

The Unmistakable Evidence

55 Infallible Proofs that Jesus Christ is the Promised Messiah

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*I dedicate this work to my Saviour Jesus Christ of Nazareth,
through whose guidance am able to come this far.*

Thank you Jesus.

*I also dedicate same to my children Daniella, Yajel, Valentina
and Aaron.*

*Finally to all those who acknowledge Jesus Christ of Nazareth
as the Lord and Saviour of the world, I dedicate this piece of
work.*

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Preface

I bring you greetings from this ministry where we

acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth as our Saviour. Are you a believer in the Holy Bible? If your response is **yes**, then I thank God for believing in His gospel. If your response is **no**, then I would like to introduce the Holy Bible to you as the inspired word of the Omniscient, Omnipotent, and Omnipresent God. It is the holy book to believe because throughout the ages, it has suffered persecution the most, yet it survived. God must keep His words and promises with His people, so that “...whosoever believes should not perish but have everlasting life” (**John 3:16**). Amen.

The Holy Bible ought to be believed, especially the New Testament because Gamaliel, an honoured member of the Jewish Sanhedrin Council once upon a time, advised his colleagues not to bother Jesus and his followers because if his works were not of God, it will come to nought, just like those of Theudas and Judas of Galilee (**Acts 5: 34-39**). However, because the words and works of Jesus are of God, they have survived till date.

Based on the Bible teachings, the Christian is expected to understand the plan of God towards man while on earth and in eternity. This knowledge will help the believer to remain focused in spite of the presence and influence of an enemy

called the Devil. As part of God's plan to safeguard man from the evil attacks of the Devil, He sent His only begotten Son to atone for our sins, and to save us from the adversary. Therefore, humanity has no choice than to seek protection from Jesus, for the Lord made provision for us saying, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (**Mathew 11:28**).

Believing in Christ Jesus especially in this 21st Century is very critical. But many disbelieve in this supernatural deity and often turn to the Devil. In recent times, the battle to win man into a kingdom has intensified between Jesus and Satan. The humans are daily bombarded with radio and TV advertisements of 'Juju/Vudu' powers or occult sources of financial breakthroughs. The need to prevent these agents of the Devil from stealing souls from Christ should now be considered paramount by workers for Christ Jesus than ever.

It is in the light of the above that this work has been prepared to win fresh souls for Christ, strengthen the faith of the beginner in Christ, and to affirm the faith of those determined to hook unto Christ till death. I believe that those who are elected to be part of the Kingdom of God will submit to the influence of the Holy Spirit and gladly come to Jesus by accepting him as their Lord and Saviour; learn of him in

order to immune themselves against the evil tricks of the Devil. Amen.

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Part 1

Chapter One

The Beginning

Beloved, I bring you greetings from the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, through whose mercy and kindness we continue to live in this world. I have come to you no matter your current status: whether a 'sinner' or a 'righteous' person to introduce to you the most powerful deity of the world — Jesus Christ of Nazareth. If you already know him, then I wish to draw you closer unto him so you may learn of him and affirm your faith in him only. This Jesus Christ was, is, and forevermore remains our redeemer; the only begotten of the Almighty God. Scripture tells us that an angel of God said to Apostle John, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, ...which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." said Jesus; Amen.

Before I begin to share the infallible proofs that Jesus is the promised Christ unto the world, I wish to

remind you that this Jesus Christ has unlimited love for mankind for which reason he suffered on the cross by sharing his precious blood to atone for our sins. Therefore, whosoever believes in that blood shall receive remission of sins and be accepted unto God in his kingdom. This is because Jesus is merciful unto us and qualified by God to do so.

As a Christian or one aspiring to be, you need to understand that God's original plan for man is not that which the world is currently experiencing. According to the Holy Bible, God created man in His own image; to dwell on the face of the earth (being a beautiful garden such as the Garden of Eden), to fill it, so that Himself shall be with us; providing all our needs. In fact we were to live with all kinds of animals able to use them in whichever way we wanted; have angels to serve us, have all manner of beautiful and edible shrubs and trees (including their leaves and fruits) to heal, as well as nourish our flesh. In that garden, beloved, we were to have the trees of the knowledge of good and evil (also Tree of Death)

and the Tree of Life; awaiting instructions from God regarding what their use should be (**Gen. 3:1-6; 22-24**).

But in heaven, the second in command called Lucifer (also known as Devil or Satan) desired to share the power and glory which belongs to the Most High God or Jehovah (also called Yahweh) alone. According to Scripture, Lucifer desired 'to be like Him'; to have the human race and angels worship him also. Based on this mind-set, 'iniquity was found in him' so that he was no longer qualified to remain in heaven. **Isaiah 14:13 -14** reports that Lucifer had said "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will be like the Most High." This led to a spiritual war in heaven that saw Satan and part of the angels who aligned to his wicked plan flashed out. This rebellious angels led by Lucifer eventually created their kingdom within the atmospheres in order to continue execution of the plan to draw man unto themselves rather than have him dwell on earth peacefully to serve the Most High God.

And so since then, Satan commenced his agenda by using craft and tricks to lure man unto his fake kingdom. He began by tempting Adam in the Garden of Eden, and when he found that Adam had strong presence of God's image and spirit within him and therefore could not be deceived, he waited patiently until God created a partner (a woman called Eve) for Adam. Knowing that this second creation of man has a lesser spiritual status susceptible to deception, the devil proceeded to deceive Eve to cause Adam to disobey God (**Gen. 3: 1-7**). This singular act led to several curses pronounced by God upon man, destroyed the original plan of God toward man, and parted man physically from God (**Gen. 3:12-19**).

Beloved, I want to draw your attention to the fact that there were the 'Tree of Life' and the 'Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil' (which leadeth unto Death) in the Garden of Eden but the devil chose to introduce Eve to the later because if he had introduced her to the former (i.e. Tree of Life) man will never die but will live like the angels to serve the

Most High God forever. From this perspective, humans must be constantly reminded that the devil does not wish anything good for man. Having taken notice of the devils' action toward man, God quickly safeguarded the 'Tree of Life' by protecting it with a flaming sword which moves around it so that nobody can draw closer to eat the fruits thereof and 'be like gods' (**Gen. 3:24**). This Satan continued his wicked ways by causing men to fight one another. He began by causing Cain to kill his brother Abel and was cursed by God (**Gen 4: 9-13**). Overtime, Satan created a perverse and rebellious people who constantly disobeyed God so that the whole world had to be destroyed by flood leaving only Noah and his allies; the only inhabitants of the earth who hearkened unto God by entering into the ark at the time (**Gen.7:1-23**).

Later, God called unto Himself a man whose spirit responded unto Him and who also obeyed His precepts and commandments among a perverse and rebellious people created after the flood. This man

called Abram, later re-named Abraham, was asked by God to abandon his people and immediate family, keep the covenant of God which was circumcision, and was promised to be blessed as the father of a great and mighty nation. That was not all, “...all the nations of the earth should be blessed through him” (**Gen. 17:5**).

As crafty as he is, Satan heard these promises and will not allow their fulfillment easily but continued his pursuit of man. This father of lies caused man to be disobedient and rebellious during the days of Abraham so that God had to destroy Sodom and Gomorra with hailstones and fire excluding Lot. Overtime, this demonic spirit caused the chosen people of Israel to doubt and disobey God. However, God had to keep his promise to Abraham throughout the ages (from Abraham to Isaac, to Jacob down until Israel's redemption). And so when Israel (Abraham's descendants) found themselves in a heathen land called Egypt, God brought them out with a mighty hand (**Exodus 5-13**), but not without the devils

constant pursuit to cause the people to doubt God, disobey His commandments and disregard His promises. The devil has not changed, and will never change. He ceases not to convert the human body which is the dwelling place of God to become the habitation of demons. The devil works hard to ensure that the senses, the nerves, the passions, and the organs of men are led to work by demonic agencies in the indulgence of the vilest lusts. But these the Christian must overcome through believe in Jesus Christ and the knowledge of the Word of God.

As a Christian, you must appreciate how the devil works so that you can immune yourself against his tricks. Take note that the devil always puts doubt and fear in men so that their faith in God should diminish; and when that happens, the spirit loses connectivity with God so that one can be deceived by him. He did this to Moses when God was about to send him to deliver his brethren from bondage in Egypt. Moses kept giving excuses, including the fact that he was not eloquent to appear before Pharaoh.

But he was only being manipulated by the devil through fear. He did this to Jacob so that Jacob became very afraid to return unto his brother Esau. But when Jacob reminded himself of the promise made by God unto his father Abraham, he became conscious and overcame the fear and returned to his brother(**Gen. 32:1-30**). He did it to Zacharias when he doubted God as the wonderful news of a gift of a male child who should pave the way for the coming of the messiah was announced to him (**Luke 1:12-20**). The dumb Zacharias later spoke loudly to name his son in accordance with the promise of God and that kept him conscious of God's promise and love forever.

Brethren, the devil caused the people of Israel to revolt against Moses severally during their days in the wilderness to the extent that they even created golden images of the devil and worshiped them so that God will become angry and halt the promises.

This has been the devils' nature. Once you are a descendant of Abraham, the devil will not cease to attack you to disobey God, your maker. The Scripture tells us of the intent of the devil: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion walketh about, and seeking whom he may devour" (**1 Peter 5:8**). It is therefore important that you are always conscious of this fact. Once you do, the next thing is to be able to stand against his crafts or tricks. How?

You must give your life or self to Jesus the Christ and remain under his watch and protection. To achieve this, you must immerse yourself into the knowledge of the Word of God. **Why Christ?** Because he (Jesus Christ) descended from the right-hand side of His Father (the Most High God) in heaven and graciously took upon himself the duty to atone for our sins by sharing his precious blood on the cross through a shameful death. By that death, Jesus overcame the power of the devil. That blood is so precious to God

Almighty such that whosoever believes in it (the blood of Jesus Christ) must(of surety) receive remission of sins and be accepted unto God (**Rev. 1: 5; Mathew 26:28; Acts 2:38**). **Why the need for the word of God?** Because Jesus showed us examples of how he used knowledge of the Word of God to overcome the devil when he was in the wilderness being tempted. Remember we are told “Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set thee free” (**John 8:32**).

Who then is Jesus Christ?

The word ‘Jesus’ is a Greek name which means ‘Saviour’ or ‘Salvation.’ It is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Joshua, which was originally Hoshea (**Numbers 13:8, Numbers 13:16**). Moses changed this version into Jehoshua (**Numbers 13:16, 1 Chronicles 7:27**) or Joshua. Then, after Israel’s exile to Babylon, it assumed the form ‘Jeshua’ from which we obtained the Greek form ‘Jesus.’

This name was first announced by the angel Gabriel to Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ; and was given to our Lord to denote the object of his mission to save the world (**Matthew 1:21**). According to angel Gabriel, the child Jesus “...shall be called the Son of the Highest...” (**Luke 1:31**). This simply means that Jesus Christ is the promised son, the only begotten son of the Most High God unto man. He is ‘God with us’ (Immanuel), to teach us the true way unto salvation and partaking in God’s Kingdom (Heaven). He is to redeem man from the curse of sin through the sharing of his precious blood, which washes our sins and makes us kings and priests unto God. This Lord is the only deity that demonstrates love and mercy toward mankind, and grants eternal life.

Where from Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ is the son of God Almighty promised unto mankind by God through His prophets several years before his birth. Moses had declared unto the children of Israel: “...a prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me;

Him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever He shall say unto you.” (**Deut. 18:15; Act 3:22**). Isaiah also declared that the Lord will anoint one “...to preach good tidings unto the meek, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, and declare the acceptable year of the Lord...” including the day of vengeance of God (**Isaiah 61:1-2**). And in the dying words of Jacob, reference was made to the Messiah: “...the sceptre shall not depart from Judah nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come” (**Gen. 49:10**).

So, did this promised Saviour (Jesus Christ) ever lived on earth as promised? Yes, he did. The Holy Bible gives us comprehensive account of events concerning Jesus, the promised Christ. In Chapter Twelve of this book, you will read about non-biblical evidences that Jesus Christ ever lived on this earth. This part has been included as additional proofs to further strengthen the faith of the reader.

Beloved, in the ensuing chapters, I present to you biblical and non-biblical proofs that Jesus Christ is ‘Immanuel’ who became ‘God with us’ in flesh, and taught us the way unto salvation.

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Chapter Two

*Prophets of old foretold and Angels
announced the coming of a messiah
respectively:*

1. The Prophets of Old Foretold the Coming of a Messiah:

Throughout the ages, God had spoken to the world through nature, types and symbols; patriarchs and prophets concerning His commandments and promises. As explained already, the coming of the Just One — the Messiah, was foretold variously. Moses, one of the greatest prophets of old who spoke directly with God in his days prophetically assured his brethren about the coming of a prophet from God whom they must hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto them (**Deut. 18:15**). This assurance was

kept by the Jews and it even transcended into other heathen regions such that the Samaritan woman had knowledge of that assurance and reminded Jesus of it during their interactions at Jacob's well. She said unto Jesus, "I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things." Amen.

The grandson of Abraham, called Jacob, had kept God's promise as related above and in order to re-affirm that promise to his people, he said "the sceptre shall not depart from Judah nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come" (**Gen. 49:10**). In **Isaiah 61:1-2**; we are told that the Lord will "...anoint one to preach good tidings unto the meek; to bind up the brokenhearted; to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord; and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn..."

Beloved, while on earth, did Jesus preached good tidings to humanity especially to the meek? Did he

healed the brokenhearted? Did he proclaimed liberty to the captives of Satan and the acceptable year of the Lord, including the day of vengeance? Yes, he did. Jesus preached good tidings by expounding the Scripture to humanity, and he continues to comfort us with the assurance that he is with us. “Fear not; for I am with you” he says. Jesus proclaimed liberty to the captives of Satan by relieving many of curses and afflictions; and he warned us to remain steadfast and watch until he returns the second time to judge us.

The prophet Isaiah had said “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel – God with us” (**Isaiah 7:14**). The prophet did not stop there but says “...For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulders: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, Hallelujah! (**Isaiah 9:6**). Chapter **53:5** of the same book reports

that “He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him.” Beloved, based on the above scriptural provisions, was the mother of Jesus a virgin? Did Jesus dwell with us on earth as our God? Was he wounded, chastised and bruised? Yes, he was. If so, then Jesus is the promised Christ.

The prophecy of Daniel pictured the glory of the Messiah’s reign over an empire which should succeed all earthly kingdoms, and said the prophet; that kingdom “...shall stand forever” (**Dan. 2:44**). In **Mica 5:2**, the birth place of Jesus was foretold: “Out of Bethlehem shall he come forth...that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from the days of eternity.” Was Jesus born in Bethlehem? Yes, he was, praise God! The prophet Jeremy said of Jesus several years before his birth, “And they took 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.” In fulfillment of this prophesy, Jesus Christ was betrayed with exactly thirty pieces of silver which the priests offered Judas Iscariot; which amount he rejected later and threw back at the priests who used it to purchase a potter’s field to

bury strangers because that money was the price of blood (**Mathew 27:3-9**) Similarly, the prophet of old had said in **Psalms 22:18** and **Mathew 27:35**; "...they parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots." This was fulfilled when Jesus was finally crucified, his garments parted and the soldiers had to determine who should own it through casting of lots. Amen.

On mount Horeb, Jesus was the one who declared himself to Moses saying "I AM THAT I AM." He asked Moses to tell the children of Israel that "I AM" have sent me unto you (**Exodus. 3:14**). When Jesus subsequently appeared on earth in the 'likeness of man', he declared himself 'I AM' saying unto us: "I AM the good shepherd, I AM the living bread, I AM the living water, and I AM the way, the truth and life. He bids us "I AM; be not afraid." Amen.

In **John 8:48-58**, we read that the Jews interacted with Jesus and accused him of being a Samaritan possessed with a demon. When Jesus denied that claim he told them that if one keeps his word, he will never die. This statement infuriated the Jews such

that they had to remind Jesus that even Abraham is dead so what nonsense was he talking. As the conversation went on, Jesus told the Jews that their father Abraham rejoiced to see his day and he saw it and was glad. They could not agree with Jesus because he had not even attained the age of 50 at the time so how could that be? In response to them Jesus said, "Truly, Truly I say unto you; before Abraham was, I AM." Hallelujah!

2. Angels Announced his Coming, the Purpose for Coming, and Protected him while on Earth:

The angel Gabriel replaced Lucifer the fallen angel to become the second-in-command in heaven. Having replaced Lucifer, he became the executor of Gods plan to save man from satanic bondage and also the carrier of all the divine messages to the world. John the Baptist must proceed to earth as the forerunner to Jesus and must be a son of a priest called Zacharias. When the angel Gabriel appeared unto Zacharias, he announced the coming of John as the one to turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord

their God, turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; and to make ready a people prepared for the Lord (**Luke 1:13-17**). Who is this Lord the angel was referring to? Beloved, it is Jesus the promised Christ.

Six months later, the angel Gabriel must announce the coming of the Just One to his mother Mary and say to her "... thou shalt conceive in thy womb and bring forth a son, and shall call his name JESUS. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end" Hallelujah! (**Luke 1:26-33**.) This is angel Gabriel speaking; saying that Jesus shall be great; be called son of the highest, shall reign as a king and that his kingdom shall have no end.

Beloved, did Mary later gave birth to a son? Was he named Jesus? Was he great? Was he regarded or known as the son of the Highest? Though he did not

rule on earth physically as a king, was he regarded or described as a king? The answer to all these questions is yes; based on the Holy Bible.

Mary gave birth to a son named Jesus who is the son of the Most High God. He was very great in the sight of Men through countless miracles and his death on the cross. He was great in the sight of angels who appeared in multitudes to praise him at birth and was also great in the sight of God when he was confirmed by Him during the Saviour's baptism at Jordan. And as you will recall from Scripture while enquiring about him, the Wise men referred to Jesus as 'King of the Jews' as acknowledged by Pilate during his crucifixion (**Mathew 2: 2, 27:11**). As revealed to John and related in the book of Revelation, Jesus "hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written; KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS (**Rev. 19:16**), and this Lord shall descend from his throne as King during his second coming to judge the world (**Rev. 1:7**) Amen.

God must protect his son while on earth among wicked men and before the crafty Lucifer. In doing

so, He sent angels to warn Joseph; Mary's husband to worry not about the baby his virgin wife was carrying because it was of the Holy Ghost. This was necessary so that Mary would not later be seen as adulterous woman and be stoned to death. Mary and the babe Jesus needed love and protection as was seen later when the angel asked Joseph to take the babe Jesus to Egypt because King Herod will seek to kill him. Throughout his life on earth, God protected His son until the accomplishment of his mission: to save the world through his death on the cross.

Chapter Three

God Announce the Messiah's Presence on Earth to Prove Him the Christ

3. Angels Announced his Presence on Earth:

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord...” Hallelujah! (**Luke 2:11**). The promised Christ is born; he is finally here on earth to be ‘Immanuel – God with us.’ Shepherds must be the carriers of this wonderful message to the world but they must first be convinced to believe in order to perform this duty effectively. The Angel bids them “And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger” (**Luke 2:12**). That is not enough, the shepherds must share in the joy of heavenly beings because of the birth of Christ the Saviour. So the Bible says host of angels suddenly appeared and

joined the earlier one and all of them jointly praising God and saying: “Glory be to God in the highest and on earth, peace and goodwill towards men” (**Luke 2:14**).

Jesus the Christ has arrived to overcome the crafty devil so that peace will overshadow the earth such that men will show goodwill towards each other. When the angels disappeared, the shepherds proceeded to find out whether these things were so. And as the Bible relates, they found those things exactly as they were told by the angels (**Luke 2: 16-17**). Beloved, Jesus Christ is the promised Saviour.

4. Wise Men Recognized his Kingship, Divine Nature and Worshiped him:

“Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East and are come to worship him” (**Mathew 2:1-2**). God in His own wisdom revealed the

Saviour's birth to these heathen men and left the Jews, owners of the oracle of God in the dark. Terrified by the birth of a king who would compete with him for worldly power (because the Jews had believed that the promised Messiah will come as king to lead Israel to overcome its enemies on earth), King Herod immediately summoned the chief priests and inquired from them where the promised Christ should be born. They answered, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophets; And thou Bethlehem in the land of Judah are not the least among the princes of Judah; for out of thee shall come a Governor who shall rule my people Israel" (**Mathew 2:6**). When King Herod heard these words, he asked the Magi to inform him of Jesus when they find him, so he can also worship him. Inwardly, this was not the intention of the king as we saw later on.

God must protect His son among wicked men, so He directed the Magi to depart to their country through a different route after they had accomplished their mission. This angered King Herod to order the killing

of all children below the age of two years in fulfillment of Scripture prophecy: "...the voice heard in Ramah, lamentation and weeping and great morning; Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not" (**Mathew 2:18**). Jesus had to be moved to and from cities in fulfillment of prophecies concerning Him: "Out of Egypt have I called my son" (**Mathew 2:15**). And by divine directions, the child Jesus dwelt in a city called Nazareth so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets; "He shall be called a Nazarene" (**Mathew 2:23**).

Led divinely by the Star of God, the Magi found Jesus the Christ. And when they saw him, they fell down and worshiped him. That was not enough; they opened their treasury and presented unto him gifts: Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh; Hallelujah! God knew that the parents of Jesus were poor and would require money to protect the newly born Saviour, so He led the Magi to supply the needs of the world's redeemer. The Magi were not ordinary men; these

were men of intense knowledge in the religion of their nation and philosophy. And so for them to discern Godhead in Christ and follow a star until they located the child Jesus, believed on him, worshiped him, and presented gifts unto him is evidently clear that Jesus is the promised Christ.

Chapter Four

Holy Spirit Declared Jesus the Promised Christ unto the World

5. Led by the Holy Spirit, Simeon Declared Jesus the Christ:

As known of their custom, every first male child of a Jewish descend must be dedicated to God. This is because the Lord had said to Moses, “Sanctify unto Me all the first-born...both of man and of beast: it is Mine”; “...for on the day that I smote all the first-born in the land of Egypt, I hallowed unto Me all the first-born in Israel, both man and beast: Mine shall they be; I am the Lord” (**Exodus 13:2, Numbers 3:13**). This custom the child Jesus cannot escape. Therefore his parents brought him into the temple of God to be dedicated unto God.

