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“The Kingdom of God, is within you.”

“With God all things are possible.”



“For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.”





## **The Christ Conspiracy: Jesus Must Die**

And Jesus said, “Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles: And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again...”

“...Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?

“And Jesus said unto him, So sayest thou.”

And the multitude cried out, “Let him be crucified.”

“When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it...”

“Then the soldiers took Jesus and platted a crown of thorns upon his head, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and smote him on the head.”

“Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.”

Then they nailed his hands and feet to a cross...they crucified him... and in agony Jesus hung on the cross....

....and as the pitiless crowds sneered and mocked





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him, the dying Jesus, in mortal agony “cried with a loud voice, saying, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”

And as the crowds laughed and jeered, “Jesus, cried again with a loud voice, and yielded up the ghost.”

Jesus Christ was dead. They had crucified him.

He had died to cleanse the world of evil and to redeem it of its sins.

God had now sealed the New Covenant.

“Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things.” - Luke 24.



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And yet, had Jesus truly died on the Cross?

And, if he had, was it according to plan?

Jesus had meticulously planned to cheat death, and to rise, from sleep, on the third day. Then, and only then, could Jesus be proclaimed The Christ, that is, King of the Jews, and thus, King of Israel.

But then, something went terribly wrong.





## The Messiah Begins His Mission

The fame of Jesus, the prophet, healer, and messenger of God, soon spread far and wide. Men and women flocked to see and hear him, to be near him, to touch him, and to touch his clothes, for even his clothing was said to radiate virtue and the healing power of God's spirit.

“And a certain woman....when she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.” -Mark 5.

They thronged to Jesus to be healed, to hear his message, and to become his disciples:

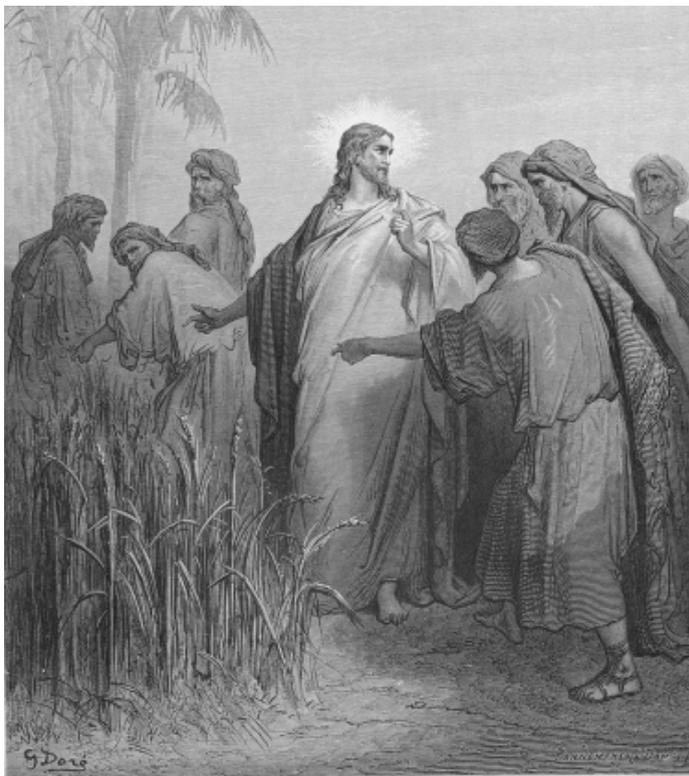
“And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make





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you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him. And Jesus went about all Galilee,



THE DISCIPLES PLUCKING CORN ON THE SABBATH

And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath. ... (Mark 2: 27)





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teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them. And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan.” -Matthew 4.

However, not all were impressed. The chief priests and the leadership of the Pharisees saw Jesus as little more than a pretender, an upstart who did not know his place. Jesus, they believed, was an uncouth trouble maker who lowered himself by mingling with the despised masses. The Pharisees’ aristocratic sensibilities were offended.

“And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet...” and the Pharisees began to murmur: “if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner.” -Luke 7.

When “Jesus sat at meat in the house” and “many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples...the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?” -Matthew 9.

“And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.” -Luke 5.





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#### JESUS HEALING THE SICK

And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them... (Matthew 15: 30)





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That he healed the lame, restored sight to the blind, and drove out devils, proved, said the Pharisees, that Jesus was not a man of God but a man possessed by the Devil.

“And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel... the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.” -Matthew 9.





## The Secret Messiah

“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....And they said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” -Mark 4

Jesus went forth preaching, healing, and raising the dead. Yet he was at first careful not to explicitly reveal his true identity even to his disciples.

“And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this!” -Luke 8

Jesus was content to allow others to believe what they would, giving only indirect hints as to his true identity, as Jesus the Christ (Christ = King) and thus Jesus, the Messiah, King of the Jews. Only to those who could understand the deeper meaning of his sayings and parables realized that Jesus was declaring himself—but these men and women were few and far between.

“Why do ye not understand my speech? Even because ye cannot hear my word.” -John 8.

