

# Chapter 5

## The Teachings of Jesus Christ

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### Parable of the Wedding Feast

The parable of the wedding feast is a companion to the prophecy of the marriage of Christ to the Saints of God, which you can find in **Revelation 19:7-8**.

*And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, "The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come." **Matthew 22:1-3***

### Likened to Heaven

Jesus refers to the following as being likened to heaven, but I see it as being likened to the true and correct worship of God, which of course if you do this, heaven is but a step away. As is the case in most of the Book of Revelation, this parable is rife with symbolisms.

**The King** is the Almighty God.

**The kingdom of heaven** is the true worship of God.

**The marriage** is between the Holy Gospel of God (Teachings of Jesus) and the Saints of God.

**They would not come** are those who do not give true and correct worship to God, (the Jews), and even though they are invited, (called by God), they refuse to change their allegiance to Satan's False Gospel. You could also think of these as the Jews of Jesus' time in history and the Christians, Jews and Muslims of today.

## The Christians

The Christians of today believe that Sunday is the correct day to observe the Sabbath, despite God's very specific instructions and command that the Seventh Day is the correct day. It is because of this refusal to worship God as he commands that brings those Christians into opposition to the Will of God.

## The Jews

The Jews of today as in the past, reject Jesus as God in the flesh of a man, even though all the ancient prophecies, especially those of the Book of Daniel, tells us that the Messiah would be a flesh and blood man, and only Jesus fits those prophecies as being the Messiah, no one else even comes close. The Time Prophecy of the 70 prophetic weeks given in the Book of Daniel, allow us to calculate the year that Jesus is baptized to 27 A.D.

## The Muslims

The Muslims do not come to the wedding, even though they are descendant of Abraham through his first born son, Ishmael, because like the Jews, they reject Jesus as the Messiah, but unlike the Jews, they also reject the Ten Commandments and the Law of God as given in the books of the Bible.

Muslims are blinded to the idea that the Koran is a standalone book, whereas, it is clear to me that if you bring it into alignment to the other Books of the Prophets including the New Testament then you will see a much clearer picture of what Mohamed preached. The Koran lacks the Ten Commandments, and the morality taught by Jesus, add them to the interpretation of what the Koran says, and it will be in agreement with the overall faith as is practiced by the Saints of God.

## Those who are bidden

*Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, "Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage." **Matthew 22:4***

Think of these people as the Jews, which had first been invited during the life of Jesus, but rejected Jesus.

*But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: and the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. **Matthew 22:5-6***

This verse is primarily directed at the times of the Old Testament Prophets, and how they were ridiculed and in some cases put to death by the Jews. This can also be shown to include Jesus, for when he yet walked among us, the Jews for the most part, ridiculed that which Jesus taught, and treated him with contempt as well.

*The Servants* are the Old Testament Prophets, as well as the Apostles of Jesus.

*But they made light of it*, refers to those who are blinded by Satan's False Gospel, who will when shown God's Truth, reject it, and make fun of those of the Saints of God, who attempt to reveal God's True Word to them.

*Went their ways*, refers to those who continue to give worship in error, as they have always known, instead of converting to God's True Word.

*One to his farm, another to his merchandise* is a reference to the pursuit of Earthly riches that Satan's False Gospel preaches and encourages as a way of blinding Man to God's True Word.

*The remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them*, refers to those who are offended by those who preach God's True Word, and don't just make fun of them, but endeavor to persecute and murder the Servants of God and his Holy Gospel, as is evidenced by the Elders of the Temple attempts to kill all who preached Jesus to be the Messiah, as well as those during the Dark Ages when the Saints of God were persecuted, tortured and murdered by the Church of Rome, which called the Saints of God, heretic's, and witches, as a way to justify those murders.

## The Kings Wrath

*But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. **Matthew 22:7***

I see the above verse as a depiction of the End of Days, and God venting his wrath upon those who reject his Truth. This can also be shown as the Nation of Israel, who are those who were invited to

the marriage between Jesus, (who represents God's Holy Gospel), and the Jews who rejected the Teachings of Jesus. Part of the destruction is evident in the final destruction of the Nation of Israel, and the tearing down of the Temple by the Romans. It is also a warning of the End of Days and the Second Advent of Christ and his destruction of all who are not the Saints of God.

## Those Bidden not Worthy

*Then saith he to his servants: "The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage."*

### **Matthew 22:8-9**

When the Jews reject Jesus, God turned to the Gentiles, and it is those who were converted to the true worship of God, and who go out and preach the Holy Gospel to others of the Gentiles, who then also converted. These verses are therefore a prophecy by Jesus of future events, but not all of his prophecies are too far into his future.

## Good and Bad

*So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. **Matthew 22:10***

When the Apostles and others went out to preach the Teachings of Jesus, not all that came over to those teachings did so out of love of God or belief in the resurrection, and therefore were not perfect in their faith, which is why the above verse describes them as both *bad and good*. This can be reflected in **Chapters 2 and 3 of the Book of Revelation**, and Jesus' complaints with the early Christians who were sliding into pagan practices, not remaining true to the teachings of Jesus.

## The Wedding Garment

*And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment. And he saith unto him, "Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?" And he was speechless. **Matthew 22:11-12***

*The wedding garment* is symbolic of the white raiment of a Saint of God, which is given in the name of (Righteousness), which is defined as those who keep the commandments of God and have

the testimony of Jesus Christ. This man is symbolic of all those who give lip service to being of Jesus, but fall short because they do not obey the Word and Commandments of God. This I suggest is represented by those who call themselves Christians but give Lip Service to Christ, and who do not observe the Seventh Day Sabbath but Satan's First Day Sabbath instead.

## Into outer darkness

*Then said the king to the servants, "Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen."* **Matthew 22:13-14**

And cast him into outer darkness, is in reference to the pit of Hell's Fire, that all who cannot be defined as a Saint of God will be thrown into on Judgment Day. If you look up the phrase, "outer darkness" where it is used in other verses of the Bible, you will see that it is a reference to hell's fire, and eternal death.

## Weeping and gnashing of teeth

There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, for those who have been told that all you need so as to be saved is to declare Jesus as your savior, and nothing else. These have also been told that the Ten Commandments were but a temporary arrangement between God and the Jews, but that they do not apply to Christians, because as a Christian you are saved by the Grace of God. These lies, will blind those who believe them, from God's True Word, and will thus prevent them from being part of the marriage. It is for this reason that the King, in the above parable, commands that those who are not dressed in wedding attire will be thrown into the outer darkness. The Wedding Attire being the clean white fine linen of Righteousness.

## Many will be called

Many will be called but few will be chosen, refers to the fact that many over the generations of Man since Jesus, will be chosen by God and invited to the wedding, but it isn't all up to God who comes, you must want to come of your own free will. If you, after being touched by God, which is how you know you have been chosen, make a diligent effort to learn and understand God's True Word, then you will be invited to the wedding, but if you think because you have been touched by God that you are

automatically accepted to attend, you are deceived. You must be attired in the wedding clothes, which is Righteousness, which can only be acquired by your personal efforts in getting to know who God is and what he stands for, and then adjusting (go through a rebirth) your personality and moral character to that of God.

## Children of the Kingdom

*And I say unto you, "That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, in the kingdom of Heaven, but the children of the kingdom (of Israel) shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **Matthew 8:11-12***

These two verses are a reference to the Jews who are historically children of the kingdom of Israel, but whom by rejecting the Teachings of Jesus and reject Jesus as God in the flesh of a man, will lose that standing, and instead be cast into outer darkness, even if they do keep all Ten of the Commandments of God.

**Remember:** you are not saved by your works alone, but must also believe in the Word of God, and Jesus the Christ is the Word.

*And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **Matthew 25:30***

As you can see each of these verses also tells us that there will be "Weeping and gnashing of teeth." This is a reference to the fact that those thrown into outer darkness will believe that they are saved, only to find that they uphold Satan's False Gospel, not the Gospel of God, and are therefore not the Servants of God.

## The Lamb

This parable helps to give understanding to the following verses.

*Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. **Revelation 19:7***

**The Lamb** is Jesus Christ, and his wife is made herself ready. Who then is the wife of Jesus Christ?

## Wife of the Lamb

*And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.* **Revelation 19:8**

If you recall, the words, “arrayed in fine linen, clean and white,” is used elsewhere in the Bible, and it always refers to those who keep the Commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

## Blessed are those who attend

*And he saith unto me, “Write Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he saith unto me, “These are the true sayings of God.”* **Revelation 19:9**

You see? In this parable, many were called to the wedding of the king, but none of those invited, were willing to come, so the King sent out his servants to bring to the wedding, others who had not originally been invited. This can be shown in the case between the Jews who reject Jesus and the Gentiles who embraced his teachings and his way.