The Bible tells us that there was a man named Simeon of Jerusalem whom the Holy Ghost had revealed to that he should not see death until he has seen the Lord's Christ. So when Simeon saw the child Jesus in the temple, he received him into his palms and blessed him saying, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word: For my eyes have seen thy salvation which thou has prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel" (**Luke 2:22-32**). And led by the Holy Ghost right there in the temple, Simeon predicted what should happen to many in Israel, including Mary, Jesus' mother. He said, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against." And of Mary he said, "A sword will also pierce thy heart..." because Mary will later see Israel reject their redeemer (Jesus Christ) and crucify him by the cross. This act will be so painful to pierce Mary's heart.

Beloved, was Jesus spoken against, rejected by Israel, and crucified by the cross? As the mother of the child Jesus, did this act pierced Mary's heart as foretold by Simeon? Yes. If so, then Jesus is the promised Christ.

6. Holy Spirit Announced his Role on Earth as the Christ:

As his manner was, Jesus will worship in the temple with others whenever he was in Nazareth. Any Israelite may read the Prophets while the Rabbis expounded the message. The Bible tells us that Jesus took his place in the temple and was handed a scroll of the Prophets Essias to read. The Holy Ghost must announce to the people the purpose of Christ's presence in this sinful world. When Jesus opened to a portion of the Scripture he read thus: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable

year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.” Praise God! (**Isaiah 61:1-4**), (**Luke 4:18-20**).

Jesus was divinely led by the Holy Spirit to disclose to man the specific actions he must perform while on earth. He preached the gospel to the poor, he comforted many and healed many of their afflictions, and he recovered both spiritual and physical sight for many through the performance of miracles.

Beloved, when Jesus was done reading according to the Holy Bible, “...the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him” Hallelujah! (**Luke 4:20**). The people have realized that the message delivered by Jesus is about himself. The promised Christ himself was with them in the temple but they could not behold him. Remember what I

said unto you earlier; the devil must vehemently oppose any good in Jesus by imparting doubt in men. The Jews therefore, in spite of these words, rejected Christ.

7. Led by the Holy Spirit, his Disciples Confirmed him the Christ:

We are told that after Jesus recovered the sight of a blind man, he moved with the disciples into a town called Caesarea Philippi; and as they went, he asked the disciples, saying unto them, “Whom do men say that I am?” The disciples responded that some men see him as John the Baptist, some as Elias, and others as one of the prophets. In order to assess the level of faith of these men who have elected to follow him all this while as his trusted disciples, Jesus required from them whom they think he is? Led by the Holy Ghost, Peter elected to answer the question and said “Thou art the Christ” (**Mark 8: 27-30**). Because that answer is the truth, Jesus charged them not to let any man know of it. Looking at the enmity of the

world against his mission on earth (especially the Jewish priestly class), it was too early to make known this truth for which reason he forbade them to tell anyone about it. This warning from Jesus to his disciples confirms that he is the promised Christ.

We are also told that John the Baptist directed his disciples' attention unto Christ when he declared: "Behold the Lamb of God" pointing at Jesus. This drew Andrew, one of the two disciples of John close to Jesus and made him to enquire about the dwelling place of the Messiah. Jesus bade him "Come and see." When Andrew came, saw and became convinced that Jesus is the promised Messiah, he shared the news with Simon Peter, his brother; saying unto him: "We have found the Messiahs, which is being interpreted, the Christ." Jesus will later find Philip who will not keep the joy to himself but invited Nathaniel, saying unto him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and the Prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Hallelujah! Nathaniel will not easily yield to this good news because to him,

nothing good can come out of Nazareth. Philip did not argue with him but only bade him to “Come and see.”

Nathaniel came to see Jesus and after the Messiah had declared unto him his place of secret retirement where he prays, Nathaniel's faith went beyond the one who introduced him to Jesus; saying, “Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.” Jesus must confirmed that believe already resting on the mind of his listener by assuring him of greater miracles going forward. He said to Nathaniel, “Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? Thou shalt see greater things than this.” Jesus must finally confirmed himself; saying, “Verily, verily I say unto you, hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.” Hallelujah! (**John 1:35-51**).

8. Led by the Holy Spirit, John the Baptist Testified

that Jesus is the Christ:

Prior to his baptism by John, the Holy Ghost had given indications to the Baptist as to who the promised Christ should be. John declared Jesus as “the Lamb of God which taketh the sins of the world”; and subsequently indicated that this Lamb of God is “preferred after me;” and though he (John) did not know him, He who sent him (John) to baptize with water (the Holy Ghost) said to him “Upon whom ye shall see the spirit descending and remaining on him, the same is he who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.”

The Baptist continues, “And I have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God” Hallelujah! (**John 1:29-34**).

In **Mathew 4:11-17**, we see that John speaks about Jesus; declaring him to be mightier than himself, and that he is coming with a fan to thoroughly purge his floor, gather his wheat to the garner, but will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. It is only the Holy Ghost that can reveal what Jesus will do during his

second coming to the world at baptism to the intent that the people may believe on him as the Christ. When finally Jesus was baptized, there came a voice from heaven saying, “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.” Thus God confirmed Jesus as His beloved son; the promised Christ. Amen.

9. Led by the Holy Spirit, Stephen Testified that Jesus is the Christ:

According to the Bible, Stephen was a man full of faith and power of the Holy Ghost; and he performed great wonders and miracles among the people. But certain groups called the Synagogue of the Libertines, Cyrenians and Alexandrians opposed him. This led to a mob attack on Stephen where he was led to be stoned to death. In the process, the Holy Ghost revealed Jesus unto Stephen when he said “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right-hand of God.” (**Acts 7:56**). This singular statement further infuriated the people who finally killed Stephen from the face of the earth

but we know that God received his spirit as he himself requested. Amen.

10. Led by the Holy Spirit, Pontius Pilate Declared Jesus the Christ:

Jesus is the 'Prince of Peace' as was said of him. To provide evidence to that effect, he used the processes leading to his crucifixion to unify Pontius Pilate and Herod. **Luke 23:12** says, "And the same day, Pilate and Herod became friends together: for before, they were at enmity between themselves." Praise God! The enmity between two great governors came to an end because the Prince of Peace was before them; to be condemned by them, although no fault was found in him. When Pilate later asked Jesus whether he was the King of the Jews, Jesus answered; "Thou sayest it." If this is the only accusation against Jesus, then Pilate would find no fault in this man. But the devil and his apostasy were among the throng, urging the people to reject Jesus.

When Pilate finally released Jesus unto them to be crucified, the Holy Ghost led Pontius Pilate to affirm that Jesus is the “King of the Jews,” a description divinely proclaimed earlier by the Magi. The Chief Priests and elders of Israel did not see anything worthy in Jesus let alone be described as their king; but Pilate will not hearken to any other counsel but affirmed his decision by saying, “What I have written, I have written.” It was therefore written boldly above Jesus, “THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS” as he hanged on the cross for all the nations to see that indeed, Jesus is the Christ; the King of the Jews. Amen.

Chapter Five

Jesus Declared Himself the Christ

11. In his Response to his Parents when they Found him in the Temple:

As per the custom of the Jews, it was important that every Jew visited Jerusalem to partake in the feast of Passover. So at age twelve, Jesus experienced the first Passover celebration. As they returned, Jesus remained in Jerusalem sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them as well as asking them questions. When his parents finally found him in the temple and attempted to rebuke him for punishing them as they looked everywhere for him for almost three days, he answered them in words that described him as the Son of God. Listen to Jesus: “How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father’s business?” Praise God! (**Luke 2:42-49**). Which business did the Messiah’s Father

asked him to do while on earth? Beloved, this is the same business he declared saying, “The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, and to preach the acceptable year of the Lord...” Hallelujah! **(Luke 4:18-20)**. Jesus, by that response declared himself the promised Messiah. Amen.

12. In the Cleansing of the Temple:

“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 money changers and the seats of them that sold doves; and said unto them, it is written, my house shall be called a house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.” Praise God! **(Mathew 21: 12-13)**.

In the cleansing of the temple, Jesus announced himself the Messiah. The Son of God is amazed that

his Father's house has been turned into a den of thieves where all kinds of nefarious activities take place. While in the human flesh duelling on the face of the planet earth, he would not accept this kind of situation. It was his duty to re-instate the temple as the house of prayer. Therefore he overthrew the tables of the money changers and them that sold doves in the temple; and because the Holy Spirit attended unto him while on earth, the people could say nothing nor touch him. As the priests watched his actions with anger, the children around sang hosannas in praise of the Lord. The priests would complain to Jesus about the actions of the children, so that in response, the Saviour would disclose to humanity, one of God's desires: To receive praises from children because such praises are "perfect unto Him." The beginning words of Jesus "My house shall ..." means the temple belongs to our Lord Jesus. The owner of the temple of God is certainly the promised Christ, and while on earth, he must ensure the temple serves its purpose. This is the Son of God we declare unto you; believe on him and be saved. Amen.

13. In a Night Interview with Nicodemus:

The Bible tells us that there lived a Jewish man called Nicodemus; a rich and highly educated man who possessed talents of no ordinary character. As a member of the Council of the Sanhedrin, Nicodemus partook in several schemes aimed at halting the work of the Messiah. But since hearing Jesus, this Jewish ruler had anxiously studied prophecies relating to the Messiah; and the more he searched, the stronger was his conviction that this was the promised one.

One day, Nicodemus resolved to have a brief secret interview with Jesus at night because knowing the level of enmity of the Sanhedrin against this man, it would be perilous and too humiliating to meet him in the day. In fact, meeting Jesus at day time will draw upon him the scorn and denunciation of the Sanhedrin Council. When Nicodemus finally met the Saviour, he sounded as though he believed that Jesus is the promised Christ. He said to Jesus: “Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no

man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him” (**John 3:2**). Then Jesus, having the power to read the soul and mind of man, saw a seeker after truth before him and decided to declare the criteria for entering into his Kingdom immediately, saying, “Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (**John 3:3**).

Controlled by bigotry and worldly ambition, Nicodemus could not comprehend the issue of re-birth proclaimed by the Saviour. He said, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus must help this man. He said, “Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” This subject seemed difficult for a Jewish ruler to understand so Jesus gave more education on it by citing practical example using the Parable of the Wind (**John 3:8 -10**). This however, surprised Nicodemus the more. He asked, “How can these

things be?” Jesus must proof his divine nature by telling this man that he came from his Father in heaven; and do know what he says is the truth. He said unto him, “Verily, verily I say unto thee, we speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.” Hallelujah! Jesus spoke what he knew and had seen, but men will not receive it as we see even unto this day.

Jesus must use a better example from the Old Testament which his hearer is familiar with to press home the conviction that he is the Christ. By citing this example to Nicodemus, Jesus was telling him that you do not need to understand literally everything before you believe; just believe and be saved. He would also use this example to draw Nicodemus unto himself in the near future as a believer rather than an interviewer. He said, “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.” Jesus must let his hearer understand that he

represented the serpent and will in the near future, hang on the cross so that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life: saying, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." Hallelujah! (**John 3:16**). The serpent on the cross at the time of Moses had no efficacy in curing snake bites; yet the people of Israel were to look and live. Those who looked lived; and so shall those who will look on Jesus, the Christ, and believe in him live but not die in spirit.

Nicodemus left the presence of Jesus more convinced than ever that he is the promised Messiah. But he did not openly acknowledged him. He watched Jesus with more interest, and when at last Nicodemus saw Jesus hanging on the cross of Calvary, he remembered the words: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." Right

there, Nicodemus recognized his Saviour, the Christ. He would not be ashamed of the Sanhedrin scorn or denunciation anymore. After the ascension of Jesus, Nicodemus came out boldly to support the infant ministry of Christ. He sold his worldly things to sustain the church which the Jews had wanted to destroy. It is only Jesus Christ, one who descended from the throne of God, and who knows what he speaks of, that can testify unto man the criteria for partaking in the kingdom of God. Beloved, do you believe Jesus is the promised Christ, and that the world will not witness the coming of non other Christ, except his second coming? May the Holy Spirit help you to believe on him. Amen.

14. In his Request to the Father to Glorify his Name:

After the raising of Lazarus from the dead, certain Greeks among the Pharisees who were at the Passover feast to worship, came to the disciples of Jesus desiring to see him. When the information got to Jesus, he said, "The hour is come, that the Son of

Man should be glorified” (**John 12:23**). Jesus then revealed some spiritual truths about the dying of a corn of wheat which later brings forth much fruits, as well as the spiritual place of those who shall believe on him. He said, “If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be; if any man serve me, him will my Father honour” (**John 12:26**). Thereafter, Jesus was troubled in spirit, such that he made a request to his Father to glorify his name; which request was answered immediately. “Then came there a voice from heaven saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again” (**John 12:28**). Hallelujah! Hallelujah! The Most High God spoke directly from heaven, assuring the Son that He has glorified it, and will glorify it again. When the people close by, who undoubtedly could not recognize God’s voice heard the assurance, they said an angel had spoken, while others attributed it to thundering. Beloved, this voice came from heaven for the sake of the disciples; and henceforth, the prince of the world is cast out, and when Jesus is finally lifted up from the earth, he should draw all

men unto himself. Beloved, Jesus is the Christ because the Father glorified him from heaven. Amen.

15. In his Interactions with a Samaritan Woman at Jacob's Well:

On his way to Jerusalem, Jesus passed through Samaria. As his manner was, there was work for him to accomplish there. He must make himself and his purpose known to the people in that region also. While resting at Jacob's Well awaiting the return of his disciples who had gone to buy food, Jesus engaged in a conversation with a Samaritan woman, by first asking from the woman water to drink. The woman would find that request difficult to fulfil because to her, Jesus was a Jew who should not have asked of water from a Samaritan woman; knowing the enmity that existed between the two nations. Jesus will tell the woman that he has Living Water to give of anyone who requested for it. Supposing that Jesus spoke of the water in the well, and knowing he had nothing to use to draw from the deep well, the

woman asked where Jesus was going to get that Living Water; and further asked whether he was greater than the patriarch Jacob who passed the well unto them. Jesus must let this woman understand the kind of water he was referring to: “Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.” Amen.

Having heard these words from Jesus, the Samaritan woman wanted this kind of water so that she will not thirst again and need to constantly come forth to draw water from the well. Jesus will now let her see the kind of person she was dealing with. He first assessed her level of truthfulness and finally disclosed a secret about her sexual relationship with different men, and pointed out that even the man currently in her life was not her husband. Shivering with great surprise before the Saviour, the woman asked whether Jesus was a prophet. If a prophet, then he could help her understand some religious matters which have long been disputed. In response to the woman’s question regarding the right place of worship, Jesus said “Believe me, the hour cometh

when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship; for salvation is of the Jews.” Jesus tells us that he knows what he worships; which means that he knows his Father in Heaven. He continued his statements by lifting the thoughts of his hearer above matters of dispute and said to her; “The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.” Hallelujah! Listen carefully to Jesus; for he tells us that God is a Spirit, and we need to worship Him in spirit and in truth.

As the woman continued her interactions with Jesus, she became impressed; including the fact that in spite of her status as a fornicator, Jesus had not rebuked her. A question arose in her mind; might not this be the long-looked for Messiah? She could not keep this thought but said to Jesus, “I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.” Jesus became very impressed that a heathen woman of poor character knew the truth about the coming of a Messiah, and

so without any further delay, he said unto the woman, “I that speak unto thee, am he.” Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Jesus declared himself the Saviour. Amen.

The woman cannot wait further but must run back and announce the presence of the Messiah. When the people came, saw and heard Jesus, they proclaimed that they believed “...this is the Christ” not because of what the woman came to tell them; but that they themselves have heard the Lord and “...bear record that he is the Christ.” Beloved, I urge you to believe that Jesus is the promised Christ. Amen (**John 4:1-42**).

16. In the Revelation of Himself as the Bread of Life:

“And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life, he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst” (**John 6:35**) Amen. After Jesus had walked on the sea to the other side of the lake, his disciples sought him and asked when he got there. Jesus would use the opportunity to reveal unto them the real intent for which they sought him,

saying, “Verily, verily I say unto you, ye seek me not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves and were filled. Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you; for him hath God the Father sealed.” Hallelujah! You did not believe in the miracles I performed but only sought me because you are physically satisfied with the loaves of bread I miraculously provided.

Do not rejoice in that kind of food, but rejoice in the kind of spiritual food that endureth unto everlasting life; and that kind of food can only be provided by me, the Christ. As if they were convinced by the words of Jesus, they asked what they ought to do in order to “work the works of God.” Jesus will straight away tell them the works of God because he is the Son of God, and knoweth the works of his Father. He said, “This is the work of God that ye believe on him whom He have sent.” Praise God! Believe on him that God, the Father, have sealed and sent; Jesus the

Christ, period.

Jesus, in the immediate past walked on the sea but that was not a sufficient sign unto his disciples, so they demanded a new sign to prove him the Son of God. They would tell Jesus about the Manna their fathers ate in the desert in the days of Moses, thinking Moses was the one who provided it. And so Jesus must prove them wrong; telling them that that manna came from God; and that he, the Christ, represented that manna which came down from heaven and giveth life unto the world. This sounded convincing, so the disciples desired to have that bread; saying unto Jesus, "Lord, evermore give us this bread." Upon this request the Lord Jesus must build the faith of his disciples as captured in the opening quotation: "...I am the Bread of Life, he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." Jesus further pointed out that he did not come unto the world to do his will, but that of the one who sent him; and that the Father's will is that, of all which He has given unto him (Jesus),

he should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. Praise God!

Brethren, Jesus is the promised Christ for he says, “And this is the will of him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son, and believeth on him may have everlasting life: And I will raise him up at the last day.” Amen (**John 6:25-40**).

17. In the Healing of a Blind Man:

Jesus will not see a soul thirsting for redemption and pass by. He encountered a man born blind from birth and healed him. Prior to healing the man Jesus had said to his disciples, “I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work.” Jesus continued and announced; “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Hallelujah! As light of the world, it was his duty to give light to the blind man and so he was subsequently cured of his ailment. Due to the serious

nature of the issue of blindness being of birth, it was surprising for the people to recognize the man now seeing and to believe. They asked severally how he re-gained his sight and he told them but this cannot be, they said. The Pharisees will, in an intimidated manner, invite the parents of the man to enquire whether the healed man was their son; and that, indeed he was born blind. Led by the Holy Spirit, the parents boldly asked the Pharisees to direct every question to the healed man because he was of age to answer for himself.

As they kept harassing the healed man, he was surprised at the unbelief of the people and said to them: "Why? Herein is a marvelous thing, which ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened my eyes. Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshiper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth." Hallelujah! The blind man did not receive just a physical sight to behold things, but a spiritual understanding to prove to the people that Jesus is of God that is why he was able to heal him.

Thus to him, Jesus worships God and doeth the will of God. How can this sinful man instruct us in the matters of religion, the Pharisees asked? They therefore trusted the man out of the temple.

When Jesus finally met the favored man whom he had healed, he asked him, “Dost thou believe on the Son of God?” The man answered immediately, “Who is he, Lord that I might believe on him?” Jesus said unto him, “Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.” Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Jesus is the Christ. The blind man said “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. Praise God (**John 9:1-41**).

18. In the Presence of his Disciple at the Last Supper:

Prior to his crucifixion, Jesus had to eat the last Passover with his disciples. When all was set, Jesus sat down with the twelve disciples and said, “With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I will not any more

eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” Jesus simply said that after this exercise, he will seize to exist physically until the disciples join him in his Father’s kingdom to eat with him again. Jesus will further use his body and blood, represented by a piece of bread and a cup of wine respectively (which he shared among the disciples) to buttress this point; saying of the cup, “Take this and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come,” and the cup shall be the New Testament in my blood shared for the human race. And of the bread he said, “This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.” Amen.

As the Saviour, he could even predict accurately who among his disciples to betray him; and would teach them to be servants in his absence. He then made a promise to his disciples saying, “And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.” Hallelujah! What a promise! He bids his disciples, you will no longer be as ordinary as you are

now with me on earth, but will spiritually sit on thrones when you join me in my Father's kingdom to judge the world. Amen. Who can assign such a responsibility if not the Son of the highest God?

19. In his Transfiguration Prior to his Crucifixion:

One of the habits of Jesus was that, he often retire to mountainous sites to pray and to enjoy their quietude. On one such occasions he took Peter, James and John along. As they got to a point Jesus stepped a little forward and prayed for strength to endure the test on behalf of humanity, and also for his disciples that in the hour of the power of darkness, their faith may not fail. Jesus took the three disciples along so that they may witness his divinity and grasp the assurance that he is the Son of God; and that his shameful death was part of the plan of redemption.

While praying, he was transfigured before them. Thus Christ stood in godlike majesty; and the Scripture says "His face did shine as the sun, his raiment was white as the light." Hallelujah! This change of form was necessary because two powerful

prophets who, once upon a time lived on earth, but who have now taken up their places in heaven were about to pay homage to the Son of God. “And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.” (**Mathew 17:3**). This Moses, once upon a time, talked with God on Mount Sinai; and Elijah to whom it was granted never to come under the power of death. Beloved, what were these two talking to Christ about? They were strengthening the Saviour to end the battle with the power of darkness successfully; assuring him that all the angels and saints are still loyal to him, and are ready to welcome him with praises and hosannas when he shall return to the Father in heaven. **Hebrews 12:2** says, “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right-hand of the throne of God.” Hallelujah!