“And he said to his disciples, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.” -Luke 8.





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As Jesus repeatedly discovered, those with ears to hear, those with understanding, could not even be found among his own disciples.

“Then answered Peter and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable. And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding?” -Matthew 15

“How is it that ye do not understand?” -Matthew 16

Who am I, he repeatedly asked his disciples. A prophet, Elijah, John the Baptist, a holy man, they answered, for at first even they did not know, nor did they understand.

“Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even the same that I said unto you from the beginning. I have many things to say and to judge of you: but He that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of Him. Yet, still his disciples understood not that he spake to them of the Father.” -John 8.

Yet, this was as he desired, for to declare himself too soon, would immediately invite arrest, stoning, Crucifixion and death. Neither the elders, the chief priests, or the Roman authorities would stand for it.

“And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority? And Jesus answered” with a question that they dared not answer. “And they said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.” -Matthew 21.





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“And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden. And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise. And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat. And her parents were astonished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done.” -Luke 8:51-56.

“He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answering said, The Christ of God. And he straightly charged them, and commanded them to tell no man that thing.” -Luke 9:20-21

“And they kept it close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.” -Luke 9:36.

Jesus, by design, was to remain, until almost the end, the secret Messiah, his true identity guessed at by only the few.:

“I speak to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.” -Matthew 13.

Indeed, as Jesus well knew, once he announced his true identify and purpose “they would mock him, scourge him, spit upon him, and shall kill him.” -Luke 24.

As Jesus warned his disciples over and over again, if the Pharisees and ruling elite learned he was the Messiah and the King of the Jews, he would “suffer





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many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed.” -Matthew 16.

And yet, even though he was careful in what he said, some understood that Jesus was proclaiming himself the Messiah. Thus, even early in his ministry, some tried to kill him:

“But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth...Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.” - John 8.

It was not just the Pharisee brotherhood who would



CHRIST IN THE SYNAGOGUE  
And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, in-  
asmuch that they were astonished, and said, - Is not this the carpenter's son?  
... (Matthew 13: 54, 55)





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kill him if Jesus dared reveal his true purpose and identity as “the King of the Jews” and thus the “King of Israel” but the Romans. A proclamation such as this would be viewed as an open challenge to Imperial Roman rule, a treasonable sedition. If he claimed to be king, Jesus and his followers would be hunted down and handed over to “the Gentiles: And they shall kill him” (Mark 9) and Jesus still had much to do.

It was because of the many enemies who would pounce and try to take his life, that Jesus was circumspect in what he said, and why he often spoke in parables and riddles, saying: “Those with ears let them hear. Those with eyes, let them see.”

Jesus, as we know, constantly referred to himself as the “Son of Man.” Initially it was only among his closest followers, his diciples, that Jesus dared to reveal himself as the Son of God—the Messiah.

Thus, during the early stages of his ministry, Jesus, the secret Messiah, ensured he had some freedom of movement, and thus could preach and teach and fulfill the prophecies as foredained. In this way, Jesus could chose the right moment for his own torture, crucifixion and bloody death, the ultimate sacrifice of redemption.





## The Old and New Covenant

Throughout ancient history, almost all of the principle patriarchal gods were violent, mass murdering, conquering warriors, e.g., Marduk, Mazda, Zeus, Apollo, Mars, and Yahweh: “the Lord of hosts” which means: “Lord of armies.” Yahweh also means: “The Destroyer.”

These warrior gods, including Yahweh, were prone to mass murder and extremely violent rages. Yahweh repeatedly threatened and engaged in the slaughter of enemies and believers alike, without mercy or regard for women and children. The Lord God of the ancient Israelites repeatedly demanded that His people engage in widespread ethnic cleansing, mass murder, and genocide:

“Behold I send an angel before thee, to keep thee in the way. Beware of him and obey his voice, for I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries, and I will cut them off..... I will send my terror before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come..... and I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased and inherit the land.” -Exodus 23:20-30

“...when you approach a town, you shall lay seizure to it, and when the Lord your god delivers it into your hand, you shall put all its males to the sword. You may, however, take as your booty the women, the





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children, the livestock, and everything in the town—all its spoils—and enjoy the spoil of your enemy which the Lord your god gives you.... In the towns of the people which the Lord your god is giving you as a heritage, you shall not let a soul remain alive.” -Exodus 20:15-18; -Deuteronomy 20:12-16

“When Israel had killed all the inhabitants of Ai...and all of them, to the last man had fallen by the sword, all the Israelites turned back to Ai and put it to the sword...until all the inhabitants of Ai had been exterminated... and the king of Ai was impaled on a stake and it was left lying at the entrance to the city gate.” -Deuteronomy 8:24-29.



Led by Moses, and their “Lord God” (Yahweh) the ancient Hebrews/Israelites murdered untold numbers, perhaps hundreds of thousands of innocent men, women, children, including even their livestock. These atrocities were committed against all manner of innocent peoples not because they had sinned, but because they happened to be along the path to the “promised land” and because they had the misfortune of living on land and possessing property that the “Lord God” wanted to give to his people.