## Render Unto Caesar

*Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk. And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, “Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men.” Tell us therefore, “What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?”*

**Matthew 22:15-17**

## Regard for no person

Regardeth not the person, which is a phrase that refers to your social status in life. God does not care if you are rich or poor, only that you give worship to God as God commands. You can be a rich Jew, with political and economic power, but if you do not give true and correct worship to God, all that you have is for nothing.

You can be a Christian, who attends church every Sunday, and reads the Bible on a regular basis, but if you do not keep the Laws of God and give worship to God as he commands then your worship is in vain.

If you are a drug addict who has hit the bottom of life, it does not matter to God, if you then look up to God and obey his commandments, and ask God to help you fight your addiction and to lead you back into health. God does not give regard to who you are now, only who you want to be in relationship with God.

A Jew who refuses Jesus as being the Messiah, faces only damnation, a Christian who refuses to observe the Seventh Day Sabbath, faces only damnation, a drug addict who looks to God and obeys the Commandments of God as part of his journey out of drug addiction, is on the path of salvation. God does not give regard to a person, but God does take notice of anyone who sees their error, and then looks to God to show them God's Truth.

## Giving Tribute

In the above verses, Jesus is being given a challenge; **“is it a sin to pay tribute (taxes) to the Roman Empire?”** The phrase, **“Is it lawful,”** relates to the law of God and Moses. The Roman Empire is a pagan nation, and it is in the law of the Jews that to give support or have any kind of association with pagans is a sin. Therefore, under God's Law, is it a sin to give support in the form of taxes to a pagan nation?

**Know this:** if Jesus says that it is a sin, and then Jesus can be accused of treason against Caesar, which is punishable by death. On the other hand if Jesus says that it is not a sin, then he will be contradicting the Law of God, making himself a blasphemer, which is again punishable by death.

*But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, “Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites; Shew me the tribute money.” And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, “Whose is this image and superscription?” They say unto him, “Caesar's.” Then saith he unto them, “Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's. **Matthew 22:18-21***

**The Tribute Money** is the coinage that the tax collectors accept for the payment of your taxes. They will not allow you to pay with a chicken or a goat; you must sell those things and bring only Roman coinage to make the payment.

Jesus asks to see a Roman coin, and on it is the image of a man, which Jesus asks, “Who is this image?” The image is that of Caesar.

## Earthly verses Godly

Jesus’ answer is simple; if the coin has the image of Caesar on it, then the coin must belong to Caesar, therefore, give it back to Caesar. But this has greater meaning than that. The coin and the tribute are symbolic of the Earthly things that are available from the wealth of the earth. Jesus is saying, do not give mind to the things of the earth, but give to God your heart, soul and mind, and God will see to your earthly needs. What this means to me is that if you place your life, in the hands of God, and give no concern to earthly things, then God will see to your needs, so long as you give true and correct worship to God, and embrace God’s Morality and make it your morality.

*When they had heard these words, they marveled, and left him, and went their way. **Matthew 22:22***

These verses all relate to the lesson that Jesus is attempting to teach, which is to not give concern or worry of those things of the Earth, but put your care into what is needed of you to inherit Eternal Life.

## The Hypocrisy of the Wealthy

*Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, saying, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat: All therefore what so ever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.” **Matthew 23:1-3***

## The Seat of Moses

Moses’ Seat is reference to the position that Moses held as the leader of the Nation of Israel. Moses held two positions, that of the Civil Leader, let’s call it Governor, and also as the spiritual leader of the congregation of the Israelites.

In his capacity as the civil leader, the people or citizens of the Nation of Israel obeyed his dictates or laws as they related to his governance.

In his capacity as the spiritual leader, Moses was God's representative on earth, and his laws, (The Laws of Moses) reflected God's own laws, so long as the Laws of Moses did not contradict or render to non-effect the Ten Commandments.

## Obey the Civil Laws

What Jesus is telling us, is that the Scribes and the Pharisees are the rulers of the Nation of Israel, and therefore the civil laws that they issue, need to be upheld by the people. At the same time however, Jesus tells us that the Scribes and the Pharisees do not sit as representatives of God, as Moses did. This is revealed in the following: **“but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.”** The word **“Works”** refers to **the effort one puts into keeping and observing the Ten Commandments, and being one with God.** In this Jesus tells us that the Scribes and Pharisees **“Say, and Do Not.”**

## Influenced by Satan

I have said on more than one occasion, in the writings on this Web Page, that Satan had influence if not control of the High Priest and the Elders of the Temple. What Jesus is saying in the above verses, is that I am correct. If you do not say or preach that which is the Word of God then what are you preaching? If you also fail to keep and uphold the Way and Law of God, then you are not of God. If you are not of God, then you are Pagan.

**Remember:** the word **“Pagan”** means, **“Not of God,”** therefore, the Temple Elders, for the most part, were not of God, therefore, that which they preached, had become Pagan.

This is true of most Christian Churches today. Among other things, they preach the first day of the week as being the Lords day of rest, when God has made it very clear that **the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God** Exodus 20:10.

## Heavy Burdens

*For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. **Matthew 23:4***

The **Heavy Burdens** are the penalties that the Temple Elders placed upon the people over a period of generations, which made the observance of the Sabbath something to dread, rather than a joy of spending the day in communion with God. These penalties were not in keeping with God's spirit or intent of God's Sabbath, but made it a near impossibility to not sin against. This made the observance of the Sabbath a day of dread, not a day to look forward to so to spend time in communion with your creator.

## Elders Exempt Themselves

**But they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.** is to say that the Temple Priests and Elders exempted themselves from those very same penalties.

This sounds a lot like what is going on in the American Government. Those in power enact laws that the populace has to live by but they exempt themselves from those same laws. Do you think that maybe Satan has influence over some of those in the American Government?

## For Vanity and Acclaim

*But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, and love the uppermost rooms at feast, and the chief seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. **Matthew 23:5-7***

**Remember:** the word **"Works"** relates to **the time and effort that is put into keeping the morality of God, and giving true and correct worship of God.** These of the temple, who became wealthy from the donations given to it by the people, flaunted their wealth, and positions, and piety, to the point that they held themselves to be superior to the people.

The word **"Phylacteries"** is defined as: **a small leather box containing slips of paper with scriptures written on them as reminders of your religious duties.**

The phrase, **enlarge the borders of their garments**, refers to the Blue borders that are commanded of God to be worn by the Jews so as to remind them to keep the Ten Commandments. This is supported by the following verses.

*And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, "Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them **fringes in the borders of their garments**, throughout their generation, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders **a ribband of blue**: and it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, **and remember all the commandments of the Lord, and do them**; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a-whoring: that ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God." **Numbers 15:37-40***

What Jesus is saying is that the Temple Elders enlarged their borders of their garments, not to help them remember the Commandments of God, but to impress the people, of their piety. This of course only shows their hypocrisy, not their Faith.

## Be not called Rabbi

*But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is you're Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.*

### **Matthew 23:8**

The word "**Rabbi**" is defined as: **the leader of a Jewish congregation, or the chief religious official of a synagogue**. In the Christian Faith it is synonymous with that of a priest or pastor. In the Muslim religion it would be synonymous with a Mullah.

As you can see, in the eyes of God, we are all equal, rich or poor, ruler or servant, we are all brethren under God. The Temple Elders glorify themselves, so to impress upon the population their superiority. For their preaching False Gospel and thereby causing others to also fall from the true and correct worship of God, those Temple Elders will in the end be debased by God, for their arrogance and lack of obedience.

To be called a **Rabbi**, is to suggest that you are above others and not their servant. Those of the Saints of God, who lead, are servants of God and of those they lead, not masters or rulers as the Rabbi of the time of Jesus were, but servants of those they lead.

## Call No Man Father

*And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.*

### **Matthew 23:9**

When I read this verse, I think of the Roman Catholic Church and how it is expected that we call their priests “Father.” Jesus has just told us that we are not to do this. This for me is another identifier of the Church of Rome being the anti-Christ. The Church of Rome defies not only the Ten Commandments but the will of God as well. Even though Jesus told us not to call any man “father,” the Church of Rome promoted it just the same, in direct disobedience to the Word of Jesus. The Church of Rome calls itself Christian, but how can you be of Christ if you preach in opposition to that which Jesus Christ taught?

## Call No Man Master

*Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.* **Matthew 23:10-12**

What this is saying, is that those that have superior knowledge of God’s Holy Gospel are not your Masters, but your servants. It is from them that you look to find God’s True Word; therefore they are giving service to you.

This Web Page that you are reading from, I give to you as a service. God commanded that I present his True Word to the world, and I established this Web Page to accomplish his command. I serve God, and in that service, I serve you the readers.

## Shut up the Kingdom of Heaven

*But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.* **Matthew 23:13**

Jesus is saying “Woe” unto all these who preach evil and false gospel. They will be judged.

**To shut up the kingdom of heaven,** is to cause those who look to someone they perceive as being a Man of God, to show them God's True Word. When these very same people tell you lies and falsehoods that are given for you to believe as truth, but lead the people away from God.

**Remember:** if you do not give worship to God exactly as he tells you to, then you do not worship God at all, and your worship is thus in vain.