When the disciples saw the event, they were amazed such that Peter had to say to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias” (**Mathew 17:4**). The Bible tells us that while Peter was still talking, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice came out of

the cloud and said: “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.” Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (**Mathew 17:5**). Jesus is the Son of God; for, this is the second time God testifies of His son directly from heaven unto humanity. At baptism, the heavens were opened and the same voice pronounced Jesus as the Son of God. As the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces, and were sore afraid, so that Jesus had to touch them in order to mute their fears. When they raised their faces up again because the fear in them was gone, they saw no one with Jesus. The heavenly beings were gone back to await the Lords return to take up his place as a conqueror. Beloved, Jesus is the Christ; believe on him and all your fears in life shall be muted. Amen.

20. At Gethsemane and in the Presence of the High Priest:

At Gethsemane, Jesus took Peter, James and John for a prayer session. When they got to a point, he asked them to tarry there while he went further to pray.

And when he had reached the point of prayer, he fell on the ground and prayed that if it be possible, the

hour might pass from him; saying, “Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt” (**Mark 14:36**). Jesus, the Son of God repeats what the angel Gabriel said of God as he announced to Mary the coming of Christ; saying, “For with God, nothing shall be impossible.” Hallelujah! Jesus became very heavy and sorrowful because he took on the human body in order to dwell on earth with men; and as a man, he will have to experience the fear and anguish we all go through when we sense danger.

When he was finally betrayed by Judas Iscariot and was being led to the presence of the High Priest, he performed a miracle by replacing the cut-off ear of a servant of the High Priest, but this did not persuade the mob. Several allegations via false witnesses were spoken against Jesus yet they “agreed not together.” So the High Priest stood up in their midst and asked Jesus whether he would not answer anything concerning the many accusations against him. But Jesus held his peace and answered nothing. The devil and his confederacy were at work; influencing the people and their leaders to condemn Jesus Christ to death. Again, the High Priest asked and said unto him, “Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” At this point, the Father must permit his Son to tell the High Priest and his people the truth. “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.” Hallelujah! Jesus is the promised Christ; he will descend from heaven for all to behold during his second coming. This answer led to his condemnation to death in fulfillment of prophesy about him. Praise God! (**Mark 14:60-64**).

21. In his Prayer on the Cross and the Promise to the Penitent Thief:

Pontius Pilate finally yielded to the wish of the Pharisaic priestly class and handed over Jesus Christ to be crucified. As they journeyed to Calvary for that intent, there followed him a great company of people and of women which also bewailed and lamented him. Instead of recognizing the pity people felt for him, Jesus turned unto them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me but weep for yourselves and for your children. For, behold, the days are coming in 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...” (**Luke 23:28-30**). We see from these words that Jesus is the Christ; foretelling his second coming and how the human race will react to it; to the extent that we shall say to mountains “Fall on us.” What a

spectacle to behold in those coming days?

As they finally nailed him on the cross, he had no option but to pray for the human race as they crucify their redeemer. And in that prayer, we see that Jesus is the Christ; the only begotten Son of the Most High God. “Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.” Amen (**Luke 23:34**).

Two malefactors must also die with him so that it might be fulfilled as prophesied of him, “...and he was numbered with the transgressors...” (**Isaiah 53:12**). Of these two penitent thieves, Jesus must save the soul of one, to give an example of his assurance to save the souls of all who will come unto him. As one of them mocked Jesus, the other presented a request to the Saviour; which request was granted immediately: “And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.” Jesus answered, “Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise.” Hallelujah! (**Luke 23:39-43**). Who owns paradise and can say that one should be with him right there? It is Jesus, the Christ. He is I AM THAT I AM, and the owner of both heaven and earth. Finally, before the spirit left unto the Father, Jesus said,

“Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit,” and gave up the ghost. He must of necessity hand over his spirit to the Father which is in heaven, and take up his seat at the right-hand side of the throne of Jehovah. Thank you Jesus for demonstrating exceptional love unto us. Amen.

22. In the Reaction of the Sun, the Earth, and the Centurion During his Crucifixion:

Jesus Christ was one with the Father when the world was created. As humans inhabited the Earth, the Sun lightens the world at day while the Moon illumines the night with its gloomy light so that men can go about their activities.

But on the day of crucifixion of the Son of God, the Sun cannot behold the scene: It cannot witness the horrible sight of torture and death of the only begotten of the Most High God. Likewise the Earth must demonstrate its disapproval of the dreadful scene. The Earth and the Sun cannot comprehend why children of God could not recognized their

Saviour. They must of necessity testify, as much as they can, that Jesus is the promised Christ; and the best way to do so was to quake and be darkened respectively. “And it was about the sixth hour, and there was 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.” Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (**Luke 23:44-45**).

Mathew 27:51-52 reports that after Christ yielded up the ghost, “...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...” Hallelujah! The veil of the temple with which the Jews separated themselves from the heathen during worship in the temple must be removed as evidence to them that Christ’s blood does not discriminate in saving the soul of men. Whether a Jew or not, you are a child of God.

The Scripture informs us in **Mathew 27:54** that among the people who stood by the cross watching

Jesus was a Centurion. This man was among those who took part in the crucifixion process. But after he and they that were with him had witnessed the earthquake and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, truly this was the Son of God. They were able to discern the disapproval of the killing of the Saviour by the sun and the earth, and acknowledged that truly, Jesus was the Son of God. Beloved, Jesus shared his precious blood to save us. Come unto me, he bids us, and have eternal life. Amen.

23. In his Appearance unto the Disciples after his Resurrection:

In **Mathew 28:1-9**, we read that after the angel who knew the intent of the women's visit to the sepulchre had informed them that Christ is risen, he also bade them to go quickly to inform his disciples that the Lord is risen. And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshiped him." Hallelujah! Jesus himself further confirmed where he

would meet his disciples, saying that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see him. The disciples were at the mountainside where Jesus appointed for them, and when they saw him, "...they worshiped him;" though some doubted. So, Jesus must speak and re-assure them of his status as the Christ. He said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Beloved, what did we see in the Acts of the Apostles? Did the disciples taught what they had learn of Christ? Did they baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost? Was Jesus with them as they performed countless miracles in his name? Hallelujah! Jesus is the promised Christ. Hold unto him fast and be saved. Amen.

Mark 16:14-18 reports that Jesus appeared unto the

eleven disciples and rebuked them of their unbelief because several testimonies had come to the effect that he was risen but they would not believe. He then assured them that signs and wonders shall follow them that believe on him. In his name they shall cast out devils and speak with new tongues. They shall take up serpents and drink deadly things without being hurt whatsoever; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. After all these said, he was received up into heaven, to take up his seat at the right-hand side of God. Amen.

24. In his Revelation to Saul Later Named Paul:

In **Acts 9:1-6**, we read that a man called Saul devoted himself to persecuting anyone who believed in the ministry of Christ. In fact this same man, according to the Bible, played significant role in the stoning of Stephen to death because we read that he (Saul), consented to Stephens' death.

Very zealous about what he was doing and for quicker recognition by the elders of his role in

blotting out the church, Saul himself went to the High Priest and his fraternity to demand letters that would empower him to go beyond the borders of Jerusalem to arrest followers of Jesus; whether men or women, and bring them to Jerusalem to be dealt with.

As he journeyed near Damascus to carry on one such assignment, "...suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven; and he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him; Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks." Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Jesus told Saul directly from heaven that he is persecuting him (Jesus) as he went after his followers to kill them. What other evidence is as strong as this? Jesus is the Christ.

Jesus will later proof to Saul that indeed, he is the Lord Jesus who spoke to him by changing his name from Saul to Paul; assigned him the task of spreading

the gospel of Christ with boldness, and cause his eyes which went blind because of the glory of the light which shined round about him to be miraculously restored. Paul, through this encounter with Jesus later stood before kings and thrones to testify that Jesus is the Christ. He spoke to King Agrippa such that the king said, “Almost thou persuades me to be a Christian.” Hallelujah! (**Acts 26: 1-29**). What a level of boldness displayed by Paul? From where did Paul obtained such boldness from? Beloved, the answer is simple; the Lord Jesus, the Messiah was with him, and spoke through him. Amen.

Chapter Six

Jesus Performed Miracles to Prove Himself the Christ

“There came the Jews round about him, and said unto him; how long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believe not: the works that I do in my Father’s name, they bear witness of me.” Hallelujah! (**John 10:24-25**). Jesus says the miracles he performed and still performs till date also testify that he is the Christ. I therefore present a few of them below:

25. Changing Water into Wine, Great Fish Catch, Feeding the People and Calming the Sea:

Among the first miracles performed by Jesus was turning water into wine at a marriage feast in Cana of Galilee. There was shortage of wine at the feast, and Jesus’ mother had a strong feeling that her son could do something about the situation. When she

informed Jesus, he initially proclaimed that “My hour is not yet come,” to demonstrate his status as a Messiah via miracles. But he could not reject her mother’s request. Seeing six water pots of stone around, Jesus commanded them to fill the pots with water; such that they were filled to the brim. Jesus then asked them to draw, and behold, it was wine. This was non-alcoholic wine, because Christ could not have produced alcoholic wine to blur the thoughts of men. When sample of the wine got to the governor of the feast, he became angry and summoned the bridegroom to explain why he had kept the better wine until people were almost full before it was introduced against the normal practice. Beloved, do you love to drink wine? Turn unto Jesus, and he will offer you the best wine in his kingdom. Amen. (**John 2:1-11**).

By the lakeside in Gennesaret, the multitude still pressed on Jesus. Looking around, he saw two ships standing by with their owners out of them because they were washing their nets elsewhere. Jesus then

entered into Simon's ship and begged him to launch a little bit deeper into the sea where he could preach from. Jesus taught the people, and when he was done speaking, he commanded Simon to launch his net into the deep for a draught. What is this man talking about? Simon asked within himself. "Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing; nevertheless, at thy word, I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes; and their net brake." Hallelujah! Simon must invite their other partners to help drag the net ashore; and when they did, all the ships were full and did sink. Even the fishes of the sea recognized the Son of God and drew closer to hear him if they could: howbeit they came and were caught in the net in multitude. "When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord." Praise God! Peter and his brethren were overly astonished, and when they came ashore, they forsook all the fishes and followed Jesus to catch men henceforth into the kingdom of God. Amen. **(Luke 5:2-11).**

In **Mark 6:35-44**, we read that the people came unto Jesus in the desert to hear him. As night drew near, his disciples reminded him of the need to disperse the gathering so they can find for themselves food to eat, because there was no food in the desert to feed them. Jesus asked his disciples to feed them, but they responded that there was less food to feed all of them; wherefore Jesus asked how much food they had left. They answered: five loaves of bread and two fishes. The Lord of all things must save the situation. He commanded the disciples to make the people sit in companies of hundreds and fifties. “And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up into heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all. And they did eat, and were filled. And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes. And they that ate of the loaves were about five thousand men.” Hallelujah! What a miracle! Jesus is the promised Christ.

After Jesus had fed the multitude, he sent them away and went unto the mountainside to pray. While leaving, he commanded the disciple to go into a ship and go before him to the other side of the sea. And

when the evening was come, he was there alone while his disciples were in the “midst of the sea tossed by the waves: for the wind was contrary.” And in the “fourth watch of the night, Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, it is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid” Hallelujah! (**Mathew 14:22-27**). Wherever Jesus finds his children, he has power to go to them and relieve them of any affliction; demonstrated here by walking on the sea in order to enter the ship so that the stormy waves thereof must cease.

Are you a child of God? Are you carrying any burden? Jesus is ready to save you. “If you are the one, bid me to come to you,” Peter said to Jesus. Jesus bade him to come. So, Peter left the ship walking on the water toward Jesus, but as a carnal man with little faith, coupled with the devil’s influence to deepen his fear by the sight of the boisterous wind, he began to sink;

wherefore he called on Christ to save him: which call Jesus answered immediately by stretching forth his hand to catch him. Jesus was not impressed about the level of faith Peter showcased; therefore, he said “O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? And when they were come into the ship, the waves ceased. And they that were in the ship came and worshiped him, saying, of a truth, thou art the Son of God.” Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Jesus Christ is the Son of God. This was the verdict of those who witnessed the wonderful scene of seeing the Son of God walk on the sea. Amen.

Mark 4:35-41 reports that Jesus continued his teaching along the coast of the sea, and as evening drew near, he dispersed the multitude, and commanded his disciples to pass over to the other part of the shore. Jesus was very weary, and so they took him, even as he was into the ship, and took off; with other smaller ships following. As they journeyed, there arose great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. Forgetting that

the creator of the sea was on board the ship, the disciples toiled in their own strength to normalize the situation as Jesus was asleep.

As their faith failed, and all hope was lost, they recalled at whose command the ship had left the shore. Jesus was in the ship, so they cried “Master, carest thou not that we perish?” Ha! ha! ha! The disciples displayed the same lack of faith as did the children of Israel in the wilderness when they turned against Moses; desiring to return to Egypt. Hear them: Lord, do you not care that we die? How can Jesus not care to save a soul in need of redemption? “And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.” Hallelujah! Praise God! Amen. The creator of the sea has bidden it to be still, how can the sea hearken not? Jesus said to them, “Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, what manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” Jesus is the Son of God; therefore all creation must, and did obeyed him. Amen.

26. In Raising the Dead:

The story is told of how the Lord Jesus loved a man

called Lazarus such that when he was seriously sick, his two sisters (Mary and Martha) sent word unto him saying, “Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.” When the word got to Jesus, he scanned the words through the spiritual lens and concluded that “this sickness was not unto death, but that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.” Having recognized the level of love Jesus had for the family at Bethany, the disciple expected Jesus to act immediately by doing something about Lazarus’ case but he did nothing until the fourth day when he told the disciple the need to return to Judea again. The disciples did not take the news lightly because they knew the enmity of the Jews against Jesus. But Jesus blotted out their fears and explained that their friend Lazarus “...sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.” Hallelujah! Jesus knew that Lazarus believed in him as the Christ, and therefore can only sleep in the Lord, awaiting the last trump when the righteous will be raised to meet their Saviour. But while on earth, he will awake him to the glory of God.

Ah! So having walked with me this far, my disciples do not understand that my children do not die, but only sleep in their Lord? Jesus asked the inaudible question. Then it was his duty to speak plainly to the disciples. He said, “Our friend Lazarus is dead.” (**John 11:1-15**).

When they got to Bethany, Martha ran to meet Jesus as soon as word got to her that the Master was around. “Then Martha said unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.” Hallelujah! Martha believed that the presence of Christ would have dispelled death. She would then proof her believe in the Saviour by telling him that she believed that even now, whatsoever Christ ask of God, it would be granted unto him. Like the Samaritan woman, Jesus was very impressed about Martha’s faith and said to her, “...thy brother shall rise again.”

He lifted Martha’s thought above the possibility of witnessing a miracle that should bring back her brother to life and focused it on the day when the

righteous who sleep in the Lord will resurrect from the dead. She said to Jesus, "I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Without any further delay, as was the case involving the Samaritan woman when Jesus said to her "I that stand with thee, I am he", the Saviour in like manner said to her, "I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die; Believeth thou this?" Martha would prove to Jesus that she really knew him; saying, "Yea, Lord; I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world." Hallelujah! **(John 11:22-27).**

Then it was the Lord's duty, after that Mary had exhibited the same faith in Him, to bring back Lazarus to life to proof himself the Messiah. "Where have ye laid him? Take ye away the stone" commanded Jesus. He thanked his Father for always hearing him, and called Lazarus to "Come forth" and he that was dead came forth, and all humanity had to do was to lose him from the napkins which were used to wrap his body. Praise God! Lazarus is back to

life. This is the power of the Lord we serve; Christ the Saviour. Beloved, the 'Resurrection' calleth Lazarus to come forth, and death could not hold him back. Hallelujah! I urge you to believe in Jesus like Martha did so that thou may see the glory of God. Amen.

In similar deed, Jairus, one of the rulers of the synagogues fell at Jesus' feet, and besought him greatly to lay his hands on her sick daughter who was at the point of death so that she may live. Jesus, while on his way to save the daughter of Jairus was touched by a woman which had an issue of blood for twelve years. The woman only touched Jesus' garment; believing that "if I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole." What a faith! "When she heard of Jesus, she came in the press behind, and touched his garment; and straightaway, the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague." As Jesus was enquiring about the matter regarding how virtue had left him, word came that Jairus had lost her daughter. "Be not afraid; only believe," Jesus told Jairus. When Jesus came into the ruler's house, he

indicated that the girl sleepeth, and not dead; as was in the case of Lazarus at Bethany. He therefore took Peter, John and James along, entered the room, took the damsel by hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. And straightaway she arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve. Amen (**Mark 5:22-42**).

In another development, it came to pass that Jesus went into the city of Nain; and as he came near the gate of the city, "...behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow..." and when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, "Weep not." Jesus, as his manner was, cannot pass by this touching experience. As the Lord who has the keys to death, he cannot but show compassion on this woman to have her son back to life; therefore he said to her, weep not. Jesus touched the bier bearing the dead body and it halted. "And he said, young man, I say unto you, arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak, and he delivered him unto his

mother.” Praise God! Hallelujah! Amen.

Death recognized the voice of the one who has the key to it, and therefore cannot hold back the youth of Nain in captivity. “...And there came fear on all, and they glorified God, saying, a great prophet is risen up among us; and that, God hath visited His people” (**Luke 7:11-16**). What is your issue? The Lord Jesus is a compassionate God. Just as you have seen him show compassion unto the widow, so shall he show compassion unto those who will come unto him, and be saved. He bids us, “I am with you till the end of time.” Beloved, it is only the one who has defeated death, and has the keys to life and death that has the power to raise the dead. Jesus, our redeemer, is the promised Christ who shared his precious blood to atone for our sins. Accept him into your life now, and be saved. Amen.

27. In Curing Diseases Including Blindness and Leprosy:

In **Luke 4:38-40**, we are told that Jesus left the synagogue and entered into Simon’s house,

whereupon Simon's wife's mother was ill so that Jesus stood over her and rebuked the great fever which departed immediately to allow her minister unto the Lord. When the evening was come, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him, and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them. In similitude, Jesus had recovered the sight of a man blind at birth (as I earlier on narrated) to the surprise of the Pharisees such that they must of necessity, confirm from the parents of the blind man, if indeed their son was born blind. The blind man had said to them, "A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight." Amen. (**John 9:11**).

Luke 19:35-43 recounted similar act of the Saviour when he recovered the sight of a blind man against all odds at a place near Jericho. This man was begging along the road when Jesus was passing, and when he inquired what the noise was all about, he

was told that the Messiah passes by. His faith grasped that of Christ even afar off such that he began to cry aloud saying, “Son of David, have mercy on me.” This angered the people who rebuked him, but he would not be persuaded. Jesus, as his manner was, will stop to fulfil your request. He said unto Bartimaeus (for so he was called, according to Mark), “What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee?” He said, “Lord, that I may receive my sight.” Immediately, the Saviour must grant his request by saying, “Receive thy sight; thy faith hath saved thee.” The man received his sight and followed Jesus, and glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God. Amen.

Mark 8:22-26 reports that at Bethsaida, they brought a blind man unto Jesus and begged him to touch him. When he had taken the blind man, and led him out of the village, Jesus spat on his eyes, and put his hands on him, and asked whether he saw anything. When the man looked, he saw “men like trees walking.” Jesus placed his hands the second time, and made

him look up; and he was restored and saw every man clearly. Hallelujah!

In another development, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath and took notice of a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together such that she could not walk straight. Jesus, who had promised us saying, “Come unto me all ye that are laden, and I will give you rest” called her unto himself, saying, “Woman, you are freed from your infirmity,” and laid his hands on her. And immediately she was made straight and glorified God.” Amen (**Luke 13:10-13**).

In **Luke 5:12-15**, a leper besought Jesus and made a request, saying, “Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.” Without any hesitation whatsoever, the Saviour stretched forth his hand and touched him, and said, “I will: be thou clean.” And the scripture says immediately, the Leprosy departed from him. Hallelujah! Do you have the leprosy of unfaithfulness, the leprosy of doubt; such that you do not think

Jesus can save you from all your troubles? Please, I implore you to come unto Christ, and he will make you clean and give you rest. Amen.

And it came to pass as he went to Jerusalem that he passed between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, he met ten men who were lepers; standing at a distance. Almost simultaneously, these men lifted up their voices and said “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” Jesus said to them, “Go show yourselves to the priests. And it came to pass that as they went, they were all cleansed. Praise God! (**Luke 17:11-14**).

In **Mathew 9:1-7**, we read that after Jesus passed over into his own city, they brought unto him a man sick of the Palsy, lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the Palsy; “son, be of good cheer, thy sins be forgiven thee.” But the Scribes will not take these words kindly with Jesus. In fact, to them, Jesus had spoken blasphemy by taking upon himself the duty to forgive sins. As the Son of God, he could read the thoughts of men; hence, he said, “Wherefore think evil in your hearts? For whether it is easier to say, thy sins be forgiven thee,

or to say, arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins; Arise, take up thy bed, and go into thy house.” Hallelujah! And the sick of Palsy arose, and departed into his house, such that the multitudes marveled and glorified God. Amen. After this, “...behold, they brought to him, a dump man possessed with a devil. And when the devil was cast out, the dump spake; and the multitudes marveled, saying, it was never so seen in Israel.” (**Mathew 9:32-33**).

“Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil” (**Mathew 15:21-22**). This was the plea of a mother to Christ. But in her case, no immediate response came, such that the disciples had to ask their Master to send the woman away because her constant request angered them.

Jesus told them that he was sent unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel, but not to everyone. This response from Jesus was meant to delay the request

as Jesus put to test the faith of the woman. Knowing how important it was not to miss the opportunity to receive healing for her daughter, the woman came to Jesus and worshiped him, saying, Lord, help me. Our Lord Jesus will not hesitate to help a soul upon honest request, but such requests are fulfilled largely based on the faith of the one requesting. Therefore, it was the duty of the Lord to weigh the faith of this Canaanite woman to see if she knew her place, and really wanted help.