“When the Lord they God shall bring thee into the land, and shall cast out many nations before thee, the Hittite, and the Gergashite, and the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite... and the Lord thy god shall deliver them up before thee, and thou shalt smite them, then thou shalt utterly destroy them.” -Deuteronomy 7:1-2.





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“Of the cities of these peoples, that the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth.” -Deuteronomy, 20:16.

“God” gloried not only in the murder of innocent women and children, but took special satisfaction in the theft of their property—the spoils of a godly-genocidal war. The Lord God believed that theft and injustice was a testament to his glory as a conquering warrior god:

“Great and goody cities, which thou didst not build and houses full of all good things which thou didst not fill, and cisterns hewn, which thou didst not hew, and vineyards and olive-trees, which thou didst not plant, and thou shalt eat and be satisfied.” - Deuteronomy 6:10-11.



Yahweh, the Lord of Hosts, the “Destroyer,” apparently so enjoyed the spectacle of mass murder, that once he began to kill He found it difficult to stop, killing everything and everyone, the guilty and the innocent, the righteous and the wicked, and even their animals. Apparently only the sight of blood and more blood, the signs of death, could cool his ardor for indiscriminate mass murder. God knows this and in planning the Exodus from Egypt, explained to Moses that the only way for Moses to protect himself and the Jews from slaughter was by painting their doors red with blood: “When I see the blood” He informs Moses, “I will pass over you, and there shall be no plague upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt” -Exodus 12:12-13.





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Despite Yahweh's Covenant and his commandment "thou shall not kill" Yahweh kills and murders the innocent and guilty alike and encourages and in fact orders the Israelites to murder even babies and women with children.

"And they warred... as the Lord commanded and slew all the males. And they slew the Kings... and they took all the women and their little ones... and they burnt all their cities wherein they dwelt, and all their goodly castles with fire... And Moses was wroth...and said unto them. Have ye saved all the women and the little ones alive? Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that hath known man by lying with him." -Numbers, 31.



Moreover, it is not just Egyptians or the hapless innocents who the Israelites and their Lord God slaughtered in their 40 years of wondering, but tens of thousands if not hundreds of thousands of Jews. The Lord God kills them for rebelling. He kills them for "murmuring." He kills them for complaining. He kills them for questioning. And He kills their wives, brothers, fathers, mothers, and children: "Go forth and slay brother, neighbor, and kin." -Genesis, 32:26-29.



The ancient Israelis not only received special permission from their "Lord God" to murder wayward Jews, non-Jews and Jewish non-believers, including women and children whom they slaughtered without mercy (e.g. Numbers, 31 15-18; Numbers 34, 50-53), but even Jewish babies. Indeed, it was a Hebrew religious-tradition to kill and slaughter not only non-Jewish males in general but first born Jewish sons (a custom until the time of Moses):





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“A blessing on him who seizes your babies and dashes them against rocks.” -Psalm, 137:9.

“I polluted them with their own offerings, making them sacrifice all their first-born, which was to punish them, so that they would learn that I am Yahweh.” - Ezekiel, 20:25-36; 22:28-29.

The God of the “Old Testament” and thus the God of the First Covenant, ruled his people through fear and terror:

“Terror, and the pit, and the snare are upon you, O inhabitant of earth.” -Isaiah, 24:17.

“And as the Lord took delight in doing you good and multiplying you, so the Lord will take delight in bringing ruin upon you and destroying you.” - Deuteronomy, 26:63.

“The Lord will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, which will swoop down like the eagle... a ruthless nation, that will show the old no regard and the young no mercy.... It shall devour the offspring... you shall eat your own issue, the flesh of your sons and daughters... until He has wiped you out... leaving you nothing.... until it has brought ruin unto you...” -Deuteronomy, 28:47-55.

“And now Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God.” - Deuteronomy, 10:12.





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“The beginning of wisdom is fear of the Lord.” -  
Proverbs 1:7, 9:10.

“God has come... in order that the fear of Him  
may be ever with you so you do not go astray.” -  
Exodus 20:17.

“Tell them that this is what the LORD, the God  
of Israel, says: ‘Cursed is the man who does not obey  
the terms of this covenant.’ - Jeremiah 11:3.

Fear, terror, destruction, this is what God promised  
Moses and the children of Israel if they disobeyed his  
commandments and broke his covenant.

Yet, the LORD, the God of Israel, also promised a  
new covenant:

“For the LORD your God is a merciful God; he  
will not abandon or destroy you or forget the covenant  
with your forefathers, which he confirmed to them by  
oath. Behold, saith the Lord, the days come that I will  
make a New Covenant with the house of Israel.”  
Deuteronomy 4:31.

“The time is coming,” declares the LORD, “when  
I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel  
and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the  
covenant I made with their forefathers when I took  
them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because  
they broke my covenant. “This is the covenant I will  
make with the house of Israel after that time,” declares  
the LORD.” -Jeremiah 31.





