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***In order to understand the patience of Jesus Christ we must recognize the divine nature of our Lord.***

***There are several illustrations of His divine nature.***

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They were so extremely violent no one could pass by that way.

***But Jesus spoke to the demons one word to them.***

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***On the Mount of Transfiguration, the three disciples recognized the deity of Jesus Christ.***

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When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. **“Get up,”** he said. **“Don’t be afraid.”** When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

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Much more could be said about the deity of Christ, but this is sufficient.

Now, consider the patience of the Lord.

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The Pharisees said that it was by Beelzebub that Jesus cast out demons, Matthew 12:24.

The teachers of the law came down from Jerusalem and said He is possessed by Beelzebub! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons. Mark 3:22

Beelzebub, the god of flies, is the name of the chief of the devils.

They said He was in league with Satan.

They said He did His miracles, and cast out demons by the power of the devil.

He was the God of glory.

He had dwelt for eternity in the Holy presence of the Father. Now before the people He came to save, heal, and deliver, He is called the Prince of Demons.

This is a demonstration of the Lord's patience.

A second portrait of His patience is seen in the manner in which He endured ill treatment and suffering.

Jesus told His disciples the world hated Him.

He endured patiently the defamation of His character.

He was willing to take the bitter cup of suffering.

**Think about the way He was treated in Pilate's judgment hall.**

Before we look at this, listen to what Jesus said.

**John 10:17-18 NKJV** “Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”

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The rest said, “Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him.” And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

Consider the forbearance and patience with which the Lord endured the ridicule of men.

He patiently endured the cross and its shame.

He patiently endured opposition from sinful men.

Here is the King of Glory, being ridiculed.

He is spat upon and slapped.

He is beaten and mocked.

He is laughed at and stripped.

He could have resisted and stopped them.

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