

**Describing Samples of Jesus' Negative Experiences In Full Sentences with Scripture References: \* Am I reading a story?– Or black letters on a white page? Am I rushing?**

- Jesus was** born to an unwed mother (Luke 2:5) (*see [www.blb.org](http://www.blb.org) for original language*)
- Jesus was** also a refugee in Egypt because of a death decree by Herod (Matt. 2:13-15)
- Jesus was** tempted to be deceived by Satan, in the wilderness, to trust in His own power to provide for Himself, to prove who He was as well as to protect Himself from the pain of His rejection, betrayal and crucifixion on the cross (Luke 4:1-13)
- He was** tempted without sin, tempted with lust WITHOUT giving in to it, as Mary continued kissing His feet while washing His feet and anointing them with oil (Luke 7:45)
- Jesus was** misunderstood & rejected by family & loved ones who did not understand His mission (Mark 3:20-21/Matt. 23:37)...who were looking for a dead body at His tomb (Luke 24:1-10)
- Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jesus Was in the Garden while:**

- Being overwhelmed, abandoned and left alone by those closest to Him when He was sweating blood, struggling to surrender His will to His Father's will (Matt. 26:38, 36-44)
- Being betrayed by a kiss and sold for the price of a slave, by Judas, and then Peter denied Him three times; the third time with cursing (Luke 22:47-62)
- Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jesus Chose to Be Powerless During His Trials As He Was Being Abused: (2 Cor. 3:4)**

- By Satan and his demons who are the source of all sin, suffering and shame
- By the Priests, Pilate and Herod, the soldiers, and the Mob
- By the Roman officials when they were stripping His clothes off (Matt. 27:27-28)
- By the people when they were shaming and humiliating Him in public, during His trials (Mt. 27:29-31)
- By those who were verbally and mentally abusing Him, spitting on Him, beating Him and blaming Him
- By the experiences when He could not speak up in a way that He would be heard or have a voice
- By experiencing racial, religious and political prejudice from those in power over Him, who should have been protecting Him, but instead, they were misrepresenting God to everyone
- By those who chose Barabbas, a murderer, over Him
- Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Jesus Dying on the Cross **TEMPTED:** (Matt. 27:31-46)**

- To gain some relief from His physical, emotional, relational and mental pain as He was carrying all the sin and suffering of the world
- To believe His situation was hopeless and useless (verse 34)
- To believe His father abandoned Him as He was crying out Psalm 22:1 to His Father—"My God, My God, **WHY** have You forsaken Me?" in His deepest, darkest moment on the cross, having lost water and blood with His nerves on fire, when He could not see, sense or feel His Father's presence
- To give up while He was having difficulty breathing as He was slowly suffocating to death

**Jesus Was **TEMPTED:****

- To not forgive those betraying and abusing Him
- To take control of the situation, to fight back and protect Himself
- To perform miracles in order to prove who He was
- To take all of this abuse *personally* when He was:
  - Not being respected, nor seen, heard, valued, understood or appreciated
  - Not safe and as He was unjustly accused, arrested, judged, mistreated, convicted, and murdered
- As He was taking all of my feelings of sin, condemnation, guilt, shame, self-hatred, and regret
- As a Man of grief and sorrows who knows the pain of losing loved ones to death, rejection, etc.
- Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

