

# He Knows All Men and What is in Man

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"Now when He (Jesus) was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in His Name, when they saw the miracles which He did. But Jesus did not commit Himself unto them, because He knew all men; and did not need that anyone should testify of man (i.e. the nature of man): for He (already) knew what was (or exists) in man." (John 2:23-25)

**Knew:** from the Greek word *ginoskein*, *eginosken*, which means: knew, or knowing; to come to know, to recognize, to perceive, to realize, to understand. from *ginosko* – properly, to know, especially through personal experience, or first-hand acquaintance; and in context through divine revelation.

**All:** from the Greek word *pantas*, which means: all, every; everyone; "all" in the sense of "each (and every) part that applies; the the whole in terms of all the individual parts. In context: all men, all mankind; the whole of mankind; all people; each and every person.

**What:** from the Greek word *ti*, (*tis*) which means: what, who, which, (depending on context). The thing or things that are being referred to, or specified about. In context: Jesus knows 'what' is in men (things such as thoughts, motives, morals, ... etc), whether of individuals, or mankind in general. This 'knowledge, or 'knowing' is gained through divine revelation, or by natural or learned means.

**Was:** from the Greek word *en*, which means: was, is, exists; from *eimi* meaning: to exist, to be, being, existence; In context – Jesus knows what exists within the hearts of all people.

**in:** from the Greek word *en*, which means: in, among, inside; as in the condition (state) in which something operates from the inside; in context: within the hearts of men.

**Man:** from the Greek word *anthropo*, which means: man, mankind; the human race. A man, as an example of all mankind. The context is 'all' mankind; and each person within.

The Context is: Jesus knows what exists within the heart, including the nature and motives of each and every person. He knows what is good, and what is evil within our hearts.

So what did Jesus know about the hearts of men? Consider the following:

"The **heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, testing the mind, even to give to every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings." (Jeremiah 17:9-10)**

Jesus said, "Therefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men; but the blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven unto men; and whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him: but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, nor in the world to come. Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by its fruit. O generation of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart brings forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words (from the heart) you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned." (Matthew 12:34-37)

"And he (Jesus) said, 'That which comes out of the man, is what defiles the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, and foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and defile the man." (Mark 7:20-23)

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The ability of Jesus to know all mens heart is due to His Divine Oneness with the Father. For God the Father knows the hearts of all men! Consider the following:

"And he (Samuel the Prophet) sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice. And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD'S anointed is before Him. But the LORD said unto Samuel, 'Do not Look on his (outward) countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD sees not as man sees; for man looks on the outward appearance, **but the LORD looks on the heart.**' (1 Samuel 16:5-7; see in context vs 1-13)

"O LORD, **You have searched me, and known me.** You know my sitting down and my rising up, **You understand my thought afar off.** You encompass my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, **You know it altogether.**" (Psalms 139:1-4 - from a psalm of David)

"He (the Father) who sent Me is true; and I **speak to the world those things which I have heard from Him.**' ... but as My Father has taught Me, I speak these things. And He who sent Me is with Me; the Father has not left Me alone; for I do always those things that please Him." (John 8:26-32) Jesus said, "**I and the Father are One.**" (John 10:30)

An example of the Father and Jesus together knowing the hearts of men:

Jesus said " 'No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.' And the Pharisees who were lovers of money, heard all these things: and they derided **Him.** And **He** said unto them, 'You are they who justify yourselves before men; **but God knows your hearts:** for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.'" (Luke 16:13-15)

Jesus often knew the hearts and motives of men. Consider the following:

"Philip found Nathanael, and said unto him, 'We have found **Him**, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write (concerning the promised Messiah), Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.' And Nathanael said unto him, 'Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?' Philip said unto him, 'Come and see.' And Jesus saw Nathanael coming to **Him**, and said of him, '**Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!**' Nathanael said unto **Him**, 'From where do You know me?' Jesus answered and said unto him, '**Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.**' Nathanael answered and said unto **Him**, '**Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel.**' " (John 1:45-49)

This statement of Jesus: '**Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you,**' implies Divine revelation; and was specifically perceived as such by Nathanael, whose 'circumstances' (whatever they were) under the fig tree, would only have been known by Nathanael himself; thus his amazing first encounter declaration: '**Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel.**'

Jesus knew the hearts of His disciples: those who truly believed in Him and those who did not:

"Many therefore of His disciples, when they had heard this, said, 'This is a hard saying; who can hear it?' When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples murmured at it, He said unto them, 'Does this offend you? What if you shall see the **Son of Man** ascend up where He was before? It is the Spirit who gives-life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you who do not believe. **For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believed, and who should betray Him.**" (John 6:60-64 - see in context: verses 26-71)

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Jesus Himself said:

"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth that which is evil; for out of **the abundance of the heart** his mouth speaks." (Luke 6:45)

During the ministry years of Jesus, He publicly performed many healing miracles, and taught the people marvelous things with great authority. His enemies often confronted Jesus with questions and accusations. But Jesus knew their evil hearts, thoughts, and motives:

"And, behold, they brought to him a paralytic man, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the paralytic, 'Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven.' And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, 'This Man blasphemeth.' **And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, 'Why do you think evil in your hearts?** For what is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven; or to say, 'Arise, and walk?' But so that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins; then He said to the paralytic, 'Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house. And he arose, and departed to his house. But when the multitudes saw it, they marveled, and glorified God, who had given such power unto men.'" (Matthew 9:1-8)

Paul, speaking of this inward sinfulness in his own heart, and within everyone's heart, said the following:

"O wretched man that I am! **who** shall deliver me (and us) from the body of this death? I thank God **through Jesus Christ our Lord!** So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. There is therefore now **no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,** who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." (Romans 7:24 - 8:1)

Consider also the following:

"This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is Light, and in **Him** is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with **Him**, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not do the truth. But if we walk in the Light, as **He** is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, **and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.** But, If we say that we have no sin, **we deceive ourselves** (our heart deceives us), and the truth **is not in us.** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, **and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1:5-10)

"And **through His own blood** He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies to the purifying of the flesh; **How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience (and your heart) from dead works** to serve the living God?" (Hebrews 9:11-15)

## Jesus Knows All Men and What is in Man

He knows that our hearts are desperately wicked, and deceitful above all things!

He Knows that from within, out of the heart of men, proceed all evil things!

Jesus is able to search our hearts, and to completely know us!

Jesus is able to understand all our thoughts!

And Jesus is able to cleanse our hearts from all unrighteousness!

And to purge our conscience from dead works to serve the living God!

Lord Jesus, 'Search me and know my heart. Try me, and know my thoughts. See if there be any wicked way in me; and lead me in Your everlasting Way.' (Psalm 139:23-24)

Always and Always ~ ~ Forever and Ever ~ ~ Amen and Amen!