This is true of the Temple Elders and Priests, and is also true of the Christian religions that preach the first day Sabbath, (Satan's False Gospel), which also removes the people from the true worship of God.

**Neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in:** refers to the efforts that the temple elders, Pharisees and Sadducees who engaged in trying to destroy the preaching's of Jesus, before it could take hold in the hearts of men. The word "**Suffer**" as used above means: **to allow something to happen or to be done, to give deference to something or someone.** Which is also to say **to give respect to someone else's believes or opinions.** These Temple Elders respected only their own opinion or believes and refused to give consideration to anything preached by Jesus or his disciples.

As a Saint of God, and one who has studied and researched the Bible, but more importantly, those things shown to me by God, I am confident in my knowledge, so that what opinions I offer in these writings, can be accepted by others with confidence in the truth's that they give. If you but read my writings, and compare my explanations to Scripture, you too, I am certain, will see the truth.

## Devour Widow's Houses

*Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. **Matthew 23:14-15***

The word "**Proselyte**" means: **a new convert to a religious faith or doctrine.** Which is to say, that if the priest that preaches Satan's False Gospel, converts you to his religion, then you are damned just as is the priest who preached the words of error to you. This is true of the Christian churches that preach the Sunday Sabbath, just as it was true of the Pharisees and priests of the ancient Nation of Israel who preached their false traditions which they gave precedent over the Word of God.

## Swear by the Gold of the Temple

*Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, "Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor! Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold?"* **Matthew 23:16-17**

To swear by, or should I say, to curse the temple is to blaspheme the Temple as well as the Almighty God. To swear by, or to curse, the gold in the temple, is to swear by Earthly concerns, and has nothing to do with the true and correct worship of God. The Temple elders saw it as a sin to swear by the gold in the Temple, but of no concern if you swore by the Temple itself, which shows how far the Temple Traditions had fallen away from God and towards Satan's False Gospel.

*And, whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty. Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?"* **Matthew 23:18-19**

*Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon. And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein. And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.* **Matthew 23:20-22**

## Killers of the Prophets

*Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchers of the righteous, and say, "If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets."* **Matthew 23:29-30**

The Temple Elders of the time of Jesus gave proud speech that they would not have persecuted the prophets of old, if they had lived back then.

## Witnesses unto yourselves

*Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"* **Matthew 23:31-33**

In the above verses, Jesus is accusing the Temple Elders, of his day, of committing the same crimes against the Prophets of God that their fathers did, even though they professed that they would not have done so to the prophets. The Temple Elders, persecute and condemn Jesus, and what he teaches, then after Jesus is put to the cross, they persecute all who believe in the Teachings of Jesus, just as those of long ago persecuted the Prophets of God.

*Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. Verily I say unto you, "All these things shall come upon this generation. **Matthew 23:34-36***

In this Jesus is giving prophecy of future prophets, and that these very same Temple Elders would persecute and murder the New Testament Prophets of God, just as their fathers had done the Old Testament Prophets. This is proven out by the treatment and persecution of those of the early Christians, who convert to the Teachings of Jesus, who were then persecuted and murdered by the Temple Elders.

*O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killeth the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! For I say unto you, "Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." **Matthew 23:37-39***

## Triumphant Entrance

In the above verses, Jesus is talking about his future return in the Second Advent of Christ. This is best understood when you read those verses that tell of Jesus' Grand Entrance that he made into Jerusalem just days before this encounter with the Temple Elders.

*And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, "Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say aught unto you, ye shall say, "The Lord hath need of them, and straightway he will send them." "*

**Matthew 21:1-3**

Jesus is instructing these two disciples to go into the village of Bethphage to take an ass, (Donkey), and its colt, and bring them back to Jesus. Jesus further explains that if they are confronted by someone, for taking these animals, they are to simply say, “The Lord has need of them.” So that you will know, as far as these two disciples know, Jesus is asking them to take the animals without permission, and yet they do as they are bidden to do. Fortunately, the owner does confront them and is willing that they take the ass back to Jesus, making this a gift or a loan and not a theft.

*And certain of them (villagers) that stood there said unto them, “What do ye, loosing the colt?” (Why are you taking the colt?) And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go. **Mark 11:5-6***

This tells me, that the owner of these animals had been forewarned that Jesus might send for them, so was not overly concerned when someone came to take them, and that it was therefore not a theft.

So that you will know, as in the American Old West, you take another man’s animals; it was a crime punishable by hanging, which is to say that these two disciples revealed their full faith in Jesus, when they agreed to do this for him.

## Prophecy Fulfilled

### Sitting upon an Ass

*All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, (Zechariah), saying, “Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.” **Matthew 21:4-5***

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*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. **Zechariah 9:9***

As you can see in the Book of Zechariah, that which was prophesized nearly 500 years earlier was fulfilled by Jesus. Once more, I assert that only Jesus fulfills the ancient prophecies of the Messiah, therefore it can only be Jesus that is the Messiah.

*And the disciple went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him (Jesus) thereon. **Matthew 21:6-7***

*And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, "Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. **Matthew 21:8-9***

A large number of those who had heard Jesus speak over the three years of his ministry ascended upon Jerusalem when they heard that Jesus would be making his triumphant entrance. These people, believed that Jesus was the Messiah, and the long ago prophecies were being fulfilled, therefore, it was a celebration like that of a carnival when Jesus road in through the gates of the city on the back of an ass.

*And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" And the multitude said, "This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee." **Matthew 21:10-11***

For the most part, Jesus' Ministry was conducted outside of the City of Jerusalem, therefore those who lived in Jerusalem and those who were there from other lands had no idea who this was that was being given such a mighty celebration as he entered the city.

## The Money Lenders

*And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves. **Matthew 21:12***

The Temple was built for one purpose, to provide a throne for the Messiah when he arrived. It was therefore the house of God, a holy place. It was supposed to be a place to worship, where people would come to give prayers to God.

Over the generations, the temple had become a place of commerce. If you had sinned, you would go to the Temple and make a sacrifice of a goat or sheep or a bull, as a penance for your sin. In those days, few of the citizens of Israel actually owned herds of animals; commerce was done by giving coin in return for what you wished to purchase. It is required by God that an animal sacrifice be made, because your sins could only be washed away by blood.

In order to have an animal for the sacrifice, people would purchase the animal from venders in the city before you entered the gate of the temple. The problem was that if you had coin from another

province of the Roman Empire, then you had to exchange your coin for the coin that the venders in Jerusalem would accept. These money changers would congregate inside the walls of the Temple within the inner courtyard. This was condoned by the Temple Elders, because they received rent from the venders, not only of the money changers, but also of all sorts of venders, which gave the courtyard of the Temple the atmosphere of a bazar.

*And (Jesus) would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple. **Mark 11:16***

The Temple was the house of God, and as such you were supposed to enter it with the purpose of worship. What Jesus found was a bazar, with people engaging in manual labor and commerce. This is expressly forbidden on the day of the Sabbath, even outside the Temple, but it is forbidden except for the priest at all times within the gates of the Temple.

## A House of Prayer

*And he said unto them, "It is written, "My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." **Matthew 21:13***

Understanding the above, you can now see why Jesus was so upset, and why he began to overthrow the vender's tables. This is given support by the following verse given by the Prophet Isaiah over 700 years earlier.

*Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people. **Isaiah 56:7***

Having thrown out all the venders, Jesus began to minister after those who had celebrated his arrival.

*And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them. **Matthew 21:14***

## The Mouth of Babes

*And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful thing that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased, and said unto*

him, "Hearest thou what these say?" And Jesus saith unto them, "Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and suckling's thou hast perfected praise?" **Matthew 21:15-16**

As I said, the Temple Elders were displeased because they received revenue from the venders, and for Jesus to force them out of the Temple represented a loss in revenue. If you ever wondered how Satan had been able to corrupt even the Temple Elders and Priests, it was because of the wealth generated from the people going to the Temple. Making money became their religion, and the Word of God became something to work around at acquiring that wealth.

When Jesus speaks concerning, "Out of the mouth of babes," he is referring to the following verse written by King David, over a thousand years earlier.

*Out of the mouth of babes and suckling's hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.* **Psalms 8:2**

Can you imagine someone seeing all of these miracles performed by Jesus with their own eyes, yet still is displeased by he who causes these miracles to occur? The Temple Elders are so blinded by Satan and their personal greed that they do not see God in the works performed by Jesus.

This is a condition that exists in the world today as well. The Churches are more interested in acquiring converts to their churches, not for the sake of the souls of those converted, but for the added wealth that they represent for the Church. You may say, that is not true, many churches do good works for those in need; the money is needed for that purpose. I suggest that you remember that the best told lies are those with 90% truth and 10% lie. If along with the good works you preach Satan's False Gospel, (First Day Sabbath), then you commit those converted to your church to Eternal Death. Only in God's True Word can you walk the path to salvation.

