

an essay:

**JESUS IS THE CHRIST - WE ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE!**

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST said to The Jews of His time of Himself in JOHN 5:39, “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me.”<sup>1</sup> JOHN Chapter 5 opens with JESUS healing a man ill with infirmity for 38 years on the Jewish Sabbath. And not only this, but JESUS - after He had healed the man - advised him to sin no more; thus JESUS connected His healing of the afflicted man with the forgiving of his sins. And not only this, but JESUS then indicated to the Jews that He was equal with GOD The Father as The Messiah.

And not only this, but JESUS assured the Jews that, if they didn't accept Him as Messiah, they showed they had no honor for GOD The Father. And not only this, but He assured the Jews that GOD The Father has given all authority to Him to execute judgment over all men for their sins. And not only this, but JESUS also assures the Jews that whomever He forgives of their sins shall have eternal life. Thus did the Jews - because of the hardness of their hearts - seek to murder JESUS CHRIST The Messiah.

## II. WOULD WE HAVE RECOGNIZED JESUS AS THE CRHIST AT THAT TIME?

Would we have recognized JESUS CHRIST as The Messiah had we lived in the days of the Apostles and the early Church? Would our hearts have been open to the Divine testimonies showing JESUS as The Savior, or would our hearts have been hardened and our eyes closed to this truth? Recall that almost all of the early Apostolic Church, until the coming forth of Saint Paul, was composed of Jews within the borders of national Israel. While many Jews recognized and confessed JESUS as The CHRIST, many others did not.

If those Jews who rejected JESUS as The Messiah during His ministry on earth were without excuse in their spiritual blindness and hardness of heart, are we not now who live 2,000 years into the Church Age even less without excuse to confess JESUS as The Messiah? For we have, not only the entire Old Testament, but the entire New Testament as well! For the Jewish people in the time of CHRIST had the witness of

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<sup>1</sup> 1, KJV, JOHN 5:39.

millenniums of prophetic history of the Patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, Jacob; The Words of Moses, The Writings and The Prophets; and of the history of the Old Covenant Church, which was national Israel.

But we today have not only all this, the messianic history of The Church for two millennia. And we have also the completed Scriptures of The Gospels; The Acts of The Apostles; The Epistle Letters; The Revelation of The Last Things. So if those Jews who refused to believe and confess CHRIST then were without excuse, O LORD, how much less are men today, both Jew and Gentile!

### III. WITNESSES OF JESUS AS THE CHRIST REJECTED BY JEWISH LEADERS

In spite of the fourfold witnesses before them that JESUS is The Messiah, certain Jews whom He confronted remained blind to those sources of testimony: John the Baptist, the miracles of JESUS, GOD The Father and the Holy Scriptures themselves: First, there is the witness of JESUS being The Messiah by John The Baptist, but the Jews in question would not hear. Second, there are the miraculous works that JESUS did, which could only be done by the authority of GOD The Father, but the Jews in question would not accept. Third, there is the witness of GOD The Father Himself of JESUS being The Messiah, but the Jews in question would not believe. Forth, there is the testimony of the Holy Scriptures that JESUS is The Messiah, but the Jews in question would not have faith.

Our Lord declares in JOHN 5:37-30, “And The Father Himself, which hath sent Me, hath borne witness of Me. Ye have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His shape. And ye have not His word abiding in you: for Whom He hath sent, Him ye believe not. Search The Scriptures; for in Them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me.”<sup>2</sup> Why then could these religious men, so knowledgeable of The Old Testament Scriptures which they so jealously guarded, not see what Christian men since the birth of The Church have come to see so clearly – that The JESUS CHRIST testified of in The New Testament is The Messiah prophesied of in The Old Testament?

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<sup>2</sup> 1, KJV, JOHN 5:37-30.

#### IV. FIVE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE EXPECTATIONS OF THE MESSIAH

It is to therefore this forth witness - The Holy Scriptures - that JOHN 5:39 calls us to honestly and humbly search, for in doing so, the faithful man will find JESUS CHRIST testified to therein. In JOHN Chapter 5 we observe that JESUS accuses the Jews in question of not accepting the witness of Scripture that He is The Messiah because they do not believe The Scriptures themselves in their hearts. JESUS notes that they seek honor from each other and not honor that GOD gives to the righteous.

JESUS pinpoints why the Jews in question did not believe what Moses wrote about GOD in the Books of The Law: they did not have the love of GOD in them. JESUS closes JOHN Chapter 5 warning the Jews in question that Moses himself will accuse them before GOD for their rejection of Him as The Messiah from The very Scriptures that they felt confident would assure them of carte blanche salvation before GOD The Father!

F. F. Bruce, in “The Time is Fulfilled - Five Aspects of the Fulfillment of the Old Testament in the New,” evaluates how the Jews of this time understood The Messiah based on the Jewish Scriptures. He looks at 5 areas of expectation and shows that JESUS did and does indeed fulfill all of these criteria: 1) The Prophet like Moses; 2) The bread from Heaven; 3) The living water; 4) The Passover lamb; 5) The King of Israel.<sup>3</sup> And though we must take care not to make pretensions to play the Judge of Men’s Souls, which alone is the province of The Almighty, one must wonder why these learned men could not see what to us who are saved by His Grace is so plain and clear!