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Jesus declared himself the messenger of God, the Messiah, and he offered a New Covenant with the house of Israel and the world—exactly as God promised. Instead of terror and fear, Jesus offered love and forgiveness. Instead of war, he offered peace. Instead of destruction, he offered salvation and the redemption of one's sins.

“The Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.” -Luke 9.

“For I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.” -John 12.

“But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven.” -Luke 6:35.

“These things I command you, that ye love one another.” -John 14.

In offering a New Covenant, Jesus was also challenging the chief priests, scribes, and Pharisees who demanded complete obedience, instead, to their concept of the first covenant: Not love but vengeance, “an eye for an eye.”

Jesus continually antagonized the priestly elite by preaching a message of tolerance, love, and non-





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violence. He had broken with the past: It was to be the New Covenant with God:

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.” -Matthew 5.

Whereas Jesus preached a message from a God of love and forgiveness, the Pharisees and chief priests believed in the wrathful god who would destroy his enemies and those who dared to transgress his laws. Only by strictly adhering to their interpretation of God’s laws, the Pharisees believed, could the people of Israel find redemption and favor in God’s eyes.

But Jesus answered: “Judge not, lest ye be judged.”

“And the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.” -Matthew 7.

Jesus, the Pharisees believed, was undermining their work, their authority and that of the prophets.

And Jesus answered: “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.”

The Pharisees and chief priests were enraged and plotted to destroy him. They, their scribes and secret spies, constantly challenged him, mocked him, claiming he was committing blasphemy and was





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JESUS HEALING THE LUNATIC

Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water... (Matthew 17: 15)





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challenging the authority of scripture, Mosaic law and the commandments.

Jesus answered: “Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven” -Matthew 5.

Jesus was violating scripture, the sabbath, the word of the prophets, the Pharisees and chief priests declared.

Jesus answered: “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.” -Matthew 5.

Indeed, Jesus preached not just love, but a very strict form of self-control, so that even the temptation to sin might be abolished:

“And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.” -Mark 9.

Their efforts to undermine Jesus were too no avail. The people loved him. His fame and his following grew.

“And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.” -Matthew 9.

His fame and his following were growing. Every day even greater crowds of people would gather to hear him speak and to be healed: “they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast





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out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick....And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David?" -Matthew 9.

Jesus, many began to believe, was not just the son of King David, but the promised Messiah, the Christ, the King of the Jews.

Jesus was also coming to the attention of the chief priests and elders. The rejoicing and the whisperings of the people were causing them alarm. Again the Pharisees accused him of being in league with the devil.

“But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Beelzebub the chief of the devils. But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth. If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub.” -Luke 11.

And, as some of the Pharisees also had the power to heal the sick and cast out devils, Jesus turned their accusations against them. “And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them...And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges....Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him. But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all.” -Matthew 12.





## **The Harvest Is Plenteous. The Labourers Are Few**

The power of Jesus was such, that Jesus was soon overwhelmed by the tremendous masses of women, children, and men, who sought to hear him speak, to touch him, to look upon him. They came from all over the Middle East: “And from Jerusalem, and from Idumaea, and from beyond Jordan; and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him.” -Mark 2.

Often, so many people pressed to be near, that Jesus was forced to escape the crush of the masses.

“And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him.” -Mark 2.

“Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to depart unto the other side.” -Matthew 8.

“And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought him that he would not depart out of their coasts” - Matthew 9. But Jesus was forced to leave for his own physical safety and that of the people and his disciples. “And he entered into a ship, and passed over” in order to escape the massing, pushing, swarming crowds, and to rest.

Yet, even when Jesus withdrew, the near hysterical





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crowds followed, forcing him to quickly depart by sea, or to even climb upon mountain tops, to get a moment of respite. “Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down.”

The eager excited multitudes ran after him, followed him, surrounded him, sometimes knocking down walls and rooftops in order to see him and to beg forgiveness and to be cured of all manner of disease.

“And it was learned that he was in the house. And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door...And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy...And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was.” -Mark 2.





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Jesus realized that this welcome burdon was too much, that it was growing impossible for him to minister and to preach to all those who sought him out. He required help, and for assistance, he turned to his 12 disciples:

“Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.” -Matthew 9.

Jesus now felt the time was ripe to give power unto his disciples and to send twelve of his most devoted followers to travel the country, teaching, preaching, and healing the sick, on his behalf and in the name of God.

“And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.” -Matthew 10.

But he also gave strict instructions that his disciples should at first restrict their teaching and healing, only to those willing to hear his word: “And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrhah in the day of judgment, than for that city.” -Matthew 10.

Yet Jesus knew his enemies were everywhere, and his disciples were in danger. Thus he warned his disciples to beware, lest they be arrested, tortured or even stoned to death:

“Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless





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as doves. But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues.” -Matthew 10.

Jesus also assured his disciples that even if they were arrested, to fear not death, for God would save them and would speak through them and for them.

“But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.” -Matthew 10.