## The Wilting Fig Tree

*And he left them, and went out of the city into Bethany; and he lodged there. Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered. And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, "Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward forever," and presently the fig tree withered away.* **Matthew 21:17-19**

*And when the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, "How soon is the fig tree withered away!" Jesus answered and said unto them, "Verily I say unto you, if ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." **Matthew 21:20-22***

I see this as God's way of showing us that those of the Faith, that believe in the Word of God, have in them power over the natural world, we need only believe.

## By What Authority?

*And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority doest thou these things? And who gave thee this authority?" **Matthew 21:23***

The day before, the Chief Priests of the Temple had attempted to rebuke his forcing all the venders out of the Temple, but after having given thought to this through the night, they wanted to know, by whose authority he felt that it was his right to do so. After all, they were the Chief Priests, and it was they who were the rulers of the Temple.

*And Jesus answered and said unto them, "I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, whence was? from heaven, or of men?" And they reasoned with themselves, saying, "If we shall say, from heaven; he will say unto us, why did ye not then believe him? But if we shall say, of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet." **Matthew 21:24-26***

In all of the time that John the Baptist had engaged in his ministry, preaching the repentance of sin, the Temple Elders sent people out to inquire of him as to his purpose, but they never embraced his teachings as being of God. The people on the other hand had embraced John as a man of God, and a prophet of God.

*And they answered Jesus, and said, "We cannot tell. And he said unto them, "Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things." **Matthew 21:27***

As you can see, even then, they refused to see the Godliness of John. Jesus then tells them that he will not tell them from whom he receives his authority, but offers instead a parable.

## Parable of the Two Sons

*But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, "Son, go work today in my vineyard." He answered and said, "I will not:" but afterward he repented, and went.*

**Matthew 21:28-29**

*And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, "I go, sir:" and went not.* **Matthew 21:30**

The first son at first refuses to do his father's bidding, but after some thought, he repents and goes and does as his father had commanded.

The second son at first says that he will do as his father commands, but then fails to live up to his promise. So Jesus then asks the Chief Priests the following.

*Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, "The first."*

*Jesus saith unto them, "Verily I say unto you, that the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him." **Matthew 21:31-32***

Jesus does not give an explanation of this parable, thinking I suppose that it is obvious to all what he is attempting to teach us, but I wish to make an attempt at giving explanation so that those living in today's society will have a clear understanding.

**The first son** who at first refused but then repented, is a symbolism for those that Jesus refers to as the "Publicans and the Harlots," which again is symbolic of the sinners of the world. They are the children of the Father, God, but reject his commandments at first. But when they are shown his truth, as in the preaching of John the Baptist concerning repentance, they do repent their evil ways and turn to the Way of God.

**The second son**, who agreed to do as his father command, but then failed to fulfill his promise, is therefore symbolic of the Temple Priests. They give lip service of being men of God, righteous and

true, but in fact engage in activities that are in opposition to the Commandments of God. In this then Jesus is pointing out who the real sinners are.

## Parable of the Husbandman

*Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country: And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. **Matthew 21:33-34***

**The householder** is symbolic of God, and **the planting** is the Gospel of God, **the vineyard** is Earth and the sons of man. Think of this as God giving to Moses and the early Israelites his Holy Gospel, which Moses put to writing in the first books of the Bible. From these teachings of God's Holy Word, God expected that the people would thus give reverence and worship to God as being his Gospel as he commands. It is the Prophets of God that were the **servants sent** to the husbandman that they might receive the fruits of God's Holy Word. The **husbandmen** are the Temple Elders and a priest, whose job it was over the generations, to nurture and educate the people in God's True Word.

*And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise. But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, "They will reverence my son." But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance.*

**Matthew 21:34-38**

When the Prophets of God came, the husbandmen, (Temple Elders and rulers of the Nation of Israel), treated them badly and even killed them, not wanting to hear God's True Word, and not wanting to allow the people to hear the True Word of God either. Finally, when God sent his Son, (the Messiah), these same Temple Elders and rulers rejected Jesus' teachings and thereby rejected God, and killed the Son of God just as they had the Prophets of God before him.

This parable is then a prophecy of Jesus' crucifixion. When Jesus is telling these things, it is but a day or two before he is crucified.

*And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him. When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen? **Matthew 21:39-40***

So Jesus asks the Pharisees whom he is speaking to. “What shall the Lord, (God) do with these that killed his son?” In this question, Jesus is giving the Temple Elders to declare their own sentence for their crimes and sins against God.

*They say unto him, “He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons. **Matthew 21:41***

With their own words, these Pharisees and Elders, as leaders and rulers of the Nation of Israel, together condemn themselves.

## The Stone Rejected

*Jesus saith unto them, “Did ye never read in the scriptures, “The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?” Therefore say I unto you, “The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.” **Matthew 21:42-44***

*And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them. But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet. **Matthew 21:45-46***

The priest and Pharisees wanted to lay hands on Jesus because he voiced aloud words that condemned them of hypocrisy and fraud. If the people ever came to understand this truth, the Temple might lose all of its support and with that its wealth. I see it more to this reason why the Temple Elders rejected Jesus more than any philosophical disagreement with the Teachings of Jesus. If they accepted Jesus as God on Earth, then the purpose for the priests and the elders would be fulfilled, and the wealth and prestige that they held above the others of the Nation of Israel would be at an end. Personal greed is why they rejected Jesus.

**Remember:** Greed is an aspect of Satan’s personality, not God’s, which is why I say that the Temple was under the control or at the very least influence of Satan, and as such it had become anti-God or anti-Christ.

# Prophecy Fulfilled

## Jesus, Son of King David

*And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, “How say the scribes that Christ is the son of David? For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, “The Lord said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool. **Mark 12:35-36***

Jesus is asking a question. The Temple Scribes were calling Jesus the son of King David, in that he was a blood descendant of the great king. But Jesus gives a quote that King David had made concerning the Messiah, that the Messiah was his (David's) Lord, and that being the case, how could the Messiah be the son of David?

To give better understanding let me reword the above that David spoke. The Lord, (God Almighty) said to my Lord, (the Son of God, the Messiah), “Sit thou on my right hand.” You see, God the Father is inviting, God the Son to sit on his right hand side. This is a place of honor and authority, yet authority derived from God, not of himself.

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*The Lord said unto my Lord, “Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.*

### **Psalm 110:1**

*David therefore himself calleth him (Jesus) Lord; and whence is he then his son?” And the common people heard him gladly. **Mark 12:37***

Because King David refers to the Messiah as his Lord, who sits on the right hand of God, then how can Jesus, who the people who have come to believe is the Messiah, be the son of David? In this, Jesus is professing that he is the Son of God, the Messiah.

**Remember:** Jesus was not conceived from the seed of a man, but was conceived in the womb of Mary by the hand of God. It is this that makes Jesus the Son of God. As such, Jesus is not a blood descendant of Joseph his adoptive father. Joseph was a blood descendant of David, which is what made Jesus to be called son of David.

It is also true that Mary was a blood descendant of David, and as such does make Jesus descendant from David, but in the Jewish tradition, lineage of birth is not considered through the mother but through the father only.

## The Conspiracy

*And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all thee sayings, he said unto his disciples, “Ye know that after two days is the feast of the Passover, and the Son of Man is betrayed to be crucified.*

### **Matthew 26:1-2**

In the above two verses, Jesus is giving prophecy of his own death and the kind of death he will endure. Understand, even though Jesus is giving warning that this is to happen, for whatever reason the disciples seem to not hear or understand what Jesus is telling them.

These disciples for the most part had walked with Jesus for over three years, and had heard his words and teachings, yet they still failed to understand what Jesus was telling them in the above two verses.

*Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him. **Matthew 26:3-4***

To the Temple Elders, Jesus is a threat to their authority and to their wealth, little wonder that they would conspire to find a way to kill Jesus before he succeeded in usurping them. Even those of the Temple, who might have seen Jesus as the Messiah, put their personal standing and wealth above the Word of God.

## Not on the First day of Passover

*But they said, “Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people.” **Matthew 26:5***

As used in this verse, the “Feast Day” refers to the first day of the Passover, not to the Seventh Day of the week which would be the Sabbath Day. That which has come to be known as the Last Supper, is the meal that Jesus and the disciples kept in observance of the Passover Feast. Therefore,

the Temple Elders decide that if they are to kill Jesus it needs to be on the day after the first day of the Passover.

As we today call days of the week, this suggests to me that the Last Supper falls on a Thursday, in that Jesus is arrested Thursday night and crucified Friday morning, the day before the Sabbath Day.

## The Burial Ointment

*Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, there came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat.*

### **Matthew 26:6-7**

*But when his disciples saw it, (pouring of ointment on Jesus' head), they had indignation, saying, "To what purpose is this waste? For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor." **Matthew 26:8-9***

Even in the days of Jesus' ministry, it had become customary that any donations given to the apostles be given to the poor and the needy. This ointment represented a large amount of money which the disciples felt would have been better off sold and the money given to the needs of the poor.

