Jesus is Able…

Because of weakness, man is not always able to accomplish what he claims. Thankfully, the same cannot be said about Jesus. If Jesus makes a promise, He is able to accomplish what He has promised. Knowing this, we can place full confidence in the Savior and follow Him wherever He may lead. Let's notice three things that the Scriptures say that Jesus is able to do.

Jesus is able "to subdue all things to Himself" (Philippians 3:21). In this verse, Paul described how Jesus will transform our bodies so that we will "be conformed to His glorious body." The promise indicates that Jesus' power is greater than all things that are physical, and it clearly implies that Jesus is greater than all men.

Jesus is able to keep what we "have committed to Him until that Day" (2 Timothy 1:12). Paul's description of Jesus helps us to see that our Savior will keep His promises. If we commit ourselves to Him, He will commit Himself to us. Just as Jesus "committed Himself to Him who judges righteously" (1 Peter 2:23), we can commit ourselves to the righteous judge knowing that "He is able to keep what we have committed to Him until that Day." It should be noted, however, that we must commit to Him. If we do not, we have no hope (see Hebrews 5:9).

Jesus "is able to aid those who are tempted" (Hebrews 2:18). According to the writer of Hebrews, Jesus has this ability because He has faced the same types of temptations that we face (Hebrews 4:15). He understands our struggles; He sympathizes with our weaknesses. Because of His compassion, He is both willing and able to help us in times of need. Paul wrote: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). Truly, Jesus is able!

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