13. 5. Heb. 2:17–18; Heb. 4:15; Isa. 52:13–14.

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