Jesus said to her, “It is not meet to take the children’s bread, and to cast it to dogs.” Jesus literally said that my blessings are for God’s favoured children of Israel, and not for people like you; so, it is not meet that I take that blessing and throw it at dogs like you. Jesus was not insulting the woman, but wanted to see if she has the faith to receive the blessing. In her response, the woman said, “Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master’s table” Hallelujah! (**Mathew 15:25-28**). This woman welcomed Jesus’ description of her status as a dog

not worthy of his blessing. But she told Jesus that as the children of God eat of God's blessings, some crumbs of that are likely to fall from their table and as a dog, she was ready to accept that piece of blessing. This answer was very satisfactory to the Saviour and so he said unto the woman, "O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt." And her daughter was made whole from that same hour. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen. Jesus is the Christ and will respond to anyone that calls unto his name. Just hold unto your faith in him and thou shall see the glory of God. Amen.

Luke 7:2-10 reports of a Centurion who demonstrated great faith in Jesus such that his servant received healing immediately. The Centurion's servant was sick and at the point of death; therefore it was expedient for his master to seek Jesus for help. He sent some elders to Jesus and they pleaded that he deserve help because he loved the nation and had built for them a synagogue. Upon hearing all these words about the Centurion, Jesus

turned towards his house. But as he went, the Centurion sent message to him saying, "Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof: wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed." Hallelujah! This was the same faith the Canaanite woman displayed before Jesus such that though not worthy of the 'children's bread' Jesus gave her the crumbs which fell from the table and made her daughter whole. The Centurion said, I am not worthy; and would proof to Jesus that he recognized him as the Lord; having command over host of angels in the heavens. He said to Jesus, "For I also am a man set under authority having under me soldiers and I say unto one, go, and he goeth, and to another, come, and he cometh; and to my servant, do this, and he doeth it." Ha! ha! ha! This man literally told Jesus that I am a common soldier on earth with authority to command those under me any how; and I know you to be the Son of God, having hosts of angels under your charge, who would do whatever you command them to do.

Therefore, speak the word, and my servant shall be healed.

A heathen Roman Centurion could descend his Lord in this show of great faith; so the Lord Jesus marvelled at his words and turning about said, "I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel." Jesus must now tell his followers what will happen to those who think by their birth of a particular nation or tribe, they qualify into the kingdom of God. He said, "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 shall be cast out into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (**Mathew 8:11-12**). And in the words of Mathew, Jesus said to the Centurion, "Go thy way, as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee." And his servant was healed in self-same hour. Amen.

Beloved, our Lord has the power to relief the human race from satanic bondage of any sort. All you need is to activate the power of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the

only begotten Son of the Most High God, with great faith: fearing and doubting nothing. Remember it was said of him to “...heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised...” Are you sick both spiritually and physically? Come unto Christ with all your heart, your mind, your soul, and love thy neighbour as thyself; and the Lord himself shall live in you; and immediately the devil will flee from you, so that peace shall prevail in your life. Amen.

28. In Relieving Demoniacs of their Tormentor:

In **Mark 1: 39**, we are told that Jesus preached in the synagogues throughout Galilee and cast out devils. And in one such endeavours, a man whose son was a lunatic brought him to the disciples but they could not heal the boy. After the Saviour had blamed the inability to heal the boy on lack of faith, he commanded the lunatic boy to be brought to him, and he rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

Hallelujah! In another episode, “...as they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil; and when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitude marvelled; saying, it was never so seen in Israel” (**Mathew 9: 32-33**).

Later, one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb, was brought unto him; and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and the dumb both spake and saw. Though amazed, they were still immersed in worldly thought; and so they asked whether or not the performer of the wonderful miracles was not David’s son. If David’s son, then he derived his power and authority from “...Beelzebub, the prince of the devils” (**Mathew 12: 22-24**). Ha! ha! ha! I pray that the Lord calls you out of the world so that you can descend the spiritual and recognize him as the Saviour. For it is said that no one cometh unto the Father except the Father calleth him or draweth him unto himself. Amen.

As he taught them in the synagogue on the Sabbath at Capernaum, there was found a man with a spirit

of an unclean demon who immediately cried out with loud voice confirming Jesus as the Christ. Jesus rebuked him, asking him to hold his peace and come out of the man. “...And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him and did not hurt him; insomuch that all the people were amazed and spoke among themselves saying, What word is this! For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits and they come out” (**Luke 4:31-37**). **Mark 3:11** reports that when unclean spirits saw Jesus, they fell down before him and cried saying; Thou art the Son of God. Amen.

Luke 8:26-36 reports of Jesus’ encounter with a demoniac around the country of the Gadarenes which is over against Galilee, whose place of abode was the tomb. When the man saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him; and the devil in him confirmed Jesus as the Christ and requested to be cast out into a herd of swine, which request Jesus granted; leaving the man cured of his torments. The devil will always run away from the child of Christ if only he commits wholeheartedly to the word and walk in the Lord with great faith.

Chapter Seven

Jesus Demonstrated Exceptional Wisdom and Knowledge of Scripture to Prove Himself the Christ

29. In Overcoming the Devil in the Wilderness:

When the Devil saw Jesus on earth, he recognized him as the Son of the Highest and so he immediately activated his crafts to attack him; peradventure, he may succeed as was the case in the Garden of Eden — to destroy the plan of redemption. Immediately after his baptism, the spirit led Jesus into the wilderness, and there, was tempted by the devil. During his days in the wilderness, Jesus ate nothing, because he fasted while communing with his Father to receive strength and power to overcome the adversary. When he had ended the fasting, he was very hungry, so the devil decided to act at that opportune time.

He went to Jesus and said unto him, “If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made

bread.” God’s Son has power to easily command stones to become bread to satisfy hunger, so if you are, do it and let us see. As the Son of God, Jesus knew the word, which is himself. He said to the devil, “It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” Hallelujah! This same truth Jesus presented to the disciples when he asked them not to see live as all about food and clothing, as captured in **Luke 12:22-23**.

Not satisfied, the Devil proceeded to take Jesus into the Holy City and set him on the Pinnacle of the Temple of God and said to him, “If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, least at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.” As the second in command in heaven prior to his overthrow, the Devil knows the word and did quote a portion to support his tempting statement. But Jesus will counter that claim with a much stronger word, saying, “It is written again,

Thou shall not tempt the Lord, thy God.” Hmm! I see. I will catch you by showing you all the kingdoms under my jurisdiction on earth, because you will love to rule over them, said the Devil inaudibly. So again, he taketh Jesus to an exceedingly high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, including the glory of them; and said unto him, “All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.” Then said Jesus unto the Devil, “Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.” Hallelujah! Jesus triumphed over Satan, and so he departed from Jesus and behold, angels came and ministered unto him, Praised God!

These angels were watching earnestly to see if their master will fail the test. When finally he overcame, it was their duty to rush down and show him love and stewardship. They might have said to Jesus, “Master, we are forever loyal unto thee, go on to execute the plan of redemption to save the world, and we pray that you succeed in all things until thou return to take up your rightful place as the Son of God.” Amen(**Mathew 4:1-11**).

30. In his Interaction with Teachers of the Law and Priests at the Temple:

God is the author of knowledge and wisdom; it was therefore not surprising to see His only begotten Son demonstrate exceptional knowledge and wisdom throughout his intercourse with humanity while on earth. As part of his utterances, Jesus spoke in parables and demonstrated knowledge of his Father's kingdom, including the Word which is himself.

At childhood, Jesus ignored the company of his parents when it was time to return to Nazareth after successful observation of the Passover in Jerusalem. After several search, he was found in the temple sitting in the midst of the doctors, "...both hearing them and asking them questions." And according to Scripture, "...all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers" Hallelujah! (**Luke 2: 46-47**). The doctors in the Law of Moses were astonished at the understanding of a child who had never received instructions in the oracles of God and

his laws from a rabbinical school, yet could speak to them on such matters. They did not know that the owner and the “I AM” who gave the laws to Moses on Mount Sinai himself has manifested in flesh, sitting in their midst to give them the clearer perspective and the import of those laws and commandments. Instead of learning from their Lord, they developed hatred toward him throughout because to them, he neither received instruction under any Rabi nor from any religious institution. To worsen the anger, he was the son of a carpenter. “And he taught daily in the temple; but the Chief Priests and the Scribes and the chief of the people sought to destroy him and could not find what they might do: for all the people were very attentive to hear him” Hallelujah! (**Luke 19:47-48**). As the promised Christ expounded the Scripture, humanity must be attentive to hear him. Amen.

In order to destroy Jesus quickly so that his fame does not overwhelm the world, the Chief Priests, the Scribes and the Pharisees regularly tempted the Lord to say something that can be used against him. So, as

he taught and preached the gospel in the temple, the Chief Priest, the Elders and the Scribes came upon him and demanded the source of his authority with which he doeth his things. To answer this directly would only increase their hatred toward Jesus; therefore he asked from them, the source of the Baptism of John: whether it was from heaven or of men. This wicked generation of men quickly put their heads together and conclusively told Jesus that they could not tell the answer; because agreeing that John's Baptism came from God will allow Jesus to also say his authority comes from God, and answering it was of men will draw severe attack from the people; for they believed John was a prophet of God. Jesus then said to them, "Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things" (**Luke 20: 1-8**). Therefore, he took counsel from his Father to begin talking to them in parables to demonstrate his infinite nature to humanity, as well as prolong his stay on earth till all should be accomplished which were prophesied of him.

And so it was, that throughout the rest of his discourse with the Scribes and the Pharisee, Jesus spoke in parables; notable among them are the Parable of the Sower (**Luke 8:5-15**) to illustrate the fact that not all who hear the word or gospel will obey the tenets therein; Parable of the Good Samaritan (**Luke 10: 25-37**), to illustrate God's commandment to men to love one another; Parable of the Mustard Seed (**Luke 13:18-19**) to illustrate the greatness of the kingdom of God; Parable of the Leaven (**Luke 13:20-21**) to compare with the Kingdom of God; Parable of the Great Banquet (**Luke 14:15-24**) to illustrate how those who are favoured to partake in the kingdom of God may be rejected and the unsuspected ones brought in; and the Parable of the Lost Sheep (**Luke 15:1-7**) to press home the fact that the Messiah came but to call sinners to repentance.

He also spoke of the Parable of the Lost Coin (**Luke 15:8-10**) to re-enforce the illustration of the Parable of the Lost Sheep; Parable of the Prodigal Son (**Luke 15:11-32**) to demonstrate how he, as the Christ, was prepared to accept us, even as we are (sinners) unto himself; Parable of the Unjust Steward (**Luke 16:1-15**) to demonstrate faithfulness; Parable of the Persistent Widow (**Luke 18:1-8**) to illustrate the need for men to

pray without ceasing, because God must answer our prayers at some point for being persistent; Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector (**Luke 18:9-14**) to warn those who think themselves righteous and judge others as sinners; Parable of the Ten Minas (**Luke 19:11-27**) to disabuse the minds of the people regarding when the kingdom of God should come; and the Parable of the Wicket Tenants (**Luke 20:9-19**) to illustrate the destruction of the world by God because of the world's rejection of Christ. Beloved, Jesus had these wise conversations with humanity while on earth to demonstrate his authorship of Knowledge and wisdom.

31. In Teaching his Disciples:

Apart from speaking in parables, Jesus also taught his disciples the way of life; touching on many things such as prayer, anxiety, the law and marriage, the coming kingdom reign, and the need to be watchful. In a special sermon on the mount with his disciples, he also disclosed some useful truths to humanity. In **Luke 11:2-4**, the disciples asked Jesus to teach them

how to pray; but a better account of that encounter is presented by **Mathew** in **Chapter 6: 5 -13**.

In teaching his disciples how to pray, Jesus warned them not to pray like the hypocrites do. How do hypocrites pray? The disciples asked this inaudible question. Jesus answered, "...for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men." He then proceeded to teach the right way to pray, saying, "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" Amen. The Lord will continue with his teachings by asking his hearers not to use vain repetitions as the heathen do, for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Ha! ha! ha! God is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent; therefore, we do not go before Him with much speaking, as though He is deaf. In fact, He "knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him."

Now, having descended from his throne as the Son of God, he knows what specific words eulogizes the Father, and moves Him to answer our prayers. He said to his disciples, “After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts; as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and power, and the glory, for ever. Amen ” (**Mathew 6: 9-13**). Literally, Jesus taught that when praying, first recognize that you have a father in heaven; glorify His name and His kingdom, and ask His will to be done in your life, not yours. Ask for daily food and forgiveness of your sins, bearing in mind that you also forgive those who sin against you. The devil is on earth focused on leading you into temptation and destruction, so pray that the Lord deliver you from evil and safeguard you from temptations. Amen.

Touching on ‘Anxiety’ Jesus said unto the disciples;

“Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. Praise God! (**Luke 12:22-23**). As God’s children created in His likeness, we need not think about what we shall eat or wear; explaining that life involves several other issues other than food and clothing. He continued his speech to proof why we need to uphold this counsel. “Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?” Jesus literally said that the birds of the air do not cultivate crops in order to harvest into a barn, but they do not go hungry. If so, are we not, as humans, better off than birds, so that the Father should of necessity and surety provide our daily meat? “And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?” Ha! ha! ha! Jesus asked, if you think as human, it is by serious thinking you can provide your needs, then why do you not think so hard in order to add a cubit to your stature? “If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least,

why take ye thought for the rest?” Adding a cubit to your stature is the easiest thing to do; and if you are unable to do that, why worry yourself about the rest which certainly involves much more difficult tasks?

The Lord will continue by citing another example; “Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not: and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass, which is today in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? And seek not what ye shall eat or drink; neither be ye of doubtful mind.” Hallelujah! “I tell you, all the nations seek after these things...” but your Father, God the Almighty “...knoweth that ye have need of these things, and will therefore provide them.” Rather than taking thought in these worldly things, “... seek ye first, the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you. Do not fear, for, it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom” Amen **(Luke 12: 24-32).**

On the Law and Marriage, Jesus had this to say; “Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, commiteth adultery; and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery” (**Luke 16:18**). Simply put, any man who will put away his wife for any other reason or reasons other than fornication, and marries another woman commits adultery; and if a man goes to marry the ‘put away’ woman, he has also committed adultery, period.

On the coming kingdom reign, Jesus did not teach of it on his own; but had to respond to a question asked by the Pharisees, regarding when the Kingdom of God should come. He therefore answered them saying, “The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo, here! Nor Lo, there! For, behold, the Kingdom of God is within you” (**Luke 17:20-21**). Hallelujah! The Kingdom of God is within you when your heart, mind, and soul responds to the commandments of the Saviour. Once you demonstrate the attributes of a child of God, God will

automatically admit you into His spiritual kingdom, which can only be revealed in the second coming of the Messiah.

Jesus then told his disciples not to hearken unto those who, in future, will come to them saying, look here, look there, in search of Christ and his kingdom; for, the days will come when they will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but will not see it. He would then demonstrate how his coming will look like, saying, “For as the lightening that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day” (**Luke 17:24**). How will the worldly atmosphere look like? Will there be anxiety among the people and about the day? Will people be expectant? The disciples asked these inaudible questions. Jesus answered them, “And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and

destroyed them all.” Humanity will continue life as usual: living gluttonous lifestyles, killing people for money, deceiving people and lying in everything they do, until the day of the Lord shall come.

The Lord had described the nature of his second coming, therefore, it was necessary to teach the disciples to be watchful. He said to them, “Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the lord, when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.” Jesus continued, “And this know, that if the good-man of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken

through. Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.” Hallelujah! (**Luke 12:35-40**). The day of the Lord is only known to the Father; and the Son bids us to be watchful. Amen.

In that Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught how to receive blessing from the Father, and among several of them he said, “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.” “Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.” “Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake” (**Mathew 5: 1-12**).

Beloved, it is only the Son of the omniscient God who has the power, authority, wisdom and knowledge to teach these wonderful truths to humanity so that in the end, we may find solace in our creator when he shall show us mercy and receive us into his kingdom. Come unto Christ therefore, learn of him, and ye shall have life and have it more abundantly. For this is

he, who was to come and save the world. Amen.

32. In his Responses to the Pharisaic Fraternity and the Priests:

As Jesus interacted with the world, the people had many doubts as to whether he was indeed the promised Christ. The Pharisees and Scribes monitored him closely; asking him questions and expecting answers which could implicate him for crucifixion. In his responses to few of the many questions considered here, we see that only the infinite can provide these answers.

The Pharisees and Scribes would like to understand why Jesus and his disciples ate and drank with tax collectors, whom they considered sinners. In **Luke 5:31-32**, Jesus answered them saying, “They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” This response did not sit well with them, so they asked further; “Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers, and likewise the disciples of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink?”

(Luke 5:33).

“Look, you who call yourself the Christ; we know the conduct of those who are of God; John the Baptist is of God, so his disciples fast and pray often, likewise the Pharisees. But we have seen that you and your disciples walk about eating and drinking with sinners.” Ha! ha! ha! This was the verdict of the Pharisees. Jesus answered them, “Can ye make the children of the bride chamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come, when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.” Hallelujah! I am of God; in fact, the Son of God. But while on earth with these that have elected to learn of me, and to keep my commandments when am away, they need not fast and pray now. The time will come when no one will require them to do so; they will do it of their own will. Jesus by that response, predicted his death, which should take him out of the world back to his Father.

In another episode, Jesus had to pass by a corn field, and as they went, his disciples plucked some ears of the corn and did eat. This, the Pharisees had issue with, especially because that act took place on a Sabbath day. **Luke 6:2-5** reports that certain of the Pharisee said to Jesus, “Why do ye that which is not lawful to do on the Sabbath day?” Answering, Jesus will have to refer them to the days of their beloved king David, when as a result of hunger and the necessity to fill the stomach, he had to disobey the commandment of God by eating the shew-bread of the temple, and also give some to his followers to eat, though it was meant only for the priests. Jesus then proceeded to tell them that based on David’s example and what he knew of the Sabbath, the “Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath.” Hallelujah! There is nothing wrong to do that which is good on the Sabbath day.

Again, the Pharisees and Scribes would like to understand why Jesus did not wash first before having dinner as reported in **Luke 11:38**. Jesus said

unto them, “Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter, but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness.” Jesus continued, “Ye fools, did not He that made that which is without make that which is within also? But rather give alms of such things as ye have: and, behold, all things are clean unto you.” Jesus had had issues always about this attitude of hypocrisy of the Pharisees as though they knew all, and were perfect than anyone else. Now they pretended to care about Jesus so much that he must have washed before dinner, when in fact, they were watching closely to press charges against him to be crucified.

Going forward, the Pharisees would like to know about salvation and whether or not a few will attain it. **Luke 13: 23-30** gives a vivid account of the intercourse between the Pharisees and Jesus: “Then said one unto him; Lord, are there few that be saved?” The Saviour who is all-knowing answered, “Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: Then shall ye begin to say, we have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out." Amen.

Beloved, in all the Lords' responses to the questions asked, we descend the infinite, and a clear demonstration of wisdom, knowledge and power which can only come from the Son of God. I therefore entreat you to believe that Jesus is the promised Christ. He shall come again and make reference to all these lessons if we hearken not unto his commandments. Amen.

Chapter Eight

The World Reacted Against His Birth, Words and Works to Prove Him the Christ

33. Reaction of Persons of Authority at his Birth:

As the promised Christ arrived on earth in the likeness of man and as a child, the world reacted variously against him. The authority and powers of kings, governors, and the priestly class were threatened because the object of his coming, which was to redeem the human race from satanic bondage, was misconstrued by many a people. Heaven knew that kings, governors, and priests had what it took to receive and provide the needed care to the world's redeemer while on earth, so that he could carry out the redemption plan of God without any difficulty. But knowing that these inhabitants of the earth were power drunk and selfish by nature, the coming of the Saviour was hidden from them and rather announced to shepherds and wise men from

the East, that they may provide the needs of the Saviour upon his arrival.

The Bible records that when King Herod heard that a king of the Jews had been born, as announced by the Magi, he was troubled, with all the inhabitants of Jerusalem. The question arose in his mind, “Who is this new king to usurp my power and authority?” He must find some crafty way of searching diligently for the prospective king and kill it now before it was too late. Summoning the Chief Priests and the elders in Jerusalem, he inquired from them, where the Messiah was to be born. They answered, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel” (**Mathew 2:5-6**). Then the king interacted with the Magi and asked them to notify him whenever they find Jesus; so that he may also worship him.

God must protect His son, so the Magi were divinely led to their country through another way after they had found and worshiped the Lord, avoiding Herod. Herod's authority became more threatened by that act and so he immediately ordered the killing of all children of two years and below within his jurisdiction, in fulfillment of scriptural prophecy: "In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not" (**Mathew 2:18**). This prophecy was foretold by the prophet Jeremy, and was fulfilled to demonstrate to humanity that Jesus is the promised Christ unto the world.

The Devil must work hard to see if it be possible to frustrate God's plan of redeeming the human race the second time; hence, he worked through self-seeking kings to oppose the Saviour. At the very beginning, the Devil must work to kill all children, including the child Jesus. But God is all-knowing, so He commanded Joseph, through His angels, to take

the babe and his mother into Egypt until those who sort to destroy him were no more. This is the Christ we recommend unto you. Accept him as your personal saviour. Amen.

34. Reaction of the Jewish Priests, Scribes and Pharisees against his Words and Works:

If the notion that every parent has special love or attachment to one of his children is anything to go by, then the children of Israel are no doubt God's beloved children. From creation until the days of Christ, we saw God's special love demonstrated toward the children of Israel. He established a covenant with the fathers, led them in wars against nations and delivered them from bondage in the land of Egypt, established them on a promised land, and from them came the Saviour of the world. But throughout history, the children of Israel had demonstrated disobedience toward God. On Mount Sinai, for instance, they pleaded with God to hide Himself from them and pledged to serve Him all the

days of their lives, only to demand of Moses, why he had brought them from Egypt to slay them in the wilderness. In fact they wanted to return to Egypt; and at some points, they created and did worshiped graven images or gods.