## Gentiles Receive The New Covenant

“For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.”  
-Luke 2.

According to scripture and prophecy, the Messiah was to be King of the Jews, and his mission was to offer redemption and salvation, first to the children of Israel—Israel, meaning “God’s strength.” Only after delivering God’s message of the New Covenant to the Jews, and their acceptance of it, and his crowning as the King of the Jews, would an Era of Righteousness follow in which all people and all the nations of the world would live in harmony and without war or sin. Universal justice would prevail and the ideal of the Brotherhood of Man would become a reality for Jews and non-Jews alike. The Messiah would unseal God’s second covenant and would rule the entire world and Gentiles and Jews would receive God’s blessing. War, poverty, and injustice, would be no more.

“With righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.” -Isaiah 11.





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“He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. -Isaiah 2:4, -Micah 4:3

Thus salvation and redemption, and God’s promise of the New Covenant, was to be offered at first, and exclusively, to the Jews, the children of Israel. Salvation for non-Jews, for Gentiles, would follow.

“These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.”  
-Matthew 10.

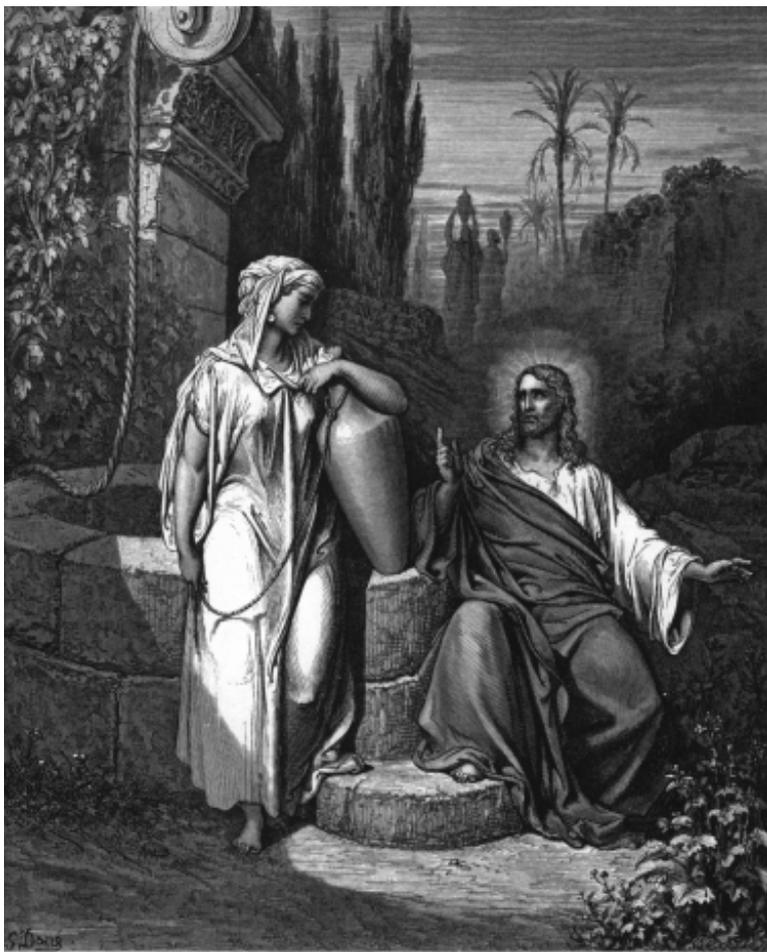
Jesus, and his disciples, believed in this principle so strongly that when Gentiles first sought his message or his assistance, they were turned away as unworthy.

“And, behold, a woman of Canaan came and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. “Have mercy on me, O Lord” she cried. “But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children’s bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord:





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#### JESUS AND THE WOMAN OF SAMARIA

How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria?  
for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.... (John 4: 9)





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yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour." -Matthew 15.

The time had come for the Gentiles, Jesus realized, to hear his message and to receive the blessings of the New Covenant.

Thus, Jesus decided he would send out 70 disciples, each of the "70" representing one of the known nations of the Earth—the gentiles too were to be saved.

"After these things the LORD appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come." -Luke 10.





## **They Repented Not: The Message of Jesus Rejected**

After Jesus finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee. Jesus offered hope, love, redemption, and salvation:

“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” -Matthew 11.

And yet, despite his success and the multitudes who flocked to hear him speak and to be healed, Jesus was disastisfied: “The labourers are few.”

And it was not just the paucity of “labourers” which wearied him, but his knowledge that his message of God and of love and forgiveness, was not truly accepted or understood by the elders, the priests, the Pharisees, the Sadduccee, or the masses in the cities.

Jesus also had many enemies and they continually plotted to undue his good works. Indeed, in every city, every town, every village, the elders, the priests, the scribes, the Sadducees, and the Pharisees plotted and preached against him, calling Jesus a false prophet and a devil. But this too was as prophecied: “The chief priests, the scribes... shall condemn him and shall





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mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him.” -Mark 9.

