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The Bible describes Christ’s sinlessness in unmistakable language: “He knew no sin” (*2 Cor. 5:21*); “He did no sin” (*1 Pet. 2:22*); “He was without sin” (*Heb. 4:15*); He was the “Lamb without blemish and without spot” (*1 Pet. 1:18-19*); He was “holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners” (*Heb. 17:26*). Others testified of our Lord’s perfect character and flawless life. Pilate, who reluctantly permitted Him to be crucified, said, “I find no fault in this man” (*Luke 23:4*). Pilate’s wife said that He was a “just man” (*Matt. 27:19*). The centurion at Golgotha said, “Certainly this was a righteous man” (*Luke 23:47*). The thief on the cross said “This man hath done nothing amiss” (*Luke 23:41*). Even Judas said, “I have betrayed the innocent blood” (*Matt. 27:4*). One day Jesus challenged His enemies by saying, “Which of you convinceth Me of sin?” (*John 8:46*). Not one could prove Him guilty or pin any kind of sin on Him. When examined from any angle, our Lord’s life and character were immaculate, spotlessly clean.

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