

Jesus Didn't Always Know Everything

"You see the masses pressing against You, and You ask, 'Who touched Me?'"

MARK 5:31

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If Jesus is fully God,
shouldn't He have always known everything —
at all times,
even as a baby in the manger?
And if not,
how could He truly be God?

This paradox sits at the heart of the incarnation:
full divinity meets full humanity.
It forces us to ask —
was Jesus omniscient
during His earthly life?
Or did He choose to limit His awareness?

The Gospels offer compelling evidence of the latter.
Jesus asked genuine questions.

"Who touched Me?"
— Mark 5:31

"What were you arguing about?"
— Mark 9:16

"Where have you laid him?"
— John 11:34

*And most striking of all
was His answer
when asked about the return of the Son of Man:*

*"But about that day or hour,
no one knows,
not even the Son."
— Matthew 24:36*

*These aren't rhetorical flourishes.
They reveal
that Jesus didn't continually access
the divine attribute of omniscience.
Instead,
He walked the earth
with real limitation.*

*But that doesn't diminish His deity.
It deepens His humility.*

*He didn't pretend to be human.
He became human —
fully entering the realm of learning,
development,
even unknowing.*

*You may not know this about Jesus:
unknowing was part
of His becoming.*

*And in that,
He offers us a profound gift:
the assurance
that our limitations aren't failures.
They're invitations to trust the Father,
just like Jesus did.*