And yet, although Jesus knew his message was to be rejected by those in power, that this was in accordance with prophecy, he was nevertheless sorely disappointed and angry by their reaction.

“Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not...But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.” -Matthew 11.

“For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed....because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.” -Mathew 13.

The elders, the chief priests, and their scribes did not want to understand. Instead, the Pharisees and their spies complained about his behavior and sought to trick him with their questions in order to destroy him:

“There come to him the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders, And say unto him, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things? And Jesus answered and said unto them, I will also ask of you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men? answer me. Now as the priests well knew, the people believed John the Baptist to be a prophet, sent to them by God. But, just as the priests and Pharisees had rejected Jesus, they had also secretly rejected John. They did so secretly for to announce their disbelief would anger the people and undermine





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their authority. The people might even rise up and stone them to death. “And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did ye not believe him? But if we shall say, Of men; they feared the people: for all men counted John, that he was a prophet indeed. And they answered and said unto Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.” -Mark 11

Jesus had outsmarted them again. So, they plotted all the more, and accused Jesus of violating the sabbath—a sin whose punishment is stoning unto death.

“And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him. And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days. Then saith Jesus to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other. Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.” -Matthew 12.

It was because of the dangers these spies and enemies posed, that Jesus remained very careful of what he said in public, and often spoke in parables:

“Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.”





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Yet, as Jesus soon discovered, he was in much greater danger than he first realized. The authorities had no qualms about killing prophets. Indeed, soon after these trials and tribulations Jesus learned of the murder of his cousin, John the Baptist.





## The Murder of John the Baptist

John the Baptist, like the prophets of ancient Israel, was not adverse to criticizing and condemning the sins of man, woman or king, including King Herod. Herod, had divorced his wife, the daughter of the king of Arabia, and married the wife of his dead brother. This act not only made enemies of neighboring kingdoms, but was a sin, John declared, thus drawing the ire of Herod and his new wife.

John was acting in accordance with a tradition long established by the prophets of Israel. Elijah, too, was such a prophet, and he was of such stature that he freely condemned and prophecied against not only Ahab, King of Israel, but his wife, Jezebel: “There was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.... You have abandoned the LORD’s commands and have become a worshipper of Baal” Elijah declared to Ahab, the King Of Israel. “Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab...when Ahab heard those words, he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.” -1 Kings 21.

Ahab, realizing his sins, and understanding the calamity he had passed on to his sons, took heed. God, had won. “Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before





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me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house." -1 Kings 21.

Elijah had condemned Ahab and his wife, and now John condemned Herod and his wife.

King Herod, fearing not the wrath of God, instead had John the Baptist arrested and imprisoned. But, as Herod did fear the people, and given his own precarious position with neighboring kingdoms, he refused, at first, to have John killed. Herodias, his wife, felt differently. John the Baptist must die, she declared.

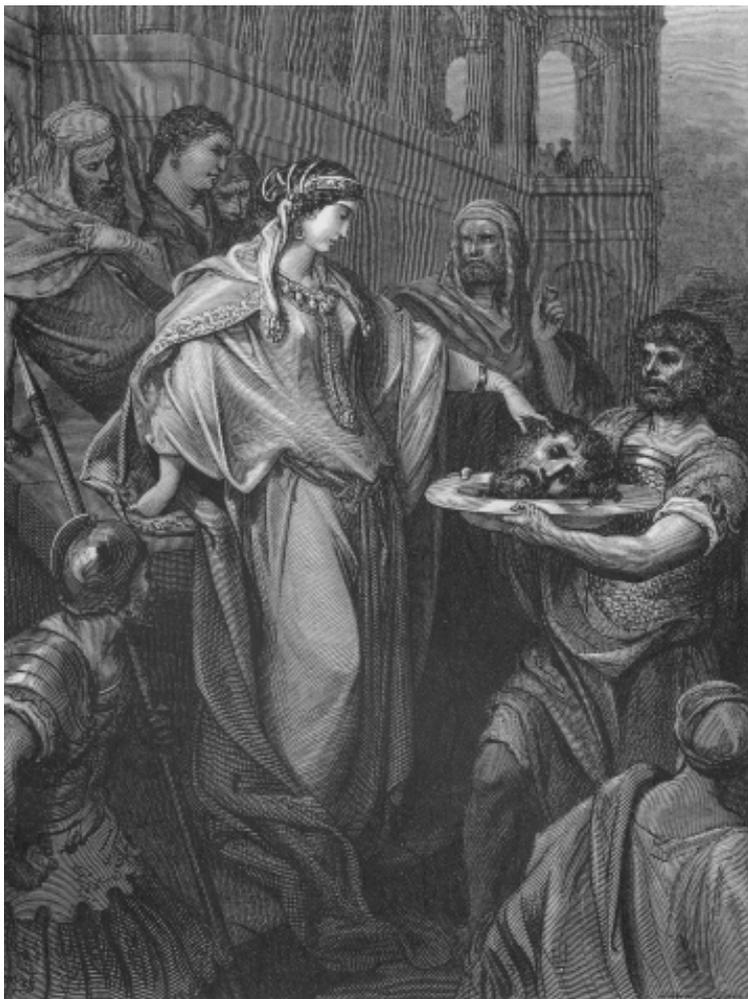
"And when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom. And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist. And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me a charger the head of John the Baptist. And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her. And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded John in the prison. And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel: and the damsel gave it to her mother." -Mark 6.

