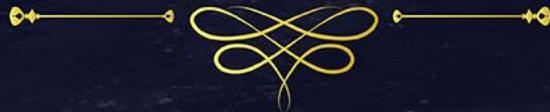




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Jesus had Real Experiences



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Hebrews 2:14-17

¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too *shared in their humanity* so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death...







Hebrews 2:14-17

¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them, *fully human in every way*, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.





Hebrews 4:15

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15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to *empathize with our weaknesses*, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, yet without sin.

to feel with someone,
to share an experience with another,
to be affected in the same way



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Hebrews 4:15 Message

We don't have a priest who is out of touch with our reality. He's been through weakness and testing, experienced it all — all but the sin.





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1. Jesus had to grow up.

Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature
and in favor with God and man. (Luke 2:52)





2. Jesus knows what it means to struggle.





3. Jesus was misunderstood
by his parents.





4. Jesus understands the
loss of someone close.





5. Jesus knows what is
to be tempted.





6. Jesus felt overwhelmed and exhausted.

“He instructed his disciples to bring around a boat and to have it standing ready to rescue him in case he was crowded off the beach.”

(Mark 3:9 TLB)





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“Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, *tired as he was* from the journey, sat down by the well.”

(John 4:6)





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worn out, completely weary, exhausted;
lit. “beaten down” or “drained of blood”



7. Jesus knows what it means
to disappoint people he loves.

John 11





8. Jesus knows what it means
to be disappointed by
people he loves.





9. Jesus knows what it means
to be surrounded by darkness
and feel all alone.





10. Jesus understands what it means to chose to follow God.

“For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.”

(John 6:38)





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