

Vicarious Sacrifice: Old Testament Prophecies Confirming the Virgin Birth & Incarnation of Messiah, Heb 10:7 cf. Gen 3:16; Isa 7:14; 53:1–12; Dan 9:24–27; & Mic 5:2; Jesus Lived the Entire Incarnation inside the Bubble; His Plea to the Father at Gethsemane to Be Delivered from Drinking the Cup of Human Sin; He Was “Acquainted with Grief,” Isa 53:3

Hebrews 10:7 - “At that time I said, ‘Behold, I have arrived (In the scroll of the book it is written of Me) to accomplish Your plan, O God.’”

1. In the parenthesis, the Lord’s deity confirms that the Old Testament contains numerous prophecies of His arrival and His completion of God’s plan for salvation.
2. Genesis 3:16 is the Lord’s instruction to the woman to bear children through which process the Messiah would ultimately enter history.
3. In Micah 5:2, the exact geographic location of His birth is identified as Bethlehem of Judah.
4. In Daniel 9, a timetable is established by which His arrival could be tracked.
5. Isaiah 7:14 reveals that his humanity will develop within the womb of a virgin from which will emerge a Son that shall be called Immanuel, i.e., “God is with us.”
6. Isaiah 53 provides details about His First Advent from the virgin birth to the resurrection.
7. Jesus in His deity had agreed to execute the plan. Jesus in His humanity had to learn the plan, commit to it, and then execute it.
8. At the moment of His birth, His deity knew that the mission was to “do God’s will.” The humanity of Christ had to come to grips with that duty over time.
9. At Gethsemane, on the night of His arrest, Jesus prays that He might be delivered from the cross. But His commitment to the Father’s plan is obvious by the way He concludes His three prayers: “... yet not as I will (His human volition), but as You will (recognition of the sovereignty of the Father).”

10. And so it was the will of the Father that was paramount during the Lord's period of mental suffering. Therefore, in His willingness to "drink the cup" of our punishment, the Lord submitted to the approaching arrest in the garden:

Matthew 26:55 - At that time Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me as you would against a robber? Every day I used to sit in the temple teaching and you did not seize Me.

v. 56 - "But all this has taken place to fulfill the Scriptures of the prophets."

11. In addition to the mental pressures imposed on the Lord, there were also the verbal attacks, indicated by the phrase "acquainted with grief." The word "grief" is the noun **חָלִי** (**chali**): "disease; sickness."
12. The Lord was not diseased or sick. There is a double application here: **(1)** His acquaintance with the spiritual disease suffered by mankind called personal sin and **(2)** the manifestations of these including denial, betrayal, false accusations, slugging, torture, flogging, and crucifixion.
13. He was acquainted with the sickness of our three-fold problem of imputed sin, genetic sin, and personal sin, all of which will be addressed and resolved in verse 5.