The murder of John the Baptist came as a rude shock to Jesus. John's untimely death was not according to prophecy, or plan. And if John could be so easily killed, then Jesus too could also easily lose his head.





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THE DAUGHTER OF HEROD RECEIVING THE HEAD  
OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod... And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger... (Matthew 14: 6, 8)





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“And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus.” When Jesus heard of it, he quickly gathered together his disciples and departed immediately by ship, leaving so quickly for a private desert place, that they had no time to eat.

The murder of John the Baptist illustrated the dangers Jesus faced. He could be arrested and seized at any time, and then murdered. Indeed, Jesus was in fact warned that Herod might arrest and kill him at any moment:

“The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee. And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected. Nevertheless I must walk to day, and to morrow, and the day following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem.” - Luke 13.





## Onward to Judah and Jerusalem

It was time, Jesus realized, to begin the second phase of the Divine Plan. He would reveal himself to his 12 disciples. And then, at a later date, on a day of his own choosing, during Passover, he would announce himself to the world, only to be rejected, crucified, and to then rise again after three days, as had been prophesied.

“And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am? And they answered, John the Baptist; but some say, Elias; and others, One of the prophets. And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” -Matthew 16.

“Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.” -Matthew 16

“And he charged them that they should tell no man of him. And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.” -Mark 8.

Jesus now returned to Judah. The people followed.

The fame of Jesus had continued to spread across the Middle East and to even distant lands. Multitudes of people came to be healed and to hear him speak:





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“Those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, were cast them down at Jesus’ feet; and he healed them....and they glorified the God of Israel. Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting. And his disciples say unto him, Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude? And Jesus saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven, and a few little fishes. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets full. And they that did eat were four thousand men, beside women and children. And he sent away the multitude, and took ship, and came into the coasts of Magdala.”  
-Matthew 15.

The name of Jesus was apparently coming to the attention of the Roman authorities. That he was drawing such huge crowds posed a potential danger to their rule. But as Jesus had not yet said anything that could be construed as seditions, apparently the Roman authorities were content to let him be.

But not so the chief priests and the scribes, who Jesus well knew, were plotting to kill him. But again, as Jesus also knew, this was according to prophecy. As he explained again and again to his 12 disciples “Saying, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son





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of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles: And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again.” -Mark 9.

Despite the dangers he faced, Jesus nevertheless “set his face to go to Jerusalem” during the feast of the tabernacles, and on the road that would lead to his Crucifixion.

Jesus had one more year to live, and death lurked everywhere: “Then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret because the Jews sought to kill him.” -John 7.

In the daylight, and in public, Jesus felt safe, and once in Jerusalem, Jesus began to teach and to preach in the Temple. He was purposefully drawing attention to himself and antagonizing the Jewish authorities and priests.

Standing on the precipice of announcing himself to the people, Jesus now spoke in the city of God, in the Temple of God, and with all the authority of God:

“And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people....And the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him.” -John 7. But none dared lay a hand on him for fear of the people.

The next morning: “Jesus went unto the mount of Olives. And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.”





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Alarmed by his growing popularity, the priests and Pharisees again conspired to discredit him. They sought to trick Jesus into committing blasphemy, so he might be arrested, scourged, and stoned unto death:

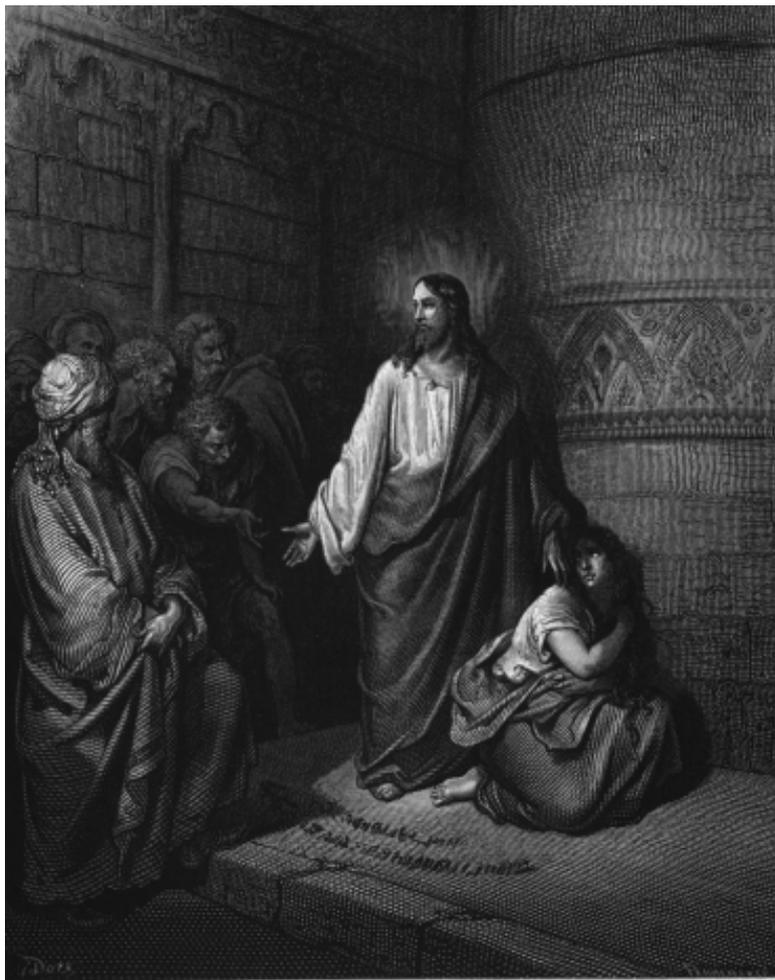
“And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst. They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not. So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone at her. And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.” -John 8.