The Jews had rehearsed the promise of a Messiah severally in their synagogues, but when Jesus was born, they would not acknowledge him as their Saviour. There is nothing in him to be desired, especially because he was the son of a carpenter: and nothing good can come out of Nazareth. The Jews, and especially the priestly class, therefore rejected him. They marveled at his knowledge and wisdom; his understanding of the Scripture and his love for mankind; yet, the devil worked through them so that they were unable to recognize their Saviour. When the Lord Jesus announced himself the Son of God, forgave sins, healed many on Sabbath days, and declared that he could re-build the temple in three days if it be destroyed, they reacted negatively against those words and described such things as

blasphemy. Once upon a time, Jesus said to the people of Nazareth, “You will surely say to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal thyself!’ to confirm their rejection of him (**Luke 4:23**).

According to Scripture, multitudes followed Jesus during his days; some seeking redemption from sicknesses, some to learn from him and be his true disciples, some to spy on him and accuse him to the Pharisaic authorities, and others to follow the crowd to see for themselves the miracles he performed (**John 11:46**). The Scribes and Pharisees saw a deterioration in their influence over the people because of the presence of Jesus and would have to stop him. The Sanhedrin Council regularly met to discuss the course they might take against the Saviour. And after one of the many miracles was performed (raising Lazarus), they said, “If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation” (**John 11:47-48**). When Jesus restored the sight of a man born blind from birth, the Sanhedrin

would not condone that act, so they sought confirmation from the man's parents, whether or not their son was indeed born blind. This and many others they did to proof their rejection of the Saviour.

But God was with His son, and elected people to thwart the efforts of the enemy at destroying Jesus until his time be fulfilled. Since hearing Jesus, Nicodemus discerned the infinite and thwarted the scheming of the Sanhedrin aimed at killing Jesus. During one of the meetings to discuss how to arrest Jesus, Nicodemus asked the other members of the Sanhedrin; "Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?" These words came home to their conscience, and for a time, they took no actions against the Saviour, so that his mission might be accomplished as determined by the heavens.

Beloved, so was the days of the Lord Jesus; the human race reacted negatively toward his words and works to the amazement of the heavens, when the

object of his coming was to redeem us from the power of the oppressor, which is the Devil. In the end, our Lord triumphed, and has taken his place at the right-hand of the Most High awaiting return for judgment. Amen.

35. The World Rejected him before Pontius Pilate Just as Israel Rejected God before Samuel:

After God's original plan to duel with mankind and to have angels serve them failed (through the fall of Adam in the Garden of Eden), He began to deal with His people through special messengers and prophets. From Moses, Aaron, Joshua through to Samuel, God spoke to his people of His will, covenant and punishments for disobedience. But before Samuel died, the people rejected God and rather asked to be ruled by kings as the heathen nations did (**1 Samuel 8**). Samuel told them the consequences of being ruled by a king but they refused his counsel. And God granted their wish and were subsequently ruled by

Saul, David, Solomon etc, bearing all the yokes thereof.

Similarly, the Jews rejected their Lord before Pontius Pilate saying “...away with this man...” as they described him negatively in various words. In spite of this, the merciful Lord has made a wonderful provision of forgiveness for whosoever shall come unto him. Refusing to come to Jesus while alive means judgment awaits you after death, and there you shall bear the consequences of the rejection of Christ.

Chapter Nine

Jesus Predicted His Death, Resurrection and other Events Accurately and Truthfully to Prove Himself the Christ

36. In the Upper Room with his Disciples:

After the disciples had inquired from the Lord where he would that the Passover be eaten, and subsequently got the place ready, Jesus sat down with the twelve in the evening, and began to eat. While eating, the Saviour said, “Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me” (**Mathew 26:21**). How can Jesus talk like this? The disciples asked the inaudible question. They became exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to ask whether he was the one. When Judas Iscariot asked, “Master, is it I?” the Lord said, “Thou hast said.” When Jesus had established the New Covenant with them for the remission of sins, which is his body and blood,

represented by bread and wine respectively, they sang a hymn and left for the Mountain Olivet. And there, Jesus further predicted what should happen; saying, “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.” Praise God! (**Mathew 26: 30-32**).

Beloved, Jesus foretold his betrayal and narrowed down to the exact person to execute that act, in the person of Judas Iscariot. He also told them that after he had risen, he will go before them into Galilee. And the Scripture reports in **Mathew 28:7**, that the angel told the women, during the days of Christ’s resurrection, to go and tell his disciples that the Lord is risen, and goeth before them into Galilee; there shall they see him. Hallelujah!

37. On the Way to Jerusalem:

“And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them; Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and the Son of man

shall be betrayed unto the Chief Priests and unto the Scribes, and they shall condemn him to death. And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him; and the third day he shall rise again” Hallelujah! (**Mathew 20:17-19**). The Saviour did not only informed them about his death, but specifically mentioned that he will be betrayed, delivered unto Gentiles who will mock and scourge him, and finally crucify him. Beloved, it is only the deity that can accurately predict events in this manner. We saw later, that Jesus was betrayed by one of his own disciples, delivered unto Roman soldiers who mocked and scourged him, and finally nailed him unto the cross. In **Chapter 26:1-2**, Mathew reports that when Jesus had finished all things, he said to his disciples; “Ye know that after two days is the feast of the Passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified.” But the Chief Priests will not execute the secret plan to kill Jesus during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people. After all was accomplished, Jesus arose again the third day

as the angels revealed to the women; “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” Hallelujah! (**Luke 24:5-7**). The Lord did arise as he foretold.

During the same period, the mother of Zebedee’s children came in to request a favour from Jesus; desiring that her sons be granted to sit at the right-hand side of the Lord in his kingdom. Answering, Jesus disclosed further, what manner of death was to come upon him. He said, “Ye know not what ye ask; are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? (**Mathew 17:20-23**). Jesus will later agree with them that they are indeed able, but the granting of that request resided with the Father. Beloved, in these words we confirm to you that Jesus is the Christ. He would not attempt to assume authority over what has not been delivered under his control.

This is the person of Christ we recommend to you. Come unto him, for, he is the only way unto salvation. Amen.

38. In the Parable of Re-building the Temple in Three Days:

As was disclosed earlier, Jesus executed his plan perfectly while on earth. As an all-knowing deity, he knew what to do in order to stay safe until his hour was come. He therefore spoke in parables so that the Scribes and Pharisees would not easily find accusations against him, in order to be crucified. In one such instances, Jesus predicted his death by telling his disciples, as they looked on the magnificent and beautiful temple, that they should destroy the temple and it shall be re-built in three days. This was a blasphemous statement according to the Pharisees because they understood it literally. Countless number of years was spent to construct the temple, and who is this man that can re-construct it in three days, if it be pulled down? they

fumed. They failed to understand that Jesus spoke of the temple of his body; that if he was killed, he will rise again in three days. As events unfolded later, the Pharisees used this very accusation against Jesus while he was before Pilate. Thus chief among the accusations were that, he made himself the Son of the Most High, and could re-build the temple in three days if it be destroyed. When all was accomplished, Jesus was crucified, buried, and in three days, he arose again as he foretold. Praise God! (**John 2:18-22**).

39. In the Persecution of the Church:

Before his death, Jesus had predicted what would become of the church which he was planting on earth. Being the church himself, Jesus said unto his disciples, "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" (**Mathew 26:31**). This statement was not applicable to just the night in question when the mob came to arrest Jesus, but also applied to the persecution the

church had suffered until this day. When Jesus was arrested, all his disciples fled, living Peter who also forsook him in the end as Jesus foretold.

After the Lord's ascension, the world fought against the Word and the church variously; confirming what was foretold by Jesus in **2 Timothy 3:12**; "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." The Apostle Paul, formerly called Saul, persecuted the church severely, including many other individuals such as kings, governors and priests. But in the end, the Word and the church survived until this day. The Lord himself elected those who are able to hold unto the faith until this day. Gameliel had advised the Sanhedrin not to be bothered by the euphoria around Jesus because if his words and works were of God, no man could stop it, but that his words shall endure to the end; citing examples of persons who came claiming to be somebody but did not last. If from the days of Gameliel until now, the church is still growing stronger and stronger, then the words and works of

Jesus are from God. Amen.

40. In his Death and Resurrection:

After foretelling his death severally to many, it came to pass that Pontius Pilate yielded to the will of the people and delivered Jesus to be crucified on the cross. He was mistreated in many ways and later nailed to the cross. He died on the cross; and when news got to Pilate about his death, it was too brief a scene to be true. And so Pilate had to send soldiers to confirm his death. How? A spear was thrust into his side, out of which came water and blood to confirm that one had died from excruciating pain.

His body was later released to Joseph of Arithmethea and Nicodemus who prepared it for burial; and was subsequently laid to rest in a tomb. The Devil was not sure if his power could prevent Jesus from rising again, so he reminded the Pharisees of the need to secure the tomb with a Roman Seal, and by the orders of Pilate, the tomb was secured as sure and safe as possible. "Now the next day that followed the

day of preparation, the Chief Priest and Pharisees came together unto Pilate saying, Sir, we remember that the deceiver said, while he was yet alive, after three days I will rise again. Command therefore, that the sepulchre 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” (**Mathew 27: 62-64**). Ha! ha! ha! Which was the first error? Was it to allow Jesus to stay on to teach the Word and perform great miracles so that the entire world turned unto him? The Devil is funny. Pilate said unto them “...ye have a watch: go your way, make it (the sepulchre) as sure as you can. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the tomb with stone, and setting a watch” (**Mathew 27:65**). But when the time was due for the Son of man to rise and take his seat at the right-hand side of the Father, the powers of darkness could not hold him back. The Roman seal was rolled off at the presence of the angel of God; Jesus arose from the dead to the glory

of God. Amen.

41. Angels Testified after his Resurrection that Jesus is the Christ:

“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 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.” Hallelujah! (**Luke 24:4-7**). Who are those in shining garments, whose presence made the women sore afraid? They are angels of God appointed to minister unto Jesus and to guide his body while it was in the tomb awaiting resurrection. These heavenly beings told the women that Jesus is risen. Hallelujah!

Mathew 28: 1-7 reports that at dawn toward the first day of the week, the two Marys went to see the sepulchre. “And behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door (of the tomb), and sat upon it.

His countenance was like lightening, and his raiment white as snow: and for fear of him, the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.” Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen. Who is that being whose appearance is like lightening? He was the great angel Gabriel, who took over the position of Christ in heaven to direct affairs until the Lord returns from the sinful world to take up his place at the right-hand side of the Father. Who is the Devil before the angel Gabriel? The angel said, “Fear not ye: For I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: Lo, I have told you.” Hallelujah! Praise God! Our Lord is risen

according to angel Gabriel. Believe in Jesus, beloved, in order to attain eternal live. Amen.

42. Two Confirmed that Jesus is the Christ:

News came unto many that the Lord Jesus who was openly crucified on the cross for all to see is risen again. This news was thought to be too sweet to be true by the Apostles, let alone the disciples of Christ. Two of such disciples, Cleopas and Simon were walking back to Emmaus, a small village located few kilometers from Jerusalem, when a companion joined them. These two were highly disappointed in the events that had taken place concerning the crucifixion of the Lord. And so as they walked, they discussed several issues, including trying to find answers to one key question which continued to linger on their minds; “Can this man who was openly humiliated and killed shamefully be the Christ?” Jesus, the omniscient Lord, understood their pain and must help their faith, which was at the point of

collapse. He joined them and made statements that comforted, as well as startled them, saying, “What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?” Hallelujah! **(Luke 24:17).**

Cleopas would have to remind Jesus of the immediate past events concerning the killing of one who had proven himself to be the Christ, by asking whether he was a stranger and so did not know what had gone on recently in Jerusalem. Jesus pretended he knew nothing; so they told him the events about one Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and words before God and all the people; and how the Chief Priests delivered him to be killed. They continued to tell their newly found companion how certain women came with news that they had seen angels who testified that Jesus is risen; and how the sepulchre had been visited and the Lord’s body not found. At this point, Jesus said, “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?" Jesus did not end there; he taught them many things as they walked, beginning from Moses, to prove himself the Christ. But all this while, the two were spiritually blindfolded not to recognize their Lord.

When they got close to their homes, Jesus pretended to continue his journey, but the two were not satisfied with the good news which came from the Lord, so they insisted on hosting him as their guest for the evening. "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." Hallelujah! Yes! This is Jesus indeed; "did not our heart burn within us while he talked with us by the way, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" The two asked simultaneously.

With this great news at hand, they could not finish the meal. They arose the same hour and returned to Jerusalem to tell the eleven and others that Jesus, the Lord, is risen indeed; recounting all the events which

took place on the way. And while they were yet speaking, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and said unto them, "...Peace be unto you." Instead of being exceedingly glad, the disciples felt terrified thinking they had seen a spirit. And so Jesus must proof that he was not a spirit, and reminded them of the words he said unto them while he was alive, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the Law of Moses and in the Prophets, and in the Psalms concerning him. Amen (**Luke 24:13-44**).

43. Jesus Ascended into Heaven and Empowered his Apostles with the Holy Ghost:

After Jesus had proven to the disciples that he was not a spirit as they thought, but had actually risen from the dead and still the same Christ, he proceeded to tell them why he must suffer and rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name throughout all the nations beginning from Jerusalem.

He also told them that they were his witnesses in the things concerning him. He sent the promise of the Father upon them, and tasked them to tarry in the city of Jerusalem until they be endued with the power from on high. As the fullness of the time to be received into heaven came, Jesus led the disciples to Bethany, and 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 worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God" Amen.

Beloved, all the disbelieve and doubts in the minds and hearts of the disciples of Christ disappeared when they saw him parted from them into heaven, because it is only the Son of God that can leave the earth in that manner. And so they came believing and praising God (**Luke 24:45-52**). This same Christ will come to redeem his elect the same way he was received into heaven very soon. Repent therefore and be saved. Amen.

Mark reports in **Chapter 16:14-20** that Jesus rebuked the disciples for their unbelief and hardness of heart when he appeared unto the eleven, and said unto them: “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to everyone. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” He continued to strengthen their faith by assuring them that signs and wonders shall follow them that believe, and that, in his name shall they cast out devils, speak with new tongues, take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them. As they preach the word, they shall also lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. Hallelujah! This is the power we obtain from the Son of God.

Beloved, do you believe these words which proceeded from Jesus Christ? If you believe, you can take up the serpent and it will not hurt you; drink any poison, it will not hurt you. Thank you Jesus. After these words, Mark says Jesus was received up into heaven, and sat on the right-hand of God. Amen. I therefore humbly recommend Jesus to you. Repent,

and accept Jesus Christ so that if he could not come before your physical death, you may sleep in him, that on the day of his second coming, you will rise again with him and be parted with him into his great and everlasting kingdom. Amen.

Chapter Ten

The Acts of the Apostles and Disciples after His Ascension Confirmed Him the Christ

44. The Devil Confirmed Jesus the Christ:

During the days of Jesus, it came to pass that he commanded his disciples to get on board a ship in order to cross over to the other side of the sea. As they journeyed, he calmed the Sea so that the disciples wondered and asked one another, “What manner of man is this! For he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him” (**Luke 8:24**). When they arrived in the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee, there met Jesus and them that followed him, a certain man which had devils long time, and wore no clothes, neither abode in any house but in tombs. “When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said; what have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou

Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.” Hallelujah! (**Luke 8:28**). Beloved, the devil inside the man, tormenting him such that he could break chains and rush on people, recognized Jesus as the Son of the highest God, and testified before him. When the Lord asked what the devils name was, it said “Legion, for we are many.” Knowing what Jesus can do to them, they begged to be cast into a herd of swine, and when Jesus suffered them to come out of the man, they came into the swine, rushed into the sea and perished. In **Mark 3:11**, the Scripture reports that when unclean spirits saw Jesus, they fell down before him, and cried, saying, thou art the Son of God. Amen.

Similarly after Jesus ascended into heaven, his servants began to preach the word to all nations in fulfillment of a duty assigned unto them. The Scripture tells us that Paul and Silas came to Philippi, and it came to pass as they went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met them, which brought her masters much gain by

soothsaying. “The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, these men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.” Praise God! The Devil is repeating the same claim that these men are the servants of that Jesus I told you about; the Son of the most high God. Beloved, the Devil recognized Jesus as the Saviour, worthy of worship and praise. Did you notice the words of the Devil? “...which shew unto us the way of salvation.” In short, the Devil said that Paul and Silas are true servants of Jesus, and do show men the way unto salvation. Jesus is therefore, the way: come unto me, he says, and I will save you and grant unto you eternal rest, Amen (**Acts 16:16-17**).

Again, we are told that certain of the vagabond Jews; exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus; saying, “We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preach; and among these were seven sons of a certain Jew called Sceva, chief of the priests.” These thought the name of our Lord Jesus, the Christ, is a vain name, so they

called mockingly that name to see if it has the efficacy to overcome the evil spirits. “And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know; but who are ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.” Ha! ha! ha! The evil spirit knew Jesus as the Son of God. But who were these? When this story was made known to the people, fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified (**Acts 19:13-16**). Beloved, do you know the Saviour as the Devil does? Repent, come unto the Lord, and get to know him well. He will save you for free. Amen.

45. Holy Angels Ministered unto the Apostles and Disciples to Confirmed Jesus the Christ:

The Devil is known for deploying specific crafts to frustrate the work and plan of God. During the days of Adam, he deceived Eve to manipulate Adam to disobey God. He worked with the Jews to mistrust Moses during his days in the wilderness until Moses

disobeyed God and missed out of the Promised Land. Of Noah, the devil would not allow the people to hearken unto his warnings concerning the flood until many be destroyed by it; and in the days of Jesus, the Devil worked through unbelieving priests and Pharisees to kill the Son of God.

When the Apostles of Jesus began their ministry to spread the gospel, the Devil went to battle with them, using similar crafts as usual. As Peter and John preached about Christ and performed miracles in his name, the Devil worked through wicked priests and elders of Israel to halt their efforts. The Scripture tells us that after Peter and John had concluded matters related to Ananias and Sapphira, great fear came upon all the church; and by the hands of the Apostles, many signs and wonders were wrought among the people; and believers were added unto the Lord.

As the High Priest and his comrades witnessed this, they were filled with indignation, and laid hands on

the Apostles and placed them in the Common Prison. “But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said; Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life” Hallelujah! (**Acts 5:17-25**). And when they heard that, they entered into the temple early in the morning and taught boldly as commanded by the angel.

In **Acts 12:1-11**, we are told how King Herod began to stretch forth his hands to vex the church and killed James, the brother of John. Because he saw that this deadly act pleased the Jews, he seized Peter also, intending to kill him. Peter was therefore put into prison guarded by four quaternions of soldiers who slept by his sides while he was in chains to be dealt with after Easter. But while there, prayer was made without ceasing for him of the church unto God.

And when the time to face the wrath of the king came, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, “And behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the

side and raised him up, saying, arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.” Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! The power of our Christ Jesus was at work and who can stop it? “And the angel said unto him, gird thyself and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he said unto him, cast thy garment about thee and follow me.” Peter followed the angel and thought that he saw a vision. After they had gone past several wards, “...they came to a huge iron gate which opened to them of its own accord and they went out; and forthwith the angel departed from him” Praise God! The king was notified of the absence of Peter from the prison so he put to death the soldiers. Later on, the angel of the Lord smote the King so that he was eaten of worms because he made an oration and the people gave the glory to him rather than to God. Beloved, Our Lord Jesus is sited at the right-hand side of the Father to fulfil all the assurance he had given to those who would come unto him. He says, “I AM” with you, even till the end of time. If so, then it is his duty to send his

angels to minister unto those who believe on him.
Thank you Jesus.

In **Acts 16: 19-32**, the Devil possessed the people to revolt against Paul and Silas; laid many stripes upon them and finally placed them in a prison, after that the two had cast out evil spirits in a damsel who brought much gain to her masters by soothsaying as mentioned earlier. Paul and Silas had no hope in none other than their Lord Jesus Christ. And the Scripture tells us that at midnight, Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God so much that the prisoners heard them. "And suddenly there was a great earthquake so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's hands were loosed. And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep and seeing the prison doors open, drew out his sword and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had fled. But Paul cried with a loud voice saying, do thyself no harm: for we are all here." Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! The watch keeper

later found that indeed, they were all in the prison intact, though they could have run away. He realized that these men are indeed the servants of the highest God as testified by the soothsayer. He asked what he has to do to be saved, and was subsequently saved. Praise God! Beloved, do you remember on the day of resurrection of Christ Jesus, the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and the earth quaked so much so that the keepers of watch at the tomb fell as dead men? It was this same angel who ministered unto Paul and Silas, in fulfillment of Christ's promise to the disciples, "I AM" with you, even till the end of time." Amen.

As the Apostle Paul continued his work, preaching to both the Jews and Gentiles dangerously everywhere he went, it got to a point in time in Jerusalem when the crowd was stirred up against him such that he had to be put before Governors. From Felix to Festus, through Agrippa then to Caesar. While on his way to be delivered unto Caesar, the journey on sea became very dangerous, but the angel of the Lord ministered

unto Paul; encouraging and assuring him of God's protection. Paul said to his companions, "And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, saying; Fear not, Paul, thou must be brought before Caesar: and lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee" (**Acts 27:22-24**). Paul therefore encouraged his companions to believe in the words of his God, that it shall be even as it was told by the angel. No life was lost in that voyage to the glory of God. Amen. Beloved, Jesus is the promised Christ because through his powerful angels, he was with the Apostles until they individually accomplished their heavenly assigned tasks. Believe on Christ Jesus and be saved. Amen.

46. The Faith and Boldness Displayed by the Apostles and Disciples Before Kings and Governors Confirmed Jesus the Christ:

When the Apostles commenced their works which were accompanied with signs and wonders in the

name of the Lord Jesus, the Devil was very displeased and would have to act swiftly to try to halt their actions. He will act through the same agents: Priests and Pharisees to see if it be possible to halt the activities of the servants of God. But the Lord, who knew the plan of the Devil in advance, had granted faith unto his servants, and with the aid of the Holy Spirit, demonstrated exceptional wisdom, courage and boldness as they went.