*When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, "Why trouble ye the woman? She hath wrought a good work upon me. For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always, for in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial." Verily I say unto you, "Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her." **Matthew 26:10-13***

Once again Jesus warns of his death, and once again the apostles seem to not comprehend.

**Remember:** Jesus is giving himself as a sacrifice so that all Man can be cleansed of their sins. Just as the Passover Sacrificial Lamb is removed from the rest of the herd and held separate or singled out as being special, so too is this women treating Jesus as being special on the eve of his sacrifice.

# The Last Supper

*Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, and said unto them, "What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you?" And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver, and from that time he sought opportunity to betray him. **Matthew 26:14-16***

The word "Covenanted" is derived from the root word "Covent," which means to make a contract. These above verses therefore tell of a contract that is made between the Chief priests and Judas Iscariot for the purpose of arresting Jesus.

*Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread (Passover) the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, "Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the Passover? And he said, "Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, "My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at thy house with my disciples." And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the Passover. **Matthew 26:17-19***

For those who are unaware, the Passover lasts for Seven Days, March 14<sup>th</sup> at sundown through March 21<sup>st</sup> at sundown, so it is on the first day of this annual observance that the disciple inquire of Jesus where he wishes to observe the Passover Meal or feast.

Again Jesus speaks of his immanent death when he says, "My time is at hand," and once more his apostles fail to hear or comprehend what he is telling them.

*Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve. And as they eat, he said, "Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me." And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, "Lord, is it I?" **Matthew 26:20-22***

Even though the twelve understand that one of them will betray Jesus, I don't see them as being aware of the full consequences of that betrayal.

*And he answered and said, "He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me. The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It had been good for that man if he had not been born." **Matthew 26:23-24***

# Prophecies Fulfilled

## The Messiah Betrayed

*Circa 1023 BC*

*Yea, Mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me. But thou, O Lord, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them.*

### **Psalms 41:9-10**

The word “**Requite**,” is defined as, to pay something back that has done a kindness or hurt to you. In this reference, Jesus is not asking that he be allowed to vengeance upon the one who will betray him, but that he is given the opportunity to repay the others of his disciples for their kindness to him.

The reference to the “**Lifted up his Heel**” is a reference to the following prophetic verse, spoken to Satan by God in the Garden of Eden. To lift up his heel is to graphically reveal Satan’s intent on stomping down on Jesus.

## Satan Bruises Christ’s Heel

*And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. **Genesis 3:15***

The **woman** being spoken of in the above verse is not Eve, as most of you may think; it is a reference to the following verse.

*And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: and she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. **Revelation 12:1-2***

In this verse from the Book of Revelation, the woman is a symbolism of the Teachings of Jesus Christ and God’s Holy Gospel, and the child that is waiting to be born is the Church of Christ, which is founded upon the Teachings of Jesus and the Ten Commandments.

Satan will injure the Christ Jesus, and in turn Christ will injure the heel of Satan.

*Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, "Master, is it I?" He said unto him, "Thou hast said." **Matthew 26:25***

In this verse, Judas is asking Jesus if Jesus knows that it is he who will betray him, and Jesus answers, yes.

## The New Passover

*And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. **Matthew 26:26-29***

In the above, Jesus is establishing symbolic meanings for the bread and the wine.

**The bread** is symbolic for the body, but not the body of the Man Jesus, but for the **body of the Church of Jesus**, which is the foundation of the Church of Christ, the Teachings of Jesus and the Ten Commandments.

**The wine** is symbolic of the blood, but again not the blood of the Man Jesus, but of the **blood of the Church of Christ** and all those who will die in the name of Jesus and God's Holy Gospel.

In this demonstration of the Breaking of the Bread, Jesus is establishing the New Covenant and the New Passover with all those who will follow in the Teachings of Jesus Christ.

I have never been a church goer, and even now that I have been shown God's True Word, I haven't been able to find a church that preaches God's True Word, as such I have little or no knowledge as to whether any Christian Churches observe the Passover as Jesus has just demonstrated. It is my understanding that Christians do not observe any form of Passover, they considering the observation a requirement of the Second Covenant between the Nation of Israel and God.

You should know however, just as God still required the circumcision of the foreskin of those of the faith as practiced by Abraham and his descendants, (the First Covenant), of those who God gave the Ten Commandments to, (the Second Covenant), so too is the Passover required of those who are **Israelites** as Jesus has defined as: **those who keep the Commandments of God and have the Testimony of Jesus Christ**, (the Third Covenant).

The only difference being that those of the New Covenant are to have their hearts circumcised not their foreskin, and the New Passover does not require the sacrifice of animals, but the Breaking of Bread and the drinking of wine, as taught by Jesus in the Last Supper.

## Mount of Olives

*And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives. Then Jesus said unto them, "All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee."* **Matthew 26:30-32**

Again, Jesus gives prophecy of thing soon to happen. To be "Offended" is to give denial or rejection. What Jesus is saying, is that those present, his disciples, will deny knowing Jesus this very night.

The words that are written that Jesus gives quote to: "I will smite the shepherd," refers to Jesus or Christ being the shepherd of the flock of those converted to the Teachings of Christ.

The flock shall be scattered abroad, is a prophecy that those who are the converts of Christ, will be forced to flee for their lives, because of the upcoming persecutions of the Temple Elders.

Then Jesus instructs them, that after his death they should make their way to Galilee, for after he has risen from death, he will meet them there. This is once again a prophecy, but this time, it is of the resurrection unto life of Jesus Christ.

It appears once more to me, based upon the events shortly to follow, that his disciple, even now do not understand that Jesus is foretelling his death and resurrection.

## Prophecy Fulfilled

## Death of the Messiah

*Circa 487 BC*

*Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the Lord of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.* **Zechariah 13:7**

As you can see, once again, that which Jesus is giving prophecy of, has already been written in the Holy Scripture, as is evidenced in the verse above. This once again reveals to me that only Jesus fulfills the ancient prophecies concerning the Messiah, which further tells me that only Jesus fulfills all of the prophecies of the Messiah and must therefore be the Messiah.

## Peter's Denial

*Peter answered and said unto him, "Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended." Jesus said unto him, "Verily I say unto thee, that this night before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice."* **Matthew 26:33-34**

*Peter said unto him, "Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee," likewise also said all the disciples.* **Matthew 26:35**

As I said, they do not understand. God gave to Zechariah, nearly 500 years earlier, prophecy of events that would happen, even so, the disciple of Jesus think that they can circumvent that prophecy. Such is their lack of understanding. That which is spoken by God is unchangeable. God says that it is a sin to engage in Adultery or Fornication. This is the Word of God, and it will never change. To believe that to engage in these things is not a sin reveals your blindness caused by Satan's lies. To think that you can change that which God has said will happen, is to not understand who God is.

## Jesus Worships the Father

*Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, "Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder." And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, (James and John) and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.* **Matthew 26:36-37**

Jesus therefore took with him as companions while he prayed, only three of the twelve, Peter, John and James, the names of which are verified in **Mark 1:19**.

*Then saith he unto them, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me." And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, "O my Father, if*

*it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.” **Matthew 26:38-39***

*And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, “What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” **Matthew 26:40-41***

*He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, “O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.” And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. **Matthew 26:42-43***

I want that those reading these words fully understand the significance of these verses. Jesus is the Christ, the Christ is the essence of God, yet Jesus is not God the Father, it is for this reason that the Son of God still prays to the Father. If Jesus, sees God the Father, as the almighty, then so too should we who profess to follow the Teachings of Jesus Christ.

## The Betrayal

*Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, “Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going: behold he is at hand that doth betray me.” **Matthew 26:45-46***

In these two verses Jesus shows that he is aware that Judas and the Temple guards is upon them, even before Judas and those from the Temple make their presence known.

*And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. **Matthew 26:47***

*Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, “Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast.” And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, “Hail, master;” and kissed him. And Jesus said unto him, “Friend, wherefore art thou come?” Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him. **Matthew 26:48-50***

*And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest’s, and smote off his ear. Then said Jesus unto him, “Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I*

*cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?”* **Matthew 26:51-54**

In the above Jesus gives understanding that as the Son of God, he could free himself from those who would do him harm, but if he did that, then the prophecies of the death of the Messiah could not be fulfilled, and as I showed before, the Word of God cannot be changed.

*In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, “Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me. But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.* **Matthew 26:55-56**

Jesus questions those of the Temple why they felt the need of coming for him with weapons in hand. Then he shows them, that in doing so, they are fulfilling an ancient prophecy.

## Caiaphas the High Priest

*And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest’s palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.* **Matthew 26:57-58**

*Now the chief priest, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; but found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, and said, “This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.”* **Matthew 26:59-61**

In truth, Jesus did say this, but not exactly as the witness remembers.

*We heard him say, “I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.* **Mark 14:58**

If you look at the words spoken by the witness, you will see that his recollection and therefore his understanding of what Jesus actually said are quite different.