They were all sinners and none dared cast the first stone. Again Jesus had publically shamed the hypocrites and they slunk away, plotting revenge and his death.





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### JESUS AND THE WOMAN TAKEN IN ADULTERY

Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground... and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.... (John 8:6, 7)





## **The Kingdom of Heaven: The Disciples Doubt & Do Not Understand**

“The Kingdom of Heaven is within you.” -Jesus Christ

“The kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field.”-Matthew 13

“A man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.”

“I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.” -Matthew 19.

“He that layeth up treasure for himself, is not rich toward God.” -Luke 12.

“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”-Luke 12.

Jesus spoke of two kingdoms, the kingdom of God, and the kingdom of Israel. It would be open his death and resurrection that he would be recognized by all and crowned as Christ, the King of the Jews. Yet, as the Messiah, it was his mission to usher in the kingdom of heaven and as God’s ruler on earth, to lead all of humankind to God and repentance, thus creating a heaven on Earth.

And yet, to accomplish this, required that Jesus fulfill the prophecies, and that he die, only to live again, and be crowned as king.





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It was the intention of Jesus to announce himself to the world, only when the time was ripe. If it were revealed to soon that he was the Messiah and King of the Jews, Herod and the Romans would immediately act and would Crucify him before he could fulfill the prophecies.

“Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men: And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again” - Matthew 17.

His disciples, however, still did not understand. When Jesus spoke of dying, and then rising again, many thought he was referring to a cult-like ritual and a symbolic death involving perhaps, a drug-induced, coma-like sleep. As Jesus later said, regarding the death of his beloved disciple, Lazarus, “Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.” When his disciples heard that, “Thomas, which is called Didymus, said unto his fellow disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.” - John 11.

His disciples did not truly understand his mission, and hence, were plagued with “doubt” “faithlessness” and “unbelief”: “And when Peter was come down out of the ship... he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?” -Matthew 14.

“There came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son... I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure





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him. Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? Bring him hither to me. And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.” - Matthew 17.

Still, they doubted and understood not.

“And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.” -Luke 17.

Likewise, when Jesus said, “Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” his disciples did not understand, and believed instead that once Jesus became King, Israel would become heaven on Earth. It was for this reason that his disciples tried to talk him out of going back to Jerusalem, “where the Jews sought to stone thee.” They feared Jesus would be arrested and killed, and would never become king.

“From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for





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thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.” -Matthew 16.

Jesus, his disciples believed, had promised them power, glory, and a kingdom on Earth. “For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory...Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”

Had not Jesus told them, “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)?

The disciples of Jesus did not truly comprehend the Divine Plan, his concept of the Kingdom of Heaven, that he welcomed his eventual arrest and Crucifixion, and that one of them would betray him. The Kingdom of Heaven, his disciples believed, was to be a heavenly Kingdom on Earth, and once Jesus was crowned king, each would receive power and be honored with an earthly reward.

“Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? -Matthew 19.

Indeed, when Jesus promised again that the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand, they began to squabble and argue among themselves as to who would have the highest honors and receive the greatest rewards.

“ And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire. And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you? They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy





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glory. But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: Jesus said to them. “Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?” “We can,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.” -Matthew 20, -Mark 10.

And still, they did not comprehend his meaning, and in fact tried to dissuade him from taking any action that might lead to his being harmed or the collapse of his plans to establish a kingdom. And it was for this reason that he urged them not to fight, protest, or do anything that might disrupt the Divine plan.

As Jesus, on the day of his Crucifixion explained to Pilate, “My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews.” - John 18.

“Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” - Matthew 16.

It was in fact, only when one of his disciples, Judas, finally began to realize that his only reward might be in heaven, that he chose to betray Jesus, to sell him out for an earthly reward, exactly as Jesus said he would: “For Jesus knew from the beginning who should betray him.” -John 6.





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