After Peter and John had healed the cripple at the temple which was called Beautiful, they were brought before the council of the Sanhedrin for questioning and rebuke. They questioned them regarding the power or name in which the miracles were performed. Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, told them with all boldness that their power is from Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom they crucified, but was raised by God and is currently at the right-hand side of the Father. Peter went on to tell them that "This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the

cornerstone.” He then showed them the way, saying, “And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (**Acts 4:10-12**). And the Scripture tells us that when the people saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished, and they recognized that they had been with Jesus. Hallelujah! Amen.

After several threats, the Sanhedrin had no option than to let go the servants of God. When they were gathered, they lifted their voices in prayer unto God, and at the concluding part of that powerful prayer, they said, “And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” And when they had prayed, the place was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

Amen.

The Story of Ananias and the wife Sapphira is not new to many (**Acts 5:1-10**). When everything was accomplished about them, the Apostles were thrown into prison, to be later wondrously found standing in the temple preaching to the people. For the fear of the people, these men were brought before the Sanhedrin Council without force, and asked why they were still continuing with the Word against all the previous warnings. “And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the High Priest questioned them, saying, we strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.” Ha! ha! ha! Is this not the same people who told Pilate that he should release Jesus to be crucified, and that his blood should come upon them, if he (Pilate), was afraid of the consequences of that blood when he (Pilate) had washed his hands to signify that he took no part in sharing that innocent blood? But as they witnessed

the power of the risen Lord, they were now afraid of that blood.

Peter and the Apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.” Peter and his brethren continued to tell them about Jesus but they became enraged and wanted to kill them but for the intervention of Gamaliel, an honoured member of the Sanhedrin. Against all odds, the Apostles were very bold to say they would rather obey God than men. Can we, as Christians today, demonstrate such boldness toward God by obeying Him rather than men? Today, men give heed to sensual pleasures and give their mind, soul, and heart to things like football/betting, wrestling, boxing, clubbing, vain music, and negativism on social media and so on, in the name of natural or technological advancement among others. They would not study the word let alone preach or defend it, as did the Disciples of Christ.

In **Acts 14**, we read about how Paul and Barnabas preached in the synagogue of the Jews at Iconium so

that multitudes both of the Jews and Greeks believed and how the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles against the Apostles so that they had to stay long in that city, boldly speaking in the Lord which gave testimony unto the word of his grace and granted signs and wonders to be performed by their hands.

When they sensed danger, the Apostles fled to Lystra and there, they healed a man who was impotent in his feet being a cripple at birth so that the people lifted their voices and said, “The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.” What a surprising statement? When the Son of God descended from the throne of his Father to take the form of a man in order to teach us the way unto salvation, men refused to recognize him as their Lord; but of this miracle emanating from the same Lord, they exclaimed that the gods are come down in the likeness of men.

The inhabitants of Lystra would attempt to offer sacrifices to these gods which they described as Jupiter and Mercurius but for the timely intervention

of Paul and Barnabas. These servants of the Lord were later stoned to partial death and thrown out of the city so that they departed to Derbe where they preached the gospel as well. One would have thought that having experienced danger and torture at Lystra, the Apostles would never step foot in that city again. But we found out later that Paul and Barnabas returned boldly again to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, confirming the souls of the disciples and exhorting them to continue in the faith, stressing the point that the children of God "...must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." Hallelujah! In **Acts 19: 8**, we read how Paul, after laying his hands upon many so that they spoke in tongues and prophesied, went into the synagogue and preached boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

In **Acts 24, 25, and 26**, Paul was dragged unto Governor Felix being charged as a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes and one that profane the

temple of God. The Jews tasked a special orator named Tertulus, to accuse Paul before the people and the council. But the Lord had said unto his disciples never to take thought of what to say whenever they appear before kings and governors accused of the word. When he took his turn, Paul spoke with such boldness, courage and wisdom so that Felix had to postpone the judgment. When governor Festus took over the matter, he concluded that it was not one deserving of death, and would have released Paul if he had not appealed to Caesar. While awaiting his appearance before Caesar, Paul had the opportunity to speak to King Agrippa and the wife Bernice. During that intercourse, Paul displayed boldness, courage and wisdom such that Governor Festus thought of him as being beside himself due to excessive knowledge, while King Agrippa claimed Paul had made him almost a Christian, having listened to him. Praise God!

Beloved, the boldness, courage and wisdom with which the Apostles preached the word of God and

defended it before kings and governors was a clear indication that they had received comprehensive instructions concerning the kingdom of God from their master, and with the help of the Holy Ghost, did fear nothing as they preached to the world the gospel. And as said before, when the Sanhedrin saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and common men, they were astonished, and recognized immediately that these men had been with Jesus. I encourage you to come unto Jesus Christ, and learn of him so that with the help of the Holy Spirit, which abides in all those who truthfully and faithfully follow Christ Jesus, you may walk in the wisdom of the Lord, fearing nothing. Amen.

47. Countless Miracles Performed in his Name Confirmed Jesus the Christ:

In the book of **Acts**, we are told that Jesus Christ asked the Apostles to wait for the promised of the Father, which promise they received as power through the Holy Ghost, and which also was used to

perform countless miracles in his name. After they had replaced Judas Iscariot with Mathias through casting of lots, they received the Holy Ghost and begun to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. When this was noised abroad, the people became "...amazed and marveled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? " The Bible continues to say "And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, what meaneth this?" Others mocking said,"... these men are full of new wine." Ha! ha! ha! The men of Judaea and those that dwelt at Jerusalem did not recognized the working of the Holy Ghost, and so they attributed it to drunkenness. Peter therefore took his time to exhort them in all things until about Three Thousand of them converted and were added unto the church **(Acts 1 and 2).**

At the ninth hour, the hour of prayer, Peter and John had to pray at the temple called Beautiful. As they

went, they came across a man lame from his mother's womb whom they laid daily at the gate to ask alms of them that entered into the temple. Upon seeing Peter and John, the man asked alms of them and was very expectant. But the two Apostles, while fastening their eyes on the man, asked that he look on them, which commandment the man heeded immediately, expecting some gift. "Then Peter said, Silver and Gold have I none; but such as I have, give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." Hallelujah! Peter therefore took the man by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. Hallelujah! (**Acts 3: 2 – 16**).

As the man stood, leaped and walked into the temple praising God, the people recognized him as the one noted for collecting alms at the Beautiful Gate; and they were filled with wonder and amazement. The people therefore rushed unto Peter and John at the porch called the Solomon's to receive instruction from the Apostles concerning the performer of the

miracle; Jesus, the Christ. Peter therefore presented his words of exhortation unto them, concluding that it was needful that Christ should suffer in fulfillment of the things God had shown by the mouth of all his prophets; and entreated them to repent and be converted unto Christ. By the power of the Holy Ghost, about Five Thousand people converted to the faith. Amen.

In **Acts 14: 8 – 11**, we learn that a certain man at Lystra impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb who never walked was made whole by Paul. When the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, 'The Gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.' Where from the power with which Paul performed this miracle? It is important to recall Paul's encounter with Jesus and the duty assigned unto him; and as promised unto all who will turn unto the Lord, signs and wonders shall follow them, as was in the case of Paul.

In another development, Paul was stoned to death

and drew out of the city by certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium. But as the disciples of the Lord Jesus stood round about him and prayed, Paul rose up to continue his work, confirming the souls of the disciples and exhorting them to continue in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In **Acts 19: 6**, Paul interacted with some disciples from Ephesus and found them lacking the power of the Holy Ghost. The Scripture reports that when Paul asked them, “Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?” They said unto him, “We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.” What a surprise to Paul! He therefore asked, “Unto what then were ye baptized?” The people answered that they were baptized unto John’s baptism. Paul dwelt on that answer and linked it unto the baptism of Jesus; which baptism they gladly partook. “And when Paul laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came upon them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.”

Beloved, this is a further demonstration that the Lord

was with his Apostles and Disciples as they worked to spread the word of God. Paul later continued to Asia where both Jews and Greeks heard the word of the Lord; and special miracles were wrought by the hands of Paul through God, “so that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.” Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Acts 20: 9-12 reports that Paul, intending to depart from Troas, preached unto the disciples in to midnight. “And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead.” Beloved, do you see how the Devil works? Having taken notice of how interested the people had become toward the word of God as they listened to Paul into midnight, the Devil must act in a manner to disorganize the gathering; and the best way to do so was to sink someone into deep sleep and allow

him fall to death, so that the word of God may discontinue. But the Lord Jesus was with his servants. Paul came down "...and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for life is in him." And they brought the young man alive. Amen.

48. Continuous Existence of the Word and the Church on Earth Confirms Jesus the Christ:

The Word of God as related by our Lord Jesus Christ had survived innumerable persecutions until this day. And this is in fulfillment of a prophecy by a member of the Sanhedrin Council; a Pharisee, had in reputation and a doctor of law among all the people. Gamaliel had said to his colleagues when they were considering the line of action to take against Christ and his Apostles: "...Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men. For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about Four Hundred joined themselves, who was slain and all, as many as obeyed him were

scattered and brought to nought. After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: He also perished, and all, even as many as obeyed him were dispersed. And now I say unto you, refrain from these men and let them alone; for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God” (**Acts 5:34-39**).

Beloved, this counsel was accepted by the Sanhedrin for a period to allow the spread of the gospel. Christ had instructed his followers to a level where they can firmly spread the gospel without fear; which work he executed perfectly. And after Jesus died, resurrected and ascended in to heaven, the word of God continued to spread amidst intense persecution of the Apostles and Disciples who were the carriers of the message. This was because the Devil was determined to halt all efforts at securing men into the Kingdom of God. But as a testimony to mankind several years to come, God in His wisdom directed

Gamaliel to provide that wonderful counsel as recorded in Scripture so that as the words and works of Jesus live on, humanity will realize that Jesus is of God; the promised Messiah.

The vigorous persecution of the church by kings, governors, emperors, regimes and the wicked means by which some of the Apostles and men of God were killed in the past cannot be overemphasized. From the First century Christian era to the present day, Christian missionaries and converts to the faith have been targets of persecution sometimes to the point of being martyred; beginning by the Jews, then re-enforced by the Romans who were the landlords. Some of the Apostles were crucified head down, some burnt alive, while others were painfully tortured and killed. Later, the separate Christian denominations began to persecute one another based on ideological and reformatory differences so that conflicts and sectarian violence arose in many instances leading to dreadful acts such as the Hamidian Massacres, Assyrian Genocide, the

Greek Genocide among others. Today, Christians are still being persecuted by militant and terrorist groups such as ISIS, Boko Haram, the Houthi Movement and so on. But in the midst of all these persecutions, the word of Jesus Christ still strives, becoming the largest religion of the world as prophesied by Gamaliel. Beloved, if for 2022 years the word and works of Jesus continues to flourish, then he is of God and subsequently the promised Messiah. Believe on him in order to secure eternal life. Amen.

49. The Revelation of John Evidently Declares Jesus the Christ:

The opening paragraphs of the book of Revelation confirms Jesus the Christ: the Son of God. A careful study of the ensuing first four chapters provides useful information which re-enforces the fact that Jesus is the promised Messiah. We learn that God gave unto Jesus Christ, a revelation which he shew

unto his servant John via an angel, things which must shortly come to pass. John therefore, having prior knowledge of the Word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, recorded all things which he saw for our instruction; declaring unto us that “blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of the prophecy and keep those things which are written therein...” (**Rev. 1:3**). John continues that Jesus is a faithful witness, the first begotten of the dead and the prince of the kings of the earth; who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood such that we are now made kings and priests unto God. This same Jesus, we are further told, shall come with clouds and every eye shall see him and they also which pieced him, including all the inhabitants of the earth shall wail because of him.

John proceeded to explain how he met Jesus on the Lord’s Day at the isle called Patmos, where a great voice which sounded as of a trumpet announced him as the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. This voice commanded him to write to the Seven

churches, all that he shall see. When he turned to look, he saw, in the midst of Seven candlesticks, one like unto the Son of man and proceeded to describe him. John tells us that he fell at Jesus' feet dead upon seeing him but he laid his right hand upon him and said, "Fear not; I Am the First and the Last: I Am he that liveth, and was dead and behold, I Am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death..." Hallelujah!

These words can only be attributed to the Messiah, whom it was prophesied of to preach good tidings unto the meek, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, and declare the acceptable year of the Lord. John continues to tell us what Jesus thought of the Seven churches, and how he saw a throne on which the Lord sat, and gave brief description of the scene around the throne, including how lightening, thundering and voices proceeded from that throne.

John tells us that four beasts full of eyes within, each

like unto a lion, calf, face of man and a flying eagle, rest not day and night saying, Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. As these beasts give honour and thanks to the Lord as he sat on the throne, twenty-four elders who sat on thrones around fall down before him saying, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." Amen.

Beloved, it is in the light of the above biblical proofs that I hereby recommend Jesus Christ unto you for immediate acceptance so that you are saved from destruction, when he shall come the second time to judge the world; Amen. (**Rev. 1, 2, 3, and 4: 1 – 11**).

Part 2

Chapter Eleven

Non-Biblical Proofs that Jesus Christ Ever Lived on Earth

The evidences and opinions expressed in this chapter are largely those advanced by Dr Lawrence Mykytiuk, an Associate Professor of Library Science and the History Librarian at Purdue University. The Professor asserts that “Today, some individuals claim Jesus is just an idea rather than a real historical figure; but there is a good deal of written evidence for his existence 2,022 years ago.” Brother Lawrence goes on to say that “...when people ask whether it is possible to prove that Jesus of Nazareth actually existed, as John P. Meier pointed out decades ago, the implication is that the biblical evidence for Jesus is biased because it is encased in a theological text written by committed believers. What these people really want to know is whether or not there is extra-biblical evidence for Jesus’ existence.” Bro. Lawrence has therefore provided the following evidences to buttress the point that the man Jesus Christ of Nazareth ever lived on this planet called Earth. These

proofs, together with the earlier biblical ones will affirm the faith of the 21 Century Christian believer.

50. Two Great Non-Christian Authors Confirmed Jesus' Existence on Earth:

As far as we know, the first author outside the church to mention Jesus is the Jewish historian Flavius Josephus. This man wrote a history of Judaism around **AD 93** in which he had two references to Jesus in that piece. The first one is controversial; thought to be corrupted by Christian scribes probably by turning Josephus's negative account into a more positive one. The second is a less suspicious one that has a reference to James, the brother of "Jesus, the so-called Christ." For the purposes of this discussion, the second reference is emphasized.

In one of his two great works dubbed 'The Jewish Antiquities', Josephus does mention Jesus twice. The shorter of these two references to Jesus is incidental to identifying Jesus' brother James, the leader of the church in Jerusalem. In the temporary absence of a Roman Governor between Festus's death and Governor Albinus's arrival in **62 C.E.**, the High Priest Ananus instigated James's execution. Josephus described it as follows:

“Being therefore this kind of person (i.e. a heartless Sadducee), Ananus, thinking that he had a favourable opportunity because Festus had died and Albinus was still on his way, called a meeting (literally a Sanhedrin meeting) of judges and brought into it the brother of Jesus-who-is-called-Messiah... James by name, and some others. He made the accusation that they had transgressed the law, and he handed them over to be stoned.”

Brother Lawrence argues that the name ‘James’ is otherwise a barely noticed one; the sole reason for referring to James at all was that his death resulted in Ananus losing his position as High Priest. James (or Jacob) was a common Jewish name at the time. Many men named James are mentioned in Josephus’s works, so Josephus needed to specify which one he meant. The common custom of simply giving the father’s name (James, son of Joseph) would not work here, because James’s father’s name was also very common. Therefore, Josephus identified this James by reference to his famous brother Jesus. But James’s brother Jesus (Yehoshua) also had a very common name. Josephus mentions at least 12 other men named Jesus in his works. Therefore, Josephus specified which Jesus he was referring to by adding the phrase “who is called Messiah,” or since he was

writing in Greek, “who is called Christos.” This phrase was necessary to identify clearly first Jesus and, via Jesus, James, the subject of discussion. This extraneous reference to Jesus would have made no sense if Jesus had not been a real person. Therefore, Josephus’s mention of Jesus to specify which James was being executed by the High Priest Ananus in **62 C.E.** affirms the existence of the historical Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

I now present below, on behalf of brother Lawrence, this 15th-Century manuscript now in the Bibliothèque Nationale de France, containing the portion of Josephus’s Testimonium Flavianum that refers to Jesus (highlighted in blue). The first sentence of the manuscript (highlighted in green) reads (in Greek): ***“Around this time, there lived Jesus; a wise man, if indeed one ought to call him a man.”***

The Unmistakable Evidence



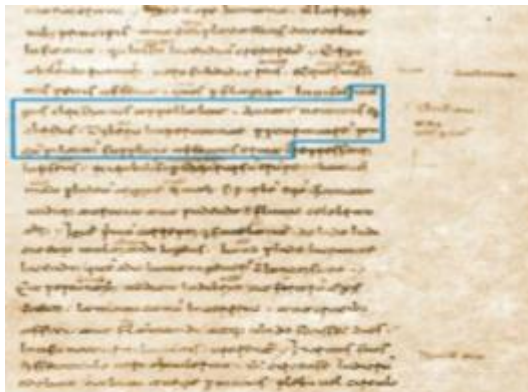
Flavius Josephus

Another evidence presented by brother Lawrence was what Tacitus knew of Jesus Christ. About 20 years after Josephus, a Roman politician named Tacitus who held some of the highest offices of state at the beginning of the Second Century AD, came out with some information about Jesus. Cornelius Tacitus (55/56 C.E - 118 C.E.), was a Roman Senator, Orator and Ethnographer; and arguably the best of Roman historians. From Tacitus, we learn that Jesus was executed while Pontius Pilate was the Roman Prefect in-charge of Judaea (AD26-36), and Tiberius was emperor (AD14-37). These reports fit with the timeframe of the gospels as captured in the New Testament. Tacitus's statement about 'Christus' clearly corroborates the New Testament on certain historical details of Jesus' death. He presents four pieces of accurate knowledge of Jesus:

- A) **'Christus' used by Tacitus to refer to Jesus, was one distinctive way by which some referred to him, even though Tacitus mistakenly took it for a personal name rather than a title.**
- B) **This 'Christus' was associated with the beginning of the movement of Christians, which name originated from same (Christus).**

- C) This ‘Christus’ was executed by the Roman governor of Judea; and
- D) The time of his death was during Pontius Pilate’s governorship of Judea, during the reign of Tiberius as emperor.

Below is an extract from Book XV of Tacitus’s Annals preserved in the 11th –12th Century Codex Mediceus II, a collection of medieval manuscripts now housed in the Biblioteca Medicea Laurenziana in Florence, Italy. The Highlighted text in Latin (marked blue) reads “... whom the crowd called ‘Chrestians’ The founder of this name, Christ, had been executed in the reign of Tiberius by the procurator Pontius Pilate ...”.





In summary, almost all the statements about Jesus, which are asserted in the New Testament are corroborated or confirmed by the relevant passages in Tacitus' and Josephus' works. We can learn the following about Jesus from Tacitus and Josephus: two famous historians who were not Christians:

Jesus Existed as a Man: The historian Josephus grew up in a priestly family in First-Century Palestine and wrote only decades after Jesus' death. Jesus' known associates, such as Jesus' brother James, were his contemporaries. The historical and cultural context was second nature to Josephus. According to Bro.

Lawrence, “If any Jewish writer were ever in a position to know about the non-existence of Jesus, it would have been Josephus.” According to Robert Van Voorst, Josephus’ implicit affirmation of the existence of Jesus has been, and still is the most significant obstacle for those who argue that the extra-biblical evidence is not probative on this point.”

His Personal Name was Jesus: According to Josephus, the name ‘Jesus’ was personal to our Lord in those days.

He was Called ‘Christos’ in Greek: Josephus tells us that Jesus was called ‘Christos’ which is a translation of the Hebrew word ‘Messiah’, both of which mean “anointed” or “(the) anointed one.” Tacitus on the other hand implies, though unaware, by reporting that the Romans thought and called Jesus ‘Christus.’

He had a Brother Named James (Jacob): Josephus reports that Jesus had a brother called James, which corroborates the New Testament accounts about the two brothers.

He Won Over Both Jews and Greeks (i.e. Gentiles of Hellenistic Culture): According to Josephus, Jesus drew both Jews and Greeks unto himself while on earth.

Jewish Leaders of the Time Expressed Unfavourable Opinions About Him: According to the *Testimonium Flavianum*, the Jewish leaders of the days of our Lord Jesus expressed unfavourable opinions about him as we see in the New Testament accounts concerning the Saviour. For instance, in the presence of Pontius Pilate, the priests accused him as one that “perverteth the people” (**Luke 23:14**). They also described Jesus as a Samaritan possessed with a demon; he was a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes, among others (**John 8:48-58**).

Pontius Pilate Rendered the Decision that he should be Executed: Both Tacitus and Josephus stated that Jesus Christ was executed during Pontius Pilate’s governorship over Judea (**26–36 C.E.**), and during Tiberius’s reign as emperor. Both authors stated that it was this very governor who ordered our Lords’ execution, and that execution was specifically by crucifixion.

In conclusion, we learn that some of Jesus’ followers did not abandon their personal loyalty to him even after his crucifixion, but submitted to his teachings. These followers believed that Jesus later appeared to them alive in accordance with prophecies, most likely those found in the Hebrew Bible. A well-attested link between Jesus and Christians is that

‘Christ,’ as a term used to identify Jesus, became the basis of the term used to identify his followers – ‘Christians.’ The Christian movement began in Judea and during the Second Century, it had spread as far as Rome.

Finally, as far as we know, no ancient person ever seriously argued that Jesus did not exist. Referring to the first several centuries C.E., even a scholar as cautious and thorough as Robert Van Voorst freely observes, “... **no pagans and Jews who opposed Christianity denied Jesus’ historicity or even questioned it.**” According to author Van Voost, non-denial of Jesus’ existence is particularly notable in rabbinic writings of those first several centuries C.E. He continues to argue that if anyone in the ancient world had a reason to dislike the Christian faith, it was the rabbis. To argue successfully that Jesus never existed but was a creation of early Christians would have been the most effective controversy against Christianity. But all Jewish sources treated Jesus as a fully historical person; such that the rabbis used the real events of Jesus’ life against him. So, as you can recall from the Holy Bible, Jesus’ birth was illegitimate; he performed miracles by evil magic, encouraged apostasy and was justly executed for his own sins, according to the rabbis.