The key difference is in the following words: **made with hands, made without hands**. You see, Jesus was giving premonition that the **Temple of stone and mortar**, built by the hand of Man, would be

destroyed, which it was in 70 AD, and that the Temple *not made with hands*, is the worship of God as taught to us by Jesus. Jesus is that Temple, when he died on the cross, three days later he rose from the dead. Therefore, Jesus did not lie or exaggerate; he was giving prophecy of his death and resurrection as well as the destruction of the Temple.

## Is Jesus the Messiah?

*And the high priest arose, and said unto him, "Answerest thou nothing? What is it which these witness against thee?" But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, "I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God." **Matthew 26:62-63***

## Jesus' Response, the Book of Matthew

Because this high priest elicits an oath towards the Living God, Jesus must give answer.

*Jesus saith unto him, "Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven." **Matthew 26:64***

In this response, Jesus does admit to being the Son of God and God's right hand of power. To the Temple Elders this is Blasphemy.

## Jesus' Response, the Book of Mark

*And Jesus said, "I am: and ye shall see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of Heaven." **Mark 14:62***

## Jesus' Response, the Book of Luke

*Art thou the Christ? Tell us. And he (Jesus) said unto them, "If I tell you, ye will not believe: and if I also ask you, ye will not answer me, nor let me go. Hereafter shall the Son of Man sit on the right hand of the power of God." **Luke 22:67***

As you can see, of the three, there are slight differences, but the essence is still the same. Jesus is indeed admitting to being the Messiah, the Son of God.

# Prophecy Fulfilled

## Declaring yourself God

*Circa 1491 BC*

*And he that blasphemeth the name of the Lord, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of the Lord, shall be put to death. **Leviticus 24:16***

If I were to say that I was the Son of God, I would be lying, which means that I would be blaspheming the name of the Lord. All the prophecies concerning the Messiah reveal, to my complete acceptance, that Jesus is the Messiah, therefore, when he said that he was the Son of God, was he blaspheming the name of God, or was he being truthful?

As the Book of Mark above suggests, the High Priests do not want to believe, and therefore declare that he has blasphemed God. This is a high crime in the days of Jesus, and is punishable by death, which is what the High Priests wanted Jesus to condemn himself with, so as to give them the excuse of having him put to death.

I see these priests as being strongly influenced by or controlled by the spirit of the anti-Christ, which is Satan's power in the world of Man. Ultimately, it is Satan who brought about the death of Jesus; all others were but his pawns.

*Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, "He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? Behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. What think ye?" They answered and said, "He is guilty of death." **Matthew 26:65-66***

*Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands, saying, "Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?" **Matthew 26:67-68***

## Peter Denys Jesus

*Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, "Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee." But he denied before them all, saying, "I know not what thou sayest." **Matthew 26:69-70***

*And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there, "This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth." And again he denied with an oath, "I do not know the man." **Matthew 26:71-72***

*And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, "Surely thou also are one of them; for thy speech betrayeth thee." Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, "I know not the man," and immediately the cock crew. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, "Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly. **Matthew 26:73-75***

And so, as Jesus had predicted, Peter denied Jesus three times that night before the cock crowed. I admit that if you are a good observer of Human character, you might be able to predict that someone might deny you under extreme circumstances, however, to be able to predict that he would do so three times, before the Cock would crow, lies in the realm of God, not of Man. This then is yet another of those things written in the Bible that convince me that Jesus is the Messiah.

## Pilate the Roman Governor

*When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: and when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor. **Matthew 27:1-2***

## The field of Blood

*Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I*

*have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, "What is that to us? See thou to that."* **Matthew 27:3-4**

*And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, "It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, "The field of blood," unto this day.* **Matthew 27:5-8**

## Prophecy Fulfilled

*Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me."* **Matthew 27:9-10**

## Thirty Pieces of Silver

In the above verses, the Prophet Jeremy is mentioned. At first I thought this to be Jeremiah, but when I went to that Book to find what chapter and verse this was to be found in, I could not find it. As I continued my search, I did find it foretold in the Book of Zechariah, which I give you below. I can only assume that Jeremy is Zechariah first name, or that Matthew got it wrong, in his recollection of this prophecy.

Circa 487 BC

*And I said unto them, "If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighted for my price thirty pieces of silver. And the Lord said unto me, "Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was priced at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord.* **Zechariah 11:12-13**

As you can see, this prophecy given nearly 500 years earlier, concerning the Messiah, was fulfilled by Jesus. In my mind, this and so many other prophecies foretelling the Messiah, all point to Jesus and no other. Jesus is the Messiah, and therefore is the Son of God.

# The Trial of Jesus

*And they began to accuse him, saying, “We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King. **Luke 23:2***

*And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying: “Art thou the King of the Jews?” And Jesus said unto him, “Thou sayest.” And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. **Matthew 27:11-12***

*Then said Pilate unto him, “Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?” And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marveled greatly. **Matthew 27:13-14***

## Prophecy Fulfilled

### Jesus refrains from speaking

*Circa 712 BC*

*He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? For he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.” **Isaiah 53:7-8***

## I find no fault

*Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, “**I find no fault in this man.**” **Luke 23:4***

The Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, knew that the High Priests brought Jesus to him for execution because they wanted the death to be of Rome and not of themselves. If the people were to get angry over his death, let their anger be directed against Rome.

## An Offer of Pardon

*Now at the feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. And they had then a notable (notorious) prisoner, called Barabbas. Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, "Whom will ye that I release unto you, Barabbas or Jesus which is called Christ?" for he knew that for envy they had delivered him. **Matthew 27:15-18***

The words, "for he knew that for envy they delivered him," relates to the fact that like all of the people of Israel, they resented the authority that the Roman Empire had over them. In times past, if the High priests condemned someone, they would simply order them executed. With Rome as the over Lord, they resented and envied their need to have to get approval from the Roman Governor.

## A Wife's Warning

*When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, "Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. **Matthew 27:19***

As you can see, even the wife of the Governor knew Jesus to be innocent, and advised her husband to not do anything that would make him guilty of Jesus' death. I have found nothing in the Bible to explain this, but it is possible that she had listened in while Jesus once spoke to the multitude, or perhaps, as the words of the verse tell us, she had dreams, given to her by God, that warned her of Jesus' innocence. In my long study of the Bible, I have come to accept the words written as being the Word of God, and as such I accept that it is through visions given to her by God that she knew of Jesus' innocence.

## Condemned by the Jews

*The governor answered and said unto them, "Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you?" They said, "Barabbas." The governor said unto them, "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?" They all say unto him, "Let him be crucified." And the governor said, "Why, what evil hath he done?" But they cried out the more, saying, "Let him be crucified." **Matthew 27:20-23***

In the above it is shown the lengths that Pontius Pilate went to, in order to prevent his having to sentence Jesus to death.

## I Wash my hands

*When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it."* **Matthew 27:24**

In this act of washing his hands, Pontius Pilate put the guilt for the execution back upon the High Priests and the people of Israel. I am not sure how God looks at this, but because I know these words written are truth, then I give prayer that God looks at Pontius Pilate, on Judgment Day, without the execution of Jesus as being a negative in his ledger of life.

## The Scourging of Jesus

*Then answered all the people, and said, "His blood be on us, and on our children." Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourge Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.*

**Matthew 27:25-26**

This above verse shows that even though the High Priests attempted to remove the blame of having Jesus crucified, the people present who voted for Barabbas, accepted full blame, leaving Pontius Pilate innocent of the death of Jesus.

*Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"* **Matthew 27:27-29**

*And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.* **Matthew 27:30-31**

## Death Procession

*And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross. And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, they gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink.*

**Matthew 27:32-34**

When your body is subjected to any kind of trauma, such as the beating and whipping that Jesus endured, you need to drink water, because your body becomes dehydrated. Not wanting Jesus to recover from the beating, the Roman soldiers instead gave him vinegar to drink, which will cause the body to dehydrate even faster.

## End of Days Prophecy

*And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning unto them said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children, for, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck, then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?”* **Luke 23:27-31**

Even in his pain and suffering, Jesus gives prophecy of the End of Days as is also given in the **Book of Revelation 6:15-16.**

## The Two Crucified with Jesus

*And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death. And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.* **Luke 23:32-33**

*Then said Jesus, “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.” And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.* **Luke 23:34**

*And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew, “THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.”* **Luke 24:38**

*And one of the Malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, "If thou be Christ, save thyself and us." But the other answering rebuked him, saying, "Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou are in the some condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss." **Luke 24:40-41***

## Repentance and Forgiveness

*And he said unto Jesus, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." And Jesus said unto him. "Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise." **Luke 24:42-43***

I have been told by some that what Jesus is saying is that this criminal who admits to his guilt, will on that very day enter paradise with Jesus. In a way I can see how this sounds right, but then the same person who told me this used this as a proof that when we die the mortal death, we still continue on, in the spirit if not in the flesh.

