

Staying in the Race

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Heb. 12:1-3

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What Jesus endured to finish His race:

He was born to an unwed mother - Matt. 1:18-19

He was born in a stable - Lk. 2:7

Born to poor parents - Luke 2:24

His life was threatened as a baby - Matt. 2:13ff

He was moved as a baby - Matt. 2:13ff

His father died when He was young - Matt. 13:53-58

He had no home and no place to lay His head - Matt. 8:20; Luke 9:58

What Jesus endured to finish His race:

He was hated and opposed by others - Mark 14:1-2

He was opposed by His family - Mark 3:21-22

He was betrayed by a close friend - Mark 14:10-11; 18

He was left alone, rejected and forsaken by all of His friends - Mark 14:50

He was tried before the high court of the land and tried with treason - John 18:33

He was executed as a common criminal by means of crucifixion - John 19:16ff