51. Other Ancient Writers Discuss the Existence of Jesus Christ:

Lucian of Samosata (115–200 C.E.) was a Greek Satirist who wrote **‘The Passing of Peregrinus’**, a book about a former Christian who later became a famous Cynic and ‘radicalist’, and died in **165 C.E.** In two sections of *Peregrinus*, (here translated by Craig A. Evans), Lucian, while discussing Peregrinus’ career (without naming Jesus Christ directly) clearly refers to him, albeit with contempt in the midst of irony. Lucian writes: ***“It was then that he learned the marvellous wisdom of the Christians, by associating with their Priests and Scribes in Palestine. And, what else? In short, he made them look like children, for he was a prophet, cult leader; head of the congregation and everything, all by himself. He interpreted and explained some of their books, and wrote many himself. They revered him as a god, used him as a lawgiver, and set him down as a protector (to be sure), after that other whom they still worship, the man who was crucified in Palestine because he introduced this new cult into the world.”*** Lucian continues, ***“For having convinced themselves that they are going to be immortal and live forever, the poor wretches despise death and most of them even willingly give***

themselves up. Furthermore, their first lawgiver persuaded them that they are all brothers of one another after they have transgressed once for all by denying the Greek gods, and by worshiping that crucified sophist himself and living according to his laws."

Beloved, a careful look at the narration above corroborates the tenets of Christianity. Bro. Lawrence explains that although Lucian was aware of the 'Christian books' (some of which might have been parts of the New Testament), his many bits of misinformation make it seem very likely that he did not read them. The compound term "priests and scribes," for example, seemed to have been borrowed from Judaism, and indeed, Christianity and Judaism were sometimes confused among classical authors. Lucian seemed to have gathered all of his information from sources independent of the New Testament and other Christian writings, for which reason this work of his is usually valued as independent evidence for the existence of Jesus.

Bro. Lawrence also presented some observations other authors made concerning Jesus Christ, though some are not explicit. According to him, **Celsus**, the Platonist Philosopher, considered Jesus to be a magician who made exorbitant claims. **Pliny the Younger**, a Roman governor and friend of Tacitus,

wrote about early Christian worship of Christ “**as to a god.**” **Suetonius**, a Roman writer, Lawyer and Historian, wrote of riots in 49 C.E. among Jews in Rome which might have been about ‘Christus’ but which he thought were incited by “the instigator ‘Chrestus’, whose identification with Jesus is not completely certain though. Finally, **Marabar Serapion**, a prisoner of war held by the Romans, wrote a letter to his son that described “a wise Jewish king” in a way that seemed to be Jesus but did not specify his identity.

Beloved, I am fortified beyond doubt that Jesus Christ ever lived on earth, and did proclaimed all that is currently captured in the New Testament of the Holy Bible. This same Lord will come again as Apostle John saw in his vision, and he shall surely come to judge the world. Repent therefore, that ye might be found worthy to partake in his kingdom. Amen.

52. Twenty-First Century Christian Writer Proofs Jesus Christ is God.

I found an interesting article written by an unknown 21st Century Christian Writer and have presented it verbatim below for your instruction. This piece of work made nonsense of all the options available for describing Jesus Christ any other way apart from being God incarnate. Please kindly take time to read:

Title: Is Jesus Christ God?

Have you ever met a man who is the centre of attention wherever he goes? Some mysterious, indefinable characteristic sets him apart from all other men. Well, that's the way it was two thousand years ago with Jesus Christ. But it wasn't merely Jesus' personality that captivated those who heard him. Those who witnessed his words and life tell us that something about Jesus of Nazareth was different from all other men.

Jesus' only credentials were himself; he never wrote a book, commanded an army, held a political office, or owned property. He mostly travelled within a hundred miles of his village, attracting crowds who were amazed at his provocative words and stunning deeds.

Yet Jesus' greatness was obvious to all those who saw and heard him. And while most great people eventually fade into history books, Jesus is still the focus of thousands of books and unparalleled media controversy. And much of that controversy revolves around the radical claims Jesus made about himself—claims that astounded both his followers and his adversaries.

It was primarily Jesus' unique claims that caused him to be viewed as a threat by both the Roman authorities and the Jewish hierarchy. Although he

was an outsider with no credentials or political power base, within three years, Jesus changed the world for the next 20 centuries. Other moral and religious leaders have left an impact—but nothing like that unknown carpenter’s son from Nazareth.

What was it about Jesus Christ that made the difference? Was he merely a great man, or something more? These questions get to the heart of who Jesus really was. Some believe he was merely a great moral teacher; others believe he was simply the leader of the world’s greatest religion. But many believe something far more. Christians believe that God has actually visited us in human form. And they believe the evidence backs that up.

After carefully examining Jesus’ life and words, former Cambridge professor and sceptic, C. S. Lewis, came to a startling conclusion about him that altered the course of his life. So who is the real Jesus? Many will answer that Jesus was a great moral teacher. As we take a deeper look at the world’s most controversial person, we begin by asking: could Jesus have been merely a great moral teacher?

Is Jesus Christ a Great Moral Teacher?

Even those from other religions acknowledge that Jesus was a great moral teacher. Indian leader, Mahatma Gandhi, spoke highly of Jesus' righteous life and profound words. Likewise, Jewish scholar Joseph Klausner wrote, "It is universally admitted ... that Christ taught the purest and 'sublimest' ethics ... which throws the moral precepts and maxims of the wisest men of antiquity far into the shade."

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount has been called the most superlative teaching of human ethics ever uttered by an individual. In fact, much of what we know today as "equal rights" actually is the result of Jesus' teaching. Historian Will Durant, a non-Christian, said of Jesus that "he lived and struggled unremittingly for 'equal rights'; in modern times he would have been sent to Siberia. 'He that is greatest among you, let him be your servant'—this is the inversion of all political wisdom, of all sanity."

Many, like Gandhi, have tried to separate Jesus' teaching on ethics from his claims about himself, believing that he was simply a great man who taught lofty moral principles. This was the approach of one of America's Founding Fathers, President Thomas Jefferson, who cut and pasted a copy of the New Testament, removing sections he thought referred to Jesus' deity, while leaving in other passages regarding Jesus' ethical and moral teaching. Jefferson carried around his cut and pasted New Testament with him,

revering Jesus as perhaps the greatest moral teacher of all time.

In fact, Jefferson's memorable words in the Declaration of Independence were rooted in Jesus' teaching that each person is of immense and equal importance to God, regardless of sex, race, or social status. The famous document sets forth, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights ..." But one thing Jefferson didn't answer: If Jesus falsely claimed to be God he couldn't have been a good moral teacher. But did Jesus really claim deity? Before we look at what Jesus claimed, we need to examine the possibility that he was simply a great religious leader?

Is Jesus Christ a Great Religious Leader?

Surprisingly, Jesus never claimed to be a religious leader. He never got into religious politics or pushed an ambitious agenda, and he ministered almost entirely outside the established religious framework. When one compares Jesus with the other great religious leaders, a remarkable distinction

emerges. Ravi Zacharias has studied world religions and observed a fundamental distinction between Jesus Christ and the founders of other major religions. All religions provide instruction for a way of living; but it is only Jesus who offers deliverance, forgiveness for sin, and transformation. “Jesus did not only teach or expound his message. He was identical with his message.” The truth of Zacharias’ point is underscored by the number of times in the Gospels that Jesus’ teaching message was simply “Come to me” or “Follow me” or “Obey me.” Also, Jesus made it clear that his primary mission was to forgive sins, something only God could do.

In *The World’s Great Religions*, Huston Smith observed that of all religious leaders only Jesus claimed to be divine. And that leads us to the question of what Jesus really did claim for himself. Specifically, did Jesus claim to be God?

Did Jesus Christ Claim to be God?

So what is it that convinces many scholars that Jesus claimed to be God? Author, John Piper explains that Jesus claimed power which uniquely belonged to God. “...Jesus’ friends and enemies were staggered again and again by what he said and did. He would be walking down the road, seemingly like any other man, then turn and say something like, ‘Before

Abraham was, I am.’ Or, ‘If you have seen me, you have seen the Father.’ Or, very calmly, after being accused of blasphemy, he would say, ‘The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.’ To the dead he might simply say, ‘Come forth,’ or, ‘Rise up’ and they would obey. To the storms on the sea he would say, ‘Be still.’ And to a loaf of bread he would say, ‘Become a thousand meals;’ and it was done immediately.” But what did Jesus really mean by such statements? Is it possible Jesus was merely a prophet like Moses or Elijah, or Daniel? Even a superficial reading of the Gospels reveals that Jesus claimed to be someone more than a prophet. No other prophet had made such claims about himself; in fact, no other prophet ever put himself in God’s place.

Some argue that Jesus never explicitly said, “I am God.” It is true that he never stated the exact words, “I am God.” However, Jesus also never explicitly said, “I am a man,” or “I am a prophet.” Yet Jesus was undoubtedly human, and his followers considered him a prophet like Moses and Elijah. So we cannot rule out Jesus being divine just because he didn’t say those exact words, any more than we can say he wasn’t a prophet.

In fact, Jesus’ statements about himself contradict the notion that he was simply a great man or a

prophet. On more than one occasion, Jesus referred to himself as God's Son. When asked whether he thought it far-fetched for Jesus to be the Son of God, lead singer of U2, Bono, answered: "No, it's not far-fetched to me. Look, the secular response to the Christ story always goes like this: He was a great prophet, obviously a very interesting guy; had a lot to say along the lines of other great prophets,... But actually Christ doesn't allow you that. He doesn't let you off the hook. Christ says, No, I'm not saying I'm a teacher; don't call me a teacher. I'm not saying I'm a prophet....I'm saying I'm God incarnate." And people say: No, no, please, just be a prophet. A prophet we can take."

Before we examine Jesus' claims, it is important to understand that he made them in the context of the Jewish belief in one God (monotheism). No faithful Jew would ever believe in more than one God. And Jesus believed in the one God, praying to his Father as, "the only true God." But in that same prayer, Jesus spoke of having always existed with his Father. And when Philip asked Jesus to show them the Father, Jesus said, "Philip, have I been with you so long and you don't know me? Whoever has seen me, has seen the Father." So the question is: "Was Jesus claiming to be the Hebrew God who created the universe?"

Did Jesus Christ Claim to be the God of Abraham and Moses?

Jesus continually referred to himself in ways that confounded his listeners. As Piper notes, Jesus made the audacious statement, “Before Abraham was, I AM.” He told Martha and others around her, “I AM the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he is dead, yet shall he live.” Likewise, Jesus would make statements like, “I AM the light of the world,” “I AM the only way to God,” or, “I AM the “truth.” These and several other of his claims were preceded by the sacred words for God, “I AM” (ego eimi). What did Jesus mean by such statements, and what is the significance of the term, “I AM”?

Once again, we must go back to context. In the Hebrew Scriptures, when Moses asked God His name at the burning bush, God answered, “I AM.” He was revealing to Moses that He is the one and only God who is outside of time and has always existed. Incredibly, Jesus was using these holy words to describe himself. The question is, “Why?”

Since the time of Moses, no practicing Jew would ever refer to himself or anyone else by “I AM.” As a

result, Jesus' "I AM" claims infuriated the Jewish leaders. One time, for example, some leaders explained to Jesus why they were trying to kill him: "Because you, a mere man, have made yourself God." Jesus' usage of God's name greatly angered the religious leaders. The point is that these Old Testament scholars knew exactly what he was saying—he was claiming to be God, the Creator of the universe. It is only this claim that would have brought the accusation of blasphemy. To read into the text that Jesus claimed to be God is clearly warranted, not simply by his words, but also by their reaction to those words.

C. S. Lewis initially considered Jesus a myth. But this literary genius who knew myths well, concluded that Jesus had to have been a real person. Furthermore, as Lewis investigated the evidence for Jesus, he became convinced that not only was Jesus real, but he was unlike any man who had ever lived. Lewis writes: "Then comes the real shock," wrote Lewis: 'Among these Jews there suddenly turns up a man who goes about talking as if He was God. He claims to forgive sins. He says He always existed. He says He is coming to judge the world at the end of time.' To Lewis, Jesus' claims were simply too radical and profound to have been made by an ordinary teacher or religious leader.

What Kind of God?

Some have argued that Jesus was only claiming to be part of God. But the idea that we are all part of God, and that within us is the seed of divinity, is simply not a possible meaning for Jesus' words and actions. Such thoughts are revisionist, foreign to his teaching, foreign to his stated beliefs, and foreign to his disciples' understanding of his teaching.

Jesus taught that he is God in the way the Jews understood God and the way the Hebrew Scriptures portrayed God, not in the way the New Age movement understands God. Neither Jesus nor his audience had been weaned on Star Wars, and so when they spoke of God, they were not speaking of cosmic forces. It's simply bad history to redefine what Jesus meant by the concept of God.

Lewis explains that among Pantheists, like the Indians, anyone might say that he was a part of God, or one with God....But this man, since He was a Jew, could not mean that kind of God. God, in their language, meant the 'Being' outside the world, who had made it and was infinitely different from anything else. And when you have grasped that, you

will see that what this man said was, quite simply, the most shocking thing that has ever been uttered by human lips.

Certainly there are those who accept Jesus as a great teacher, yet are unwilling to call him God. As a Deist, we've seen that Thomas Jefferson had no problem accepting Jesus' teachings on morals and ethics while denying his deity. But as we've said, and will explore further, if Jesus was not who he claimed to be, then we must examine some other alternatives, none of which would make him a great moral teacher. Lewis, argued, "I am trying here to prevent anyone from saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God.' That is the one thing we must not say."

In his quest for truth, Lewis knew that he could not have it both ways with the identity of Jesus. Either Jesus was who he claimed to be—God in the flesh—or his claims were false. And if they were false, Jesus could not be a great moral teacher. He would either be lying intentionally or he would be a lunatic with a God complex.

Could Jesus Christ be Lying to humanity?

Even Jesus' harshest critics rarely have called him a liar. That label certainly doesn't fit with Jesus' high moral and ethical teaching. But if Jesus isn't who he claimed to be, we must consider the option that he was intentionally misleading everyone. One of the best-known and most influential political works of all time was written by Niccolò Machiavelli in 1532. In his classic, *The Prince*, Machiavelli exalts power, success, image, and efficiency above loyalty, faith, and honesty. According to Machiavelli, lying is okay if it accomplishes a political end.

Could Jesus Christ have built his entire ministry upon a lie just to gain power, fame, or success? In fact, the Jewish opponents of Jesus were constantly trying to expose him as a fraud and liar. They would barrage him with questions in attempts to trip him up and make him contradict himself. Yet Jesus responded with remarkable consistency.

The question we must deal with is: What could possibly motivate Jesus to live his entire life as a lie? He taught that God was opposed to lying and hypocrisy, so he wouldn't have been doing it to please his Father. He certainly didn't lie for his followers' benefit, since all but one were martyred rather than renouncing his Lordship. And so we are left with only two other reasonable explanations,

each of which is problematic.

Did Jesus Christ Lie for his Followers Benefit?

Many people have lied for personal gain. In fact, the motivation of most lies is some perceived benefit to oneself. What could Jesus have hoped to gain from lying about his identity? Power would be the most obvious answer. If people believed he was God, he would have tremendous power. (That is why many ancient leaders, such as the Caesars, claimed divine origin.)

The rub with this explanation is that Jesus shunned all attempts to move him in the direction of seated power, instead chastising those who abused such power and lived their lives pursuing it. He also chose to reach out to the outcasts (prostitutes and lepers), those without power, creating a network of people whose influence was less than zero. In a way that could only be described as bizarre, all that Jesus did and said moved diametrically in the other direction from power. It would seem that if power was Jesus' motivation, he would have avoided the cross at all costs. Yet, on several occasions, he told his disciples that the cross was his destiny and mission. How would dying on a Roman cross bring one power?

Death, of course, brings all things into proper focus. And while many martyrs have died for a cause they believed in, few have been willing to die for a known lie. Certainly all hopes for Jesus' own personal gain would have ended on the cross. Yet, to his last breath, he would not relinquish his claim of being the unique Son of God. New Testament scholar, J. I. Packer, points out that this title asserts Jesus' personal deity.

Did Jesus Lie to Leave a Legacy?

So if Jesus was above lying for personal benefit, perhaps his radical claims were falsified in order to leave a legacy. But the prospect of being beaten to a pulp and nailed to a cross would quickly dampen the enthusiasm of most would-be superstars. Another haunting fact is that, if Jesus were to have simply dropped the claim of being God's Son, he never would have been condemned. It was his claim to be God and his unwillingness to recant of it that got him crucified. If enhancing his credibility and historical reputation was what motivated Jesus to lie, one must explain how a carpenter's son from a poor Judean village could ever anticipate the events that would catapult his name to worldwide prominence. How

would he know his message would survive? Jesus' disciples had fled and Peter had denied him. Not exactly the formula for launching a religious legacy.

Do historians believe Jesus lied? Scholars have scrutinized Jesus' words and life to see if there is any evidence of a defect in his moral character. In fact, even the most ardent sceptics are stunned by Jesus' moral and ethical purity. According to historian Philip Schaff, there is no evidence, either in church history or in secular history that Jesus lied about anything. Schaff argued, "How, in the name of logic, common sense, and experience, could a deceitful, selfish, depraved man have invented, and consistently maintained from the beginning to end, the purest and noblest character known in history with the most perfect air of truth and reality?"

To go with the option of liar seems to swim upstream against everything Jesus taught, lived, and died for. To most scholars, it just doesn't make sense. Yet, to deny Jesus' claims, one must come up with some explanation. And if Jesus' claims are not true, and he wasn't lying, the only option remaining is that he must have been self-deceived.

Could Jesus Christ be Self-Deceived?

Albert Schweitzer, who was awarded the Nobel Prize

in 1952 for his humanitarian efforts, had his own views about Jesus. Schweitzer concluded that insanity was behind Jesus' claim to be God. In other words, Jesus was wrong about his claims but didn't intentionally lie. According to this theory, Jesus was deluded into actually believing he was the Messiah.

Lewis considered this option carefully. He deduced that if Jesus' claims weren't true, then he must have been insane. Lewis reasons that someone who claimed to be God would not be a great moral teacher. "He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell."

Most who have studied Jesus' life and words acknowledge him as extremely rational. Although his own life was filled with immorality and personal scepticism, the renowned French philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau (1712–78) acknowledged Jesus' superior character and presence of mind, stating, "When Plato describes his imaginary righteous man...he describes exactly the character of Christ. ...If the life and death of Socrates are those of a philosopher, the life and death of Jesus Christ are those of a God."

Bono concludes that a "nutcase" was the last thing

one could label Jesus. “So what you’re left with is either Christ was who He said He was—or a complete nutcase. I mean, we’re talking nutcase on the level of Charles Manson....I’m not joking here. The idea that the entire course of civilization for over half of the globe could have its fate changed and turned upside down by a nutcase, for me that’s far-fetched....”

So, was Jesus a liar or a lunatic, or was he the Son of God? Could Jefferson have been right by labelling Jesus “only a good moral teacher” while denying his deity? Interestingly, the audience who heard Jesus (both believers and enemies) never regarded him as a mere moral teacher. Jesus produced three primary effects in the people who met him: hatred, terror, or adoration.

The claims of Jesus Christ force us to choose. As Lewis stated, we cannot put Jesus in the category of being just a great religious leader or good moral teacher. This former sceptic challenges us to make up our own minds about Jesus, stating, “You must make your choice: Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human

teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”

In *Mere Christianity*, Lewis explores the options regarding the identity of Jesus, concluding that he is exactly who he claimed to be. His careful examination of the life and words of Jesus led this great literary genius to renounce his former atheism and become a committed Christian.

The greatest question in human history is, “Who is the real Jesus Christ?” Bono, Lewis, and countless others have concluded that God visited our planet in human form. But if that is true, then we would expect him to be alive today. And that is exactly what his followers believe.

Chapter Twelve

Global Testimonies of Jesus Christ's Encounter with Humanity Proves Him the Messiah

In this chapter, I present some quality information about how people of different races (especially Muslims) are increasingly converting to the Christian faith. I will draw your attention to a story involving an Occult Grand Master who was saved by Jesus Christ; and finally, how the Lord continuous to reveal himself to many through dreams.

To give a better perspective of the topical issue of Muslims conversion to the Christian faith, I have included brief testimonies of converts in addition to some research findings pointing to the main reasons for the increased conversions among Muslims. As you read through this chapter, remember the Scripture declares that no one comes to the Father, unless the Father calleth or draweth him. So whether a Muslim, an occult member, or an idol worshiper; the Lord engages them all supernaturally to bring them unto himself. I pray that the same Lord may lead you unto himself. Amen.

53. Increased Number of Muslims Encounter Jesus Christ in Recent Times:

Searching through the Internet for testimonial evidences of how the Lord Jesus Christ had revealed himself unto people in order to bring them unto himself, I found few stories for you:

The Egyptian Man: Though not strictly a dream or a vision, a Muslim brother had a significant supernatural encounter that was instrumental in drawing him to Jesus. While reading the Injil (i.e. the Gospel), this man came to Luke 3, and found where the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in the form of a dove. As he read the portion where God said, “This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased”, a stormy wind broke into his room; and a voice spoke to him saying, **“I am Jesus Christ, whom you hate. I am the Lord whom you are looking for.”** This man recalled how he wept bitterly and immediately accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour from that very moment.

The North African Believer: A North African believer was imprisoned for his faith in the Lord Jesus. While there, he had a dream in which he saw thousands of Christian believers pouring through the streets of his city, openly proclaiming their faith in Jesus in his restricted country. Though he was tortured, suspended head-down naked for hours, beaten with electrified rods and repeatedly threatened with execution; he found the needed strength through the vision and the power of his newly found Lord, to face his imprisonment. He prayed that his vision of a day

when people of his country would openly proclaim their faith in Jesus Christ shall come to pass.

