

Hebrews 2

Why the Word was made flesh

Proof Text – John 1:14 Phil 2:5-11

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hx: Jews have stumbled on the fact that the Messiah died.
To the Jews, his death would tarnish his glory.
Rather, the Holy Spirit shows that Christ's death exemplifies his glory.

Rev Darby: "Not only is Christ glorious in heaven, but Christ conquered Satan in the very place where he exercised his dominion over men, where the judgment of God laid heavily upon all men."

illustration: Christ gave Satan 'home-field advantage'.

"*power of death*"

doctr: is **God's** – Deut 32:39 1 Sam 2:6 Psalm 68:20

hx: Satan wielded the "*power of death*" but making a claim against all of us.
He stood on the *justice of God*.
Gen 18:25 Eccl 7:20 Eze 18:4 Nah 1:3

God's Plan = 1 Cor 1:7-8 Isa 25:6-8 Gal 3:13

When Christ was made sin for and took our punishment (i.e. the curse)
Satan was judged – John 16:11
Satan's accusations are now rendered (or judged): "null and void" in God's court.
Legally, Satan's *power of death* has been destroyed! 2 Tim 1:9-10

Heb 2:17 behoved (v.) - necessary for (Lk 24:1)
reconciliation (n.) - to renew friendship of two separated parties

v 18 *succour* (v. L. curro – to run) – to run to help or support in time of need

Christ's sufferings and temptations:

Matt 4:1-2 physical hunger
3-10 spiritual attacks from the tempter (v3), the devil (v5)
Mark 3:1-5 grief in his heart (soul) over callous religious leaders
John 11:35 sorrow over the loss of loved ones (physical loss)
John 6:66 " " " " " " " (fellowship loss)

Christ was exposed to all manner of sin and suffering while on earth, so he can relate to and aid us in our wilderness wanderings down here with understanding.