

“ARE YOU THE COMING ONE?”

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"So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel." {Genesis 3:14,15} When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, God punished them for their disobedience. Yet, in the serpent's punishment, God talked about "the Seed" which would come. Who was this Seed?

"But when the fulness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law." {Galatians 4:4} This was according to divine prophecy. This Son would have no earthly father, but be born of a virgin. "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel." {Isaiah 7:14} We know this "Seed" is the Christ! "Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ." {Galatians 3:16}

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting." {Micah 5:2} Who fulfilled this prophecy? "Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers." {Matthew 1:2} Christ! He came through the tribe of Judah. How do we know? "For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning the priesthood." {Hebrews 7:14}

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill." {Matthew 5:17} Christ would fulfill all the prophecies written in the Law concerning Him and by a good understanding of that Law, His people would know He was the Christ!

While John was in prison, he heard of the works concerning this man Jesus, so John sent two of his disciples to Him. **"And said unto Him, Art thou He that should come, or do we look for another." [Matthew 11:3]** What they asked was indeed a good question. John understood he was to "prepare the way" for the Lord. Could this be Him?

What answer did the Lord give to these men? "Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them." {Matthew 11:4,5}

Did He avoid the question? No, our Lord answered the disciples question and Christ gave the best answer, "look at the evidence!" What if we could just get people today to "look at the evidence?" By looking at all the record of these events, I believe He was that One!

All we can do as God's people are to seek ways to get the alien sinner, the one in the wrong religion to take the time and make the effort necessary to examine the evidence. Look at the Biblical history of the past, the many prophecies concerning Christ, the words of the prophets, apostles

and the words of Jesus Himself contained in the gospels. The Holy Spirit revealed to man the “mind of God,” 1 Corinthians 2:9-13. Eye witness accounts and testimonies cannot easily be dismissed to honest truth seeker. God’s power is in the book – not us, Romans 1:16.

Sadly, many believe and are waiting for Jesus to come again to set up His earthly kingdom. Yet, the scriptures teach He is coming to judge the world – reward the faithful and punish the unfaithful. Pray for opportunity to open men’s eyes to the words of God! ***