The Story of Samaa: In one of the war-torn Middle East countries, an extremist faction of Islam bombarded a chapel during church service. The only door on the back of the chapel wasn't big enough for the about five hundred people trying to escape through it. Some of these people were therefore injured while others suffocated and died painfully. But after the chaos, when the fire and smoke came under control, one young woman came back to life.

Samaa, as she was called, heard the Lord Jesus calling her out of Islam into his faith, and finally met him face to face in heaven when she passed on later. Her story is full of hope and encouragement; overflowing with the love of Jesus Christ. Beloved, her riveting account reveals the power of God to break through any circumstance. It has been captured here as a reminder that, in a place beyond what we can imagine, we have a Saviour waiting to welcome us face to face. Amen.

The Ten-year-old Nadia (Extract from David Garrison's Report): Nadia was not surprised when her father signed her marriage contract nor when she had to move in with her 20-year-old husband two years later. Her experience is not unusual in the Islamic Republic of Iran. It also was not out of the ordinary when her husband became an opium addict

(Iran has the highest rate of drug addiction in the world). Two of Nadia's brothers also succumbed to drugs. One was sentenced to prison for killing a man in a drug-related dispute, and the other committed suicide. One day, Nadia's cousin who had recently become a Christian quietly gave her a New Testament in the Persian language. Nadia prayed; 'Allah, show me your truth.' As she read it, "...I felt my heart open like an old door. Inside I felt very warm and thirsty. It was like drinking cool water, and I wanted to drink it all." **"From that time on,"** Nadia re-calls, "Jesus started working in me. It was a strange happiness like nothing I had ever known." Within a week she had led her husband and three children to faith in Jesus.

Usen Asuquo Udo of Nigeria: Udo reports that in the year 2001, she was sharing a questionnaire titled "How did you become a Christian?" through a large crowd of Christians during a crusade by Reinhard Bonke in Abeokuta, Nigeria. According to her, that assignment was a Bible College project to determine which of the Christian conversion options were/was more effective to draw people unto the Lord Jesus Christ. As she collected the filled questionnaires back, one man did not tick any of the several options

on how he became a Christian. When she asked how then the man became a Christian, he presented this wonderful response: *"I was praying on a mat inside the Mosque one day, when suddenly, I heard the voice of Jesus Christ telling me that Islam is not the way. When I heard his voice, I knew him, and quickly surrendered my life to him. Today, I'm not just a Christian but a servant of Christ Jesus by grace."* Halleluiah! Amen.

Akbar al-Masih (Extract from David Garrison's Report): Akbar al-Masih was a Muslim from Afghanistan. Like many Pushtun people, Akbar's life had been torn apart by war. After the 2012 US invasion, Akbar joined millions of refugees who streamed into Pakistani Slums and Refugee Camps. It was in Pakistan that Akbar met a Christian family who led him unto Christ. When he was asked to tell how he had come to faith in Jesus, Akbar had this to say: *'My name at birth was Muhammad Akbar, which means 'Muhammad is the Greatest.'* Between the wars, *I was in an open country looking for a job. One day, I came upon a cinema showing a movie about the life of the prophet Isa (Jesus). I watched the movie alone, and learned many things that I did not know. I saw how they beat Isa and nailed him to a cross. I said to myself, Now Isa will call down fire from heaven to destroy*

them. Instead, Isa looked down at them with compassion, and said, “Father, forgive them; They do not know what they are doing.” In my heart I said, “That is for me.” That is when I became a follower of Isa, and changed my name to Akbar al-Masih, which means ‘the Messiah is the Greatest.’

Sheikh Hassan (Extract from David Garrison’s Report): “An African Evangelist gave me an Injil (New Testament) in the Arabic language. Because the Injil was in Arabic (God’s language), I knew that it must be true; so I began to read it. That night I had a dream in which I saw a tall minaret. I was disturbed to see a man with an axe chopping the minaret down. When I looked closer, I saw that the man was myself. The shock of the dream awakened me in a panic. I had the same dream three times. The next day, I found the evangelist who had given me the Injil. “What does this dream mean?” I demanded. The Evangelist looked at me and smiled. “You will win many sheikhs to faith in Jesus Christ.” Today, I travel from village to village, speaking to sheikhs, who are leaders of the Islamic community. So far, I have led 400 sheikhs to faith in Jesus Christ.” Amen. This is the story of Sheik Hassan.

Amaal (Extract from David Garrison's Report): Amaal, a 23-year old Arab Muslim girl with a smile that could light up a room, was led to faith in Jesus Christ through her friendship with a Christian family. Unable to keep the joy which had taken over her heart, she immediately shared her new faith with her mother. Afterwards Amaal's mother said, "I should kill you for this." Amaal was stunned. She subsequently left home and found a job in a resort hotel, only to have her boss attempt to blackmail her in exchange for sexual favours, prompting her to flee again. Some years later, Amaal was found hiding in the home of a kind Muslim couple. The next day, a Christian man gave her a New Testament and shared some stories with her. As Amaal narrated her challenges for opting for Jesus Christ, the Christian Man wondered what else he could share with this sister whose faith had cost her so much. Surprisingly, Amaal said, *"Be on your guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you.... When they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you"* (**Mat. 10:17-20**). Amaal's eyes glistened with tears. Then she said, "Jesus knows where I am, what I will encounter, and I know that he (Jesus) will always be with me." Amen.

54. Occult Grand Master Testified of the Existence of the Power of Our Lord Jesus Christ:

In his book titled 'Occult Grand master Now in Christ', Iyke Nathan Uzorma narrated his encounter with Christ Jesus, and how he subsequently became a strong believer in him. When I finished reading that book, I recognized one truth: that the devil is indeed a deceiver who thrives in the deployment of crafts to entrap man to fall from the presence and blessings of God.

Brother Nathan disclosed (after he had encountered Jesus) that Lucifer (known in the Occult Kingdom as Chitanam) and all the demons who had acted as his guardian spirits at the various spiritual levels (such as Saint Gopinatha, Guru Narad etc.) had deceived him into believing that he was all along working for the true Most High God. It was when Jesus appeared in their midst at a meeting in the highest occult kingdom called Kalami that he realized he had been deluded. Chitanam, the Lord of the Seven Occult Kingdoms, had instructed him to bring into his presence, Archbishop B. A. Idahosa of Nigeria to be killed. When everything was set, the Archbishop's name was mentioned three times so that he would appear and be converted into a bull to be slaughtered. Once slaughtered spiritually, the Archbishop will have to die physically on earth.

But as soon as the mention of the Archbishop's name ended the third time, a shiny stone (which represented Jesus Christ) landed in their midst, and immediately, he (Bro. Nathan) fell prostrate on the ground with his eyes widely opened and saw Chitanam, the human grandmasters, and all the spirits beings controlling the occult kingdoms vanished to his amazement. As he lay watching the shiny stone, it pronounced his full name, including one that was known to him and his father alone. This stone, according to Bro. Nathan, said many things, including the evil acts he had committed. When he asked who it was that spoke, the stone proclaimed himself as Jesus Christ of Nazareth. He soon found himself in his room on earth mysteriously.

As he lay on his bed that dawn, many questions arose in his mind, including the following: 'How can the Most High God flee from another power? Which other power surpasses that of the Most High God? No, something is wrong. Bro. Nathan must seek some answers from his occult comrades so he tried severally to re-connect the demonic world but was unsuccessful because Jesus had saved him. Then he recognized that that kingdom from which he had come out of is the devils'. Subsequently, he surrendered himself to Christ Jesus. Halleluiah! In order to appreciate the facts about this portion of the story, kindly search for the above mentioned book and read chapters eleven and twelve and be blessed. Amen.

55. Jesus Reveals Himself through Dreams to Many to Proof Himself the Christ:

Dreams have been a known source of divine revelation by God and His Christ to humanity since the beginning of the world. In the Old Testament, for instance, God spoke unto many through dreams, and if we believe that God is the same yesterday, today, and years to come, then the recent reports of how people encounter Jesus in their dreams should be treated with all the seriousness they deserve. In fact, these encounters are real and ought to be believed.

There have been several reports from the world regarding how people of different background (religious, ethnic, tribal, professional, colour, race etc.) have encountered Jesus Christ in their dreams; and how such interfaces have resulted in conversions unto faith in Christ. The Lord reveals himself unto many on their seek beds, delivers many from satanic attacks, and performs several miracles in their lives via dreams and visions to proof himself the Messiah. These evidences of separate encounters worldwide which continue to produce amazing conversions to the faith cannot be attributed to some form of manipulations of some esoteric powers as we are told exists in the satanic kingdoms by Bro. Nathan. They are certainly the end results of the working of the true Lord Jesus, the Christ. Remember we are told that “No one cometh unto the Father unless the Father calleth him.” If so, then it is his duty to reveal

himself through dreams to call his own unto himself. I therefore present to you, my separate encounters with Christ; but first, consider this thrilling experience from Aboagye, a 10 year old boy from Ghana.

The Testimony of Aboagye: In 2020, Aboagye had a dream in which he saw a large beautiful swimming pool filled with humans of different races. These people were heavily engaged in merry making inside the pool which was filled with a lot of wealth: gold, diamonds and other goodies.

In fact, anything the human flesh desires could be found in the pool, and its inhabitants kept enjoying the goodies therein, as he stood watching them. Few meters from the pool, he saw a small number of other people; about one hundred of them standing at the right-hand side of the pool.

As he looked on, suddenly, a hail of fire dropped from heaven and burned off everything in the pool to ashes. As the fire engulfed them and was burning seriously, a man in white garment stood by him and said to him, “My son, I have brought you here to witness this; for this is how my second coming will be. All them which were in the pool hearken not to my commandments, but of the few whom you saw standing by the right hand side of the pool, they are deserving of my kingdom.” Suddenly, Aboagye’s

mother touched him to wake up and prepare for church service. Praise God! Who was this man in the dream who said the events in the dream thereof represented those things which will take place in his second coming? Was that Jesus Christ? I believe he was. Amen.

My First Testimony - Encounter with an Angel: In 1999, I was posted to a small village in the Ashanti Region to teach after I had graduated from Teacher Training College. While in the village, I never went to church. One day, I had a dream where I saw a white butterfly sitting on a small anthill in a newly prepared piece of land awaiting cultivation. As a boy of about Six years (for so I saw myself in the dream), I decided to walk slowly and dive on the butterfly to grasp it. When I got closer, intending to dive on the butterfly, it arose into a tall handsome man in white garment that shined beyond look. I exclaimed inaudibly, “Eh! An Angel” in my mother tongue. The man smiled at me, placed his hand around my shoulder and asked why I do not attend church service.

As I looked on the ground because he was brightening beyond look, I told the man that I was not happy about the conduct of church members. I explained that their attitudes and actions do not reflect what it ought to be, so I do not think going to

the church is what matters, but rather doing the things of God. Then the man responded that my observation is right, but I should not look at that; rather, I should attend church and hear more about God. He continued and said that God says He loves me so much, and that, I should continue to live the way I am living my life.

At this point, I heard someone cutting firewood at the extreme end of the farm, and when I looked, I saw a sister of mine called Dina. I immediately called her and entreated her to quickly run to me to see an angel. I fixed my eyes and attention on my sister as she ran towards me and when she got closer and I turned to introduce her to my newly found friend, he could not be found standing by me any longer. Suddenly, I woke up from sleep and realized it was a dream. Beloved, I believed that it was my Lord Jesus who sent the angel to speak to me so I may not get lost into the kingdom of darkness. Amen.

My Second Testimony - Encounter with Jesus on the Cross: Around 2006 after I had graduated from the university, I had a dream where I was walking with my two sisters and my step-mother towards an unknown place. As we walked for some time, I heard the skies rambling, and suddenly, the rain begun to

fall. Surprisingly to me, the rain drops were blood, and I was the only one drenched by it, leaving the rest of the people, as we walked faster than before to hide under some roof until the rain stops. I called the attention of the others and asked why the rain was not touching them. They told me that there was no rain, and could not see me neither drenched in water nor in blood. This answer forced me to look into the skies to see what was amiss; and when I looked, I saw Jesus Christ hanging on a big cross, whose blood was falling on me. Immediately, I started exclaiming thus, “Oh! Jesus, so it is you, thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus.” Suddenly, I woke up from sleep and realized it was a dream.

My Third Testimony – Encounter with Jesus Coming Down from Heaven: Around 2009, I had a dream in which I was walking with a cousin called Isaac. suddenly, the sky became darkened and heavy wind started blowing. The wind was so serious that it was ripping houses off their roofs. Suddenly, a great light lighted the earth, forcing me to look into the sky. When I looked, I saw Jesus Christ descending with great light with host of angels accompanying him with trumpets and songs.

When I looked on earth again, every building, storey

or not was collapsing or melting down with pieces of the fragments flying in the air. The spectacle was such that I began to run with my cousin, but sooner than later, we came to a very big opening up of the earth which was easy for my cousin to jump over, but difficult for me to jump. In fact I realized that if I jump with the speed I was running with, I would fall into the pit. I therefore reversed and came forward with extra energy and jumped with all my strength and landed at the other side of the pit, but my hand was stricken with a piece of building material and got the cloth covering the place torn. As I watched the spot to see if I had suffered any severe injury, I woke up from sleep trembling with sweat all over my body. Beloved, I concluded that Jesus was not happy about my conduct at the time. The dream was therefore a warning to me to watch my lifestyle. Halleluiah!

My Fourth Testimony - Encounter with Jesus Christ Announcing His Second Coming:

In **2014**, I had a dream in which I was walking to an unknown destination when, suddenly, I heard the skies rumbling as though it was about to rain. As I walked on, the sound was getting louder, so I decided to look up into the skies to see what was

amiss. When I looked, I saw the sky (or cloud) descend very low to about 50 – 80 feet from ground level; with a gargantuan clock made of metal running speedily across the circumference. As I watched the clock, it gradually slowed and finally stopped. Immediately it stopped, I saw a man's hand up to the wrist appear on the sky and wrote seven sentences on the sky in separate languages. As I scanned through the sentences, I came to one which was written in English Language; the only one I was able to read. What I read was "I am coming very soon." As I stood trying to read the remaining sentences, I woke up and was unable to sleep throughout that night. Beloved, as I thought about the dream that night, I concluded that Jesus was informing the world through me, that the time is up for his second coming. Amen.

My Fifth Testimony - Encounter with Jesus Christ Descending from Heaven in His Second Coming:

Around **August 2020**, I had a dream in which I was on a school compound, as though we were on break. Suddenly, the sky changed and I was forced to look up. When I did, I saw Jesus coming down from the sky with great light shining in front of him. I began to say in the dream, "Is this not what we have been

proclaiming to the world, that Jesus is the Christ, and that he will come to judge the world, so men ought to repent, but they hearken not?" After these words, I looked unto the earth and saw it moving very swiftly away like running water from Jesus as he was descending, but I was still standing at the same place.

When I looked up again, Jesus had reached the rooftop level, and I watched him touched down. He took three steps as though he was heading towards somewhere, but I courageously said to him, "Jesus, have you not seen me, you son standing here?" Immediately Jesus walked towards me and touched my shoulders, and I woke up from sleep.

Beloved, how can one convince me that Jesus Christ is not real? I am fortified beyond reasonable doubt that Jesus is the Messiah; the Saviour of the world. He will come the second time to judge us, and that, those who he will find righteous will inherit his eternal kingdom. Amen.

Chapter Thirteen

The Conclusion

My dear reader, I have presented several biblical evidences from both testaments (New and Old) to draw your attention to the undisputable fact that Jesus Christ is the promised Messiah unto the world. What you must take cognizance of are that: a) The prophets of old foretold his coming; how he should be born, what should happen to the world because of his presence, what work he should undertake, how he should die and resurrect, and how his teachings should endure till the end of the world. b) He came to live on earth as God in the likeness of man, taught the truth and the way unto salvation, performed miracles, died, resurrected, and ascended back to the Father. c) His Apostles performed countless miracles in his name, and his words still live on till date. Hallelujah!

I have also presented to you undoubted evidences from non-believers to proof that Jesus Christ is not a myth, but a real human who once upon a time, lived on this earth as related in the New Testament accounts. Those evidences conclude emphatically that: a) A high priest called Ananus, with the support of a Sadducee Sanhedrin Council, instigated the killing of James, who was the brother of Jesus; and

that, this Jesus was also called 'Christos' or the Messiah at the time. b) Jesus lived as man and drew unto himself both Jews and Greeks. c) There lived a man called 'Christus' who was associated with the beginning of the Christian movement, and the word 'Christians' originated from that name 'Christus.' d) The man 'Christus' was executed by a Roman governor of Judea; and the time of his death was during Pontius Pilate's governorship; a report that collaborates with the New Testament account about Jesus Christ.

Finally, I have disclosed how Jesus personally reveals himself variously to humanity: a) Through sharing of the word, many are led by the Lord unto himself. b) Many encounter Jesus mysteriously as we saw in the testimonies presented earlier. c) Many encounter Jesus through dreams and are led unto him.

As a fellow human being, I can only entreat you to turn unto Jesus Christ because he is the promised Messiah unto the world, so that you shall be saved and partake in his heavenly kingdom. Take note that those who accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour do not die in spirit; they only sleep at death, awaiting resurrection when their Lord shall appear unto the world the second time to lead his own into his everlasting Kingdom. As you conclude this book, may the Holy Spirit lead you unto the truth, which is the Word and Jesus Christ. Come unto me, all ye that

are heavy laden, and I will give you rest, he bids us. Amen.

The End of the Apostles:

Beloved, the Apostles sacrificed their lives for the truth, which is the gospel, so that you and I may have the opportunity to learn of Christ and be drawn unto him. I wish to remind you of how each of them died for the seek of the gospel, so that this knowledge may awaken your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Apostle **Mathew** suffered martyrdom in Ethiopia where he was killed by wound sustained from sword. **Luke** was killed by hanging in Greece as a result of his outstanding preaching of the gospel to the lost. **Mark** was dragged by horses through the streets of Alexandria, Egypt until he died. **Simon Peter** was crucified upside down on an X-shaped cross because he refused to be nailed on the cross the same way the Lord Jesus died; claiming he felt unworthy to die the same way Christ died. **James** was thrown over a hundred feet down from the pinnacle of the temple for refusing to deny his faith in Jesus Christ. Realizing that he survived the fall, they beat him to death. **Bartholomew** (also called **Nathaniel**) was martyred for preaching Christ in Armenia, Asia, where he was flayed to death by a whip. **James** (the son of Zebedee) was beheaded at Jerusalem for his continued faith in the gospel. **Andrew** was whipped severely by seven soldiers and later crucified on an X-shaped cross in Patras, Greece. **Thomas** was stabbed to death with a

spear in India during one of his trips to establish a church. **Jude** was killed with arrows when he refused to deny his faith in Christ. **Mathias** was stoned and later beheaded for the sake of the faith. **John** was martyred as he was boiled in a huge oil basin in Rome during one of the waves of persecution. He survived but was later sentenced into prison at Patmos where he wrote the book of Revelation. He was the only Apostle who died in peace after being released from prison. **Paul** was tortured and later beheaded by Emperor Nero in Rome around A.D. 67. **Can any of us do same for Christ today?**

The Message:

Beloved, around 2012, the Lord asked me to preach his words unto many but I refused to undertake such a duty in poverty. I told God plainly in prayer, that I am not prepared to follow the examples of the Apostles and later Disciples who went about preaching in poverty so that the devil began to lead them into worldliness thereby perverting their faith and leading them into sin. I continued by asking God, “Why is it that your work always commences in poverty? Why do you not bless your servants first with riches so that as they move about preaching the word, they could also be touching lives; helping the poor and widows for them to experience the real love of God?”

In September 2020, I sat behind my computer compiling a report on a development project when, suddenly, I heard a voice speaking to me, saying: ***"I asked you to do my work but you refused. Surely I will bless you with riches as you requested; but while you await the blessing, I want you to put the knowledge and wisdom I have given you into compiling a book, proofing that I am the promised Christ. As you write this book, do not think of where to get money to publish it. When you are done writing, I will give you money to publish it. Give the book out for free. As many as are of my spirit will call to support you financially to be able to publish and distribute more copies of the book to all parts of the world, so that as many inhabitants of the earth as possible will read it, and then I shall come the second time. Fear not, for, I am with you."***

This voice I was unable to disobey. I pushed the report aside and began to draft the outline of this book that very moment and continued with the same zeal until it was completed.

Therefore, as many as wish to support this assignment may donate to **Joshua Nyemasem** on mobile account number: **0244-751925**. All donations will be strictly used to publish more copies of this book to be given out freely to win souls for Jesus Christ of Nazareth. You may not have time or courage to evangelize or preach the Gospel to a

fellow human, in order to win a soul for Christ. But your financial contribution toward this course shall be recognized by God toward same, and the Lord will surely bless you. For He said unto me, “Do not think of where to get money to publish this work, for as many as are of my spirit will call to support you financially for the publication of more copies to be distributed all over the world; then I, the Lord, shall come the second time.” Amen.

Any child of Jesus Christ from any part of the world who wish to translate this book into a different language to be published and strictly distributed free to people elsewhere is free to do so, and may contact me on the number: **0244-751925** or via **e-mail:** brotherjoshua4christ@gmail.com or nyemasemjoshua@gmail.com

You may also visit our website www for more information.

Time to Surrender:

Dear reader, if you have no Jesus Christ in your life, then from today:

1. Admit that you are a sinner and need God’s help.

- 2. Be willing to change your mind and turn from your sins (repent).**
- 3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and arose from the dead.**
- 4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Lord and Saviour.**
- 5. Read your Bible every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.**
- 6. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Jesus Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority on everything.**
- 7. Create a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and talk to Him in prayer every day.**
- 8. Tell others about Jesus Christ.**

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Thank you for taking time to read this book. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you abundantly, Amen.

**JESUS CHRIST IS COMING VERY SOON;
REPENT THEREFORE AND BE SAVED.**