Jesus has made it clear in other teachings that when we die, there is no memory, or consciousness, no awareness at all. Therefore, to use this to refute what Jesus already taught is to add to the Word of God that which God did not speak. If you look at it, when we are resurrected, it will seem like no time at all passed by to us. As far as this criminal is aware, it will be the same day.

You could also think of it like this, because this criminal repented his sins and asked for forgiveness, that on that day he has done so, he has gained entry into paradise. Had he not repented, then he would have fallen short of paradise.

What this verse is showing us, that I see as being the correct interpretation, is even those of us who have sinned all our lives, can be saved if we repent our sins, and ask God to forgive us. That is exactly what this criminal is doing. He has admitted to his crimes, which is a form of repentance, and then asked that Jesus remember him when Jesus comes into his kingdom. This reflects this criminal's belief that Jesus is in fact the Messiah, and that he is God in the flesh of a man. It is because of this belief and act of repentance, that Jesus thus forgives him. That is the lesson which I believe these verses are attempting to teach us.

## They Cast Lots

*And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, “They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.”*

**Matthew 27:35**

## Games of Chance

This is the only place in the Bible, that I have found which gives suggestion concerning games of chance. Even though this is being shown in a bad light, it is not condemned by God, and it is for that reason, to engage in games of chance as entertainment, I do not see as being a sin.

Anything, however, that is done to the extreme is bad, for then you lose control of yourself, and thus let evil into your heart. It is the obsession or the addiction which is evil, be it gambling, alcohol, or drugs.

*Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: not the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said therefore among themselves, “Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be:” that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, “They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots.” These things therefore the soldiers did. **John 19:23-24***

## Prophecy Fulfilled

### They Cast Lots

*Circa 1018 BC*

*For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me. They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. But be not thou far from me, O Lord: O my strength, haste thee to help me. **Psalms 22:16-19***

## They Reviled Jesus

*And sitting down they watched him there; and set up over his head his accusation written, “This is Jesus the King of the Jews.” Then there were two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left, and they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, and saying, “Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.”* **Matthew 27:36-40**

*Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, “He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.”* **Matthew 27:41-43**

What these verses are attempting to show, is that the people of Jerusalem rejected Jesus as the Messiah. In the prophecy from the Book of Daniel, the Nation of Israel was given 70 prophetic weeks or 490 years to right themselves with the Ways of God. In these verses, God is showing us, that it isn't just the High Priest and other Temple people that have rejected Jesus, but the whole population. In this way, the people show that they have failed to make themselves one with God, and therefore justify God voiding the Covenant that God had with Moses and the Nation of Israel.

The people of the Nation of Israel gave lip service to being children of God, but they rejected his Commandments and rejected the Messiah, even after Jesus had given ample proof that he was the Messiah.

## The Temple Veil is torn

*Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, la ma sa bach tha ni? That is to say, “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”* **Matthew 27:45-46**

*And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.* **Luke 24:44-45**

Understand the importance of the words: the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom. The veil of the temple was the huge curtain that separated the Holy Place of the Lords

Tabernacle from the Holy of Holies, which is where the Mercy Seat and the Ark of the Covenant was meant to be placed.

Understand that this doorway and therefore the veil, (curtain), was very long and stood extremely high in the temple. God is telling us that it is torn from the top down, not from the bottom up. Other than using some kind of ladder or scaffolding, a man could not have accomplished the veil being torn in this manner. A man would tear it from the bottom up. This is to point out that it was God, in his anger, which tore the Curtin to show that the covenant he had with the Nation of Israel, was all but voided. The Holy of Holies was the room of the Temple where the Ark of the Covenant was placed, and it represented the spirit of God being within the room. By tearing the veil, God was symbolically showing that he had left the temple and therefore had removed his grace from the Nation of Israel.

Even though those at the site of the crucifixion did not themselves see the torn vail, no doubt that someone having been in the Temple who witnessed this, ran to tell the Temple Elders and the others at the site of Jesus' death.

## The Dead Leave their Graves

*And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his, (Jesus'), resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. **Matthew 27:51-53***

## The Graves were opened

*And the graves were opened,* is something that I have never heard mentioned in any Church that I have attended. It is like the subject is taboo, and not to be spoken of. This is profound to me however. These words tell me that it was not just Jesus who was resurrected, but many others of the Saints of God, were resurrected from their graves at the same time Jesus died. Can you imagine having a loved one or yours who was dead and buried suddenly approach you on the street?

I have found nowhere in the Bible where it tells what happens with these who rise from the dead, but I can only assume that they are taken up into heaven as is Jesus. Does this sound a lot to you like the Rapture that is prophesied to happen in the End of Day? This resurrection of the Saints of God occurs on the same day that Jesus rises from the dead in the City of Jerusalem.

## Those Present also Saw

*Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earth quake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, “Truly this was the Son of God.”* **Matthew 27:54**

Now I understand what this verse is referring to when it speaks of **those things that were done**, and why they were fearful afterward, talk about the Day of the Walking Dead.

*After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, “I thirst.” Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **“It is finished:”** and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.* **John 19:28-30**

*And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, “Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:” and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.* **Luke 23:46**

*Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, “Certainly this was a righteous man.” And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned.* **Luke 24:47-48**

To “**smote their breasts**” is to say that they had finally understood the evil thing that they had done, and perhaps some might have repented their part in condemning Jesus as well.

## Prophecy Fulfilled

### Vinegar to Drink

*They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.* **Psalms 69:21**

## Jesus is Buried

*The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, (day, or Friday), that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath Day, for that Sabbath Day was an high day, besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. **John 19:31***

*Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him, (Jesus). But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. **John 19:32-35***

*For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, “A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, “They shall look on him whom they pierced.” **John 19:36-37***

## Prophecy Fulfilled

### No Bones Broken

*He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken. **Psalms 34:20***

## Joseph of Arimathaea

*And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree: His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged is accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance. **Deuteronomy 21:22-23***

It is for this reason why even the criminals executed for their crimes, by hanging them on a tree, must be buried before the Sun goes down on the same day they are executed.

*When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body*

*to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulcher, and departed. **Matthew 27:57-60***

*There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulcher was nigh at hand. **John 19:42***

*And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath. **Mark 15:42***

*And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulcher.*

**Matthew 27:61**

## Dressed in Fine Linen

*And he (Joseph) bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in a sepulcher which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulcher. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses beheld where he was laid. **Mark 15:46-47***

*Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. **John 19:40***

*And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulcher, and how his body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment. **Luke 23:55-56***

The commandment being spoken of here is the Fourth Commandment, and the true and correct keeping of the Lords Holy Sabbath. These women did what they could to prepare the body of Jesus for burial, but as the day was almost at an end, they had to leave from finishing their work, and returned to the dwelling for the night.

## A Guard is Set

*Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, (the Sabbath Day) the chief priest and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying, "Sir, we remember that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulcher be made sure until the*

*third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.”* **Matthew 27:62-64**

*Pilate said unto them, “Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can.” So they went, and made the sepulcher sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.* **Matthew 27:65-66**

So you will understand; Jesus was crucified on the Sixth Day of the week, what we call Friday. The Chief Priest and the Pharisees came together on the next day after the crucifixion, or Saturday. Together, they conspired to have the tomb of Jesus guarded, so that his body would not come up missing.

It is my understanding of the observance of the Sabbath, that these Priest and Pharisees committed sin in engaging in this kind of activity during the hours of the Sabbath, which only show just how far away from God that they in fact were.

## Resurrection of Jesus

*The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulcher, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulcher.* **John 20:1**

**Remember:** Jesus was crucified on the Sixth Day of the week, or Friday, then on the following day, or Saturday, the High Priest of the Temple conspires to have Jesus’ tomb guarded.

Now as this above verse tells us, it is the First Day of the week, or Sunday, and one of the women who had begun to prepare Jesus’ body for burial, Mary Magdalene, returns to the tomb to complete the burial preparations. When she gets there, it is early in the morning and still dark outside, the Sun having not yet risen high enough to end the dark of night, and behold, the stone that covered the entrance to the tomb has been moved away.

## An Empty Tomb

*Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulcher, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain other with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher.* **Luke 24:1-2**

Jesus was crucified on the day of the Preparation Day, which is the sixth day of the week, or what we call Friday. Jesus remained in death through the Seventh Day of the week, and was resurrected on the First Day of the new week or Sunday, the above two verses reveals this information to us.

**Remember:** As observed by God, a new day begins at sundown, so when Mary Magdalene arrives early in the morning, it is already the First Day of the week.

You might ask, “Why am I pointing this out?” I want that you understand that Jesus was in observance of the Lords Sabbath, by not being resurrected on the Seventh Day. I want you to understand that Jesus gave true and correct observance of God’s Holy Sabbath, as should anyone who professes to be a Christian. In death, Jesus still gave honor to God’s Holy Sabbath so God waited until the following day, Sunday to resurrect his son.

*Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulcher, and we know not where they have laid him.”* **John 20:2**

As I have pointed out before, even though the apostles walked with Jesus for over three years, Mary Magdalene included, they still did not understand, not even Mary Magdalene, when Jesus told them he would resurrect from the dead after three days. This is amazing to me, because they all saw Jesus raise others from the dead, so why didn’t they believe Jesus when he told them that he would not be subject to death?

*Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulcher. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulcher. And he stooping down and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.* **John 20:3-5**

*Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulcher, and seeth the linen clothes lie, and the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.* **John 20:6-7**

*Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulcher, and he saw, and believed.* **John 6:8**

With the body of Jesus missing, they finally understood and believed that which Jesus had told them. Whereas before they professed to believe Jesus to be the Messiah and the Son of God, now with this, they knew with surety and without question, that Jesus is God in the flesh of a man.

The Book of Luke gives more of a graphic depiction of this scene.

*And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they (the angels) said unto them, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, saying, "The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again." And they remembered his words, and returned from the sepulcher, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest. **Luke 24:3-9***

*For as yet they knew not the scripture, which he must raise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again unto their own home. **John 6:8-10***

## Prophecy Fulfilled

### Rise from the dead after three days

*Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope, for thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. **Psalms 16:9-10***

This is yet another prophecy concerning the Messiah which only Jesus has fulfilled.

## Mary Magdalene

*But Mary stood without at the sepulcher weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulcher, and seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. **John 20:11-12***

These two verses don't tell us so, but I suggest that Mary Magdalene arrives back at the sepulcher after Peter and that other disciple have already left. Distaught, and not yet understanding the truth behind the missing body of Jesus, she sits down by the entrance to the tomb and weeps.

Again, the verses don't say so, but I again suggest that while sitting there, Mary heard something in the tomb, and that is why she turns to look inside and sees, not Peter or the other disciple, but those that she perceives to be two angels, I suggest the same two angels that Peter and the other disciple saw.

*And they say unto her, "Woman, why weepest thou?" She saith unto them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him." **John 20:13***

This verse thus gives support to the fact that as of this time, Mary Magdalene, is still ignorant of Jesus having risen from the dead.

*And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. **John 20:14***

The angels have told Mary that Jesus has risen, but she still cannot believe this. Then Jesus appears in the tomb with Mary, and even though Mary and Jesus had been close, as were all the twelve apostles, she even so did not recognize Jesus when she saw him there.

*Jesus saith unto her, "Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou?" She supposing him to be the gardener saith unto him, "Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away." **John 20:15***

This verse tells me, that Mary did not recognize the angels to be angels. Such is the depth of her inability to see that Jesus was God in the flesh of a man.

*Jesus saith unto her, "Mary." She turned herself, and saith unto him, "Rabboni;" which is to say, "Master." **John 20:16***

Finally, Mary recognizes Jesus for who he is, and the truth of Jesus' resurrection becomes manifest in her.

*Jesus saith unto her, "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God." **John 20:17***

In this verse, Mary Magdalene is the first to see the resurrected Jesus, even before any of the apostles. I see this as showing how important Jesus considered Mary to be to him. In time, the Church of Rome will attempt to portray Mary Magdalene as a harlot, but that is a lie, which is born out in a study of all scripture that relates to her.

## The Soldiers are Bribed

*Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the thing that were done. And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, saying, "Say ye, his disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day. **Matthew 28:11-15***

If a soldier is found sleeping at his watch, he can be put to death, so important is it when they are on guard duty they stay awake and guard. In the above verse, when the Temple Elders are told that Jesus' body is missing, they assume that the guards fell asleep, thus allowing the disciples of Jesus to remove his body. The guard's swore that they did not fall asleep, but had no other explanation for the missing body. These same Temple Elders bribed the guards to admit that they had fallen to sleep, so as to dissuade anyone from accepting and believing that Jesus had in fact risen from the dead.

## Resurrected Jesus Appears

### Two of Them See Jesus

*And, behold, two of them, (the disciples of Jesus), went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. **Luke 24:13-15***

It doesn't tell us which of the disciple these are or if either of them are one of the apostles, but it is obvious to me by the words used; that they left Jerusalem after they had found out that the body of Jesus was missing. It is also possible that they had heard that the body was missing because others had said Jesus had risen from the dead.

*But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. And he said unto them, "What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?" **Luke 24:16-17***

*And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, “Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not know the things which are come to pass there in these days?”* **Luke 24:18**

*And he said unto them, “What things?” And they said unto him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done.”* **Luke 24:19-21**

*Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulcher; and when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive. And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulcher, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.* **Luke 24:22-24**

*Then he (Jesus) said unto them, “O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory, and beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying “Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.* **Luke 24:25-29**

*And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another “Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?”* **Luke 24:30-32**

It has been argued by others that the phrase “**Breaking of Bread**” was to indicate a special occasion or a holy meal, but as you can see in this verse, these people are only sitting down to have a meal at the end of a day, yet Jesus is shown as Breaking the Bread. This tells me that this phrase applies to any time you sit and have a meal, and not only to special or holy occasions.

*And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, saying, “The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.” And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.* **Luke 24:33-35**

These verses serve one purpose, to show all who read them that not only do the apostles give evidence of the resurrection of Jesus, but so do others of Jesus' disciples attest to having seen him raised from the dead.

## Jesus Appears to the Apostles

*Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, "Peace be unto you." **John 20:19***

**Take Note:** This scene is taking place on the same day that they found the body gone, (Sunday), but later in the evening, but before sundown.

*And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, "Peace be unto you." **Luke 24:36***

*But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, "Why are ye troubled? And why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have."*

**Luke 24:37-39**

These verses once more show the disbelief that the apostles had concerning Jesus rising from the dead. Seeing their disbelief, Jesus offers that they touch his hand and feet where the nails had pierced his skin, to proof himself to be Jesus in the flesh, raised from the dead.

This is once more a curiosity to me, these same apostles saw Jesus raise others from the Dead, and it is also understood that at least one of these same also achieved raising someone from the dead, then why are they so unnerved by seeing Jesus before them after he told them that he would rise from the dead.

Because I believe, through all that God has shown me, I believe, yet, these apostles had Jesus in the flesh to teach them what I have only had in spirit and visions. I believe, yet they do seem to be finding it hard to believe, a curiosity for sure.

*And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, "Have ye here any meat?" **Luke 24:40-41***

*And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them. **Luke 24:42-43***

*And he said unto them, “These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.” **Luke 24:44***

*Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, and said unto them, “Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.” **Luke 24:45-47***

In these above verses, Jesus is making known to the apostles and to us who read these words that the reason God sent Jesus to live among us in the flesh of a man, was to announce to all that repentance and remission of sins was possible, where such was not possible under only the Law as given to Moses. Only in the Death of Jesus does redemption and salvation hold a possibility.

## Touched by the Holy Ghost

*And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endured with power from on high. **Luke 24:48-49***

## Absolution of Sins

*Then said Jesus to them again, “Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, “Receive ye the Holy Ghost: whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained.” **John 20:21-23***

It has been my understanding that only God-Jesus can absolve sins, yet this verse is telling us that Jesus gave allowance that his apostles could also remit sins. The question I have is does that apply to all of the apostles of Christ throughout the generations since Christ?

I consider myself to be an apostle of Christ, yet I would never be comfortable telling someone that their sins are forgiven them, simply because I could not possibly know with any certainty, what sins they are guilty of or if in fact they have repented having committed them.

I would prefer that God make that determination himself, I am not worthy to do so, even with Jesus' blessings.

*And he (Jesus) led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen. **Luke 24:50-53***

## Doubting Thomas

*But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said unto them, "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe." **John 20:24-25***

*And After eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace be unto you." **John 20:26***

*Then saith he to Thomas, "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing." And Thomas answered and said unto him, "My Lord and my God." **John 20:27-28***

*Jesus saith unto him, "Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." **John 20:29***

## Through Jesus Salvation

*And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciple, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. **John 20:30-31***

With the resurrection of Jesus, Man now has it in his power to know salvation unto God. There are two parts to achieving salvation.

**First**, you must be "**Righteous**" which is defined as those who keep the Commandments of God and live their lives in the morality as taught by Jesus.

**Second**, you must have the **Testimony of Jesus Christ**, which also has two parts.

1. You must believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, God in the flesh of a man:
2. You must also live within the parameters of moral conduct as taught by Jesus.

Even though the Jews, for the most part, keep the Ten Commandments, they reject Jesus, and therefore are not worthy of salvation as defined by God.

The Muslims profess to give worship to the God of Abraham, but because they reject the Ten Commandments and the Teachings of Jesus, they too are not worthy of salvation.

Those who think of themselves as Christian, give lip service to being followers of Christ, but most reject the Ten Commandments as being necessary, and because of that they observe the Sabbath on the First Day of the week in direct opposition to the Fourth Commandment and that which God tells us in the Book of Genesis Chapter 2, as to what the correct day of the Sabbath is on.