#### V. THE MESSIAH AS THE PROPHET LIKE MOSES

JESUS The Messiah is a prophet like unto Moses: Bruce reminds us that there was widespread expectation in ancient Israel among her people that the coming of the promised Messiah would be accompanied by, not a prophet, but The Prophet like unto Moses in the days of the coming of The Saviour.<sup>4</sup> DEUTERONOMY 34:10, “And there

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<sup>3</sup> 2, Bruce, Chapter II, page 35-53.

<sup>4</sup> 2, Bruce, Chapter II, page 35-53.

arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom The LORD knew face to face.”

<sup>5</sup> Moses was so special a prophet of GOD that The LORD says of him in NUMBERS 12:8a, “With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of The LORD shall he behold.” <sup>6</sup> Bruce points out that, though they were great prophets, even Samuel and Elijah were less than Moses. <sup>7</sup> JESUS The CHRIST, being GOD Incarnate, is The Prophet Who made the prophet Moses!

In JOHN 5:33-36 our Lord said, “Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth. But I receive not testimony from man; but these things I say, that ye be saved. He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light. But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which The Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of Me, that The Father hath sent Me.”  
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JESUS came at the first as both the Son of GOD and also as The Prophet like unto Moses. The Jews in question of that time recognized neither of these in JESUS, as Bruce points out. At the feeding of the five thousand miracle by JESUS, JOHN 6:14, “Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that JESUS did, said, This is of a truth That Prophet that should come into the world.” <sup>9</sup> In JOHN 7:37,38,40, “In the last day, that great day of the feast, JESUS stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, “Of a truth this is The Prophet.” <sup>10</sup>

## VI. THE MESSIAH AS THE BREAD FROM HEAVEN

JESUS The Messiah is The Bread of Life: Bruce observes, “JESUS not only gives the bread of life; He is the bread of life... Partaking of Him who is the living bread means coming to Him, believing in Him. The result of so coming and believing is the possession

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<sup>5</sup> 1, KJV, DEUTERONOMY 34:10.

<sup>6</sup> 1, KJV, NUMBERS 12:8a.

<sup>7</sup> 2, Bruce, Chapter II, page 35-53.

<sup>8</sup> 1, KJV, JOHN 5:33-36.

<sup>9</sup> 1, KJV, JOHN 6:14.

<sup>10</sup> 1, KJV, JOHN 7:37,38,40.

of eternal life now and the certainty of resurrection at the last day.”<sup>11</sup> This is exactly what CHRIST declares to us in JOHN 6:33-35, “For the bread of GOD is He which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. 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.”<sup>12</sup> We read further in JOHN 6:54,57, “Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise Him up at the last day. As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me.”<sup>13</sup>

This is what becomes The Great Gift and Purpose of The Gospels – The Eucharist - wherein The Messiah’s love is so great for us His lost Adams and Eves that He gives Himself up as a payment for our sins, thereby to redeem us from sin and death back to Himself! So Saint Paul records in I CORINTHIANS 11:23-26, “...The Lord JESUS the same night in which He was betrayed took bread: And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My Body, which is broken for you: do this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is The New Testament in My Blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come!”<sup>14</sup>

## VII. THE MESSIAH AS THE LIVING WATER

JESUS The Messiah is The Living Water: Bruce recounts the encounter of JESUS with the Samaritan woman at the well. The canon of the Old Testament for the Samaritans ended with the five Books of Moses in the Torah and they awaited the appearance of The Messiah accompanied by The Prophet. He compares the well’s earthly water to Himself the living water.<sup>15</sup> So we read The Words of The Saviour in JOHN 4:13b-14: “Whosoever drinketh of this [well] water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst: but the water that I shall give

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<sup>11</sup> 2, Bruce, Chapter II, page 43.

<sup>12</sup> 1, KJV, JOHN 6:33-35

<sup>13</sup> 1, KJV, JOHN 6:54,57.

<sup>14</sup> 1, KJV, I CORINTHIANS 11:23-26.

him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.”<sup>16</sup> Men’s souls seek to be filled, that their thirst be quenched, but are satisfied only by GOD Himself, Who alone offers us the Living Water of everlasting life!

In CHRIST our Living Water, as Bruce offers, “...the believer is not only personally refreshed by living water but becomes a channel through which it flows into the lives of others.”<sup>17</sup> Thus does JESUS fulfill ZECHARIAH 14:8a, “And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem.”<sup>18</sup> And thus does our Lord fulfill the words of JOEL 3:18b, “And it shall come to pass in that day...and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of The Lord...”<sup>19</sup> A man’ whose soul’s thirst has been satisfied by the Rivers of GOD’s Holy Spirit can not but reach out to others and share such a wondrous gift to his thirsty neighbour!

#### VIII. THE MESSIAH AS THE PASSOVER LAMB

JESUS The Messiah is The Passover lamb: Bruce explains, “...the Lamb of GOD is said to take away the sin of the world... it sums up a number of Old testament themes, of which the Passover lamb is one - others being the lamb of GOD’s providing spoken of by Abraham (GEN 22:8) and (more especially) the suffering Servant, led like a lamb to the slaughter and giving his life as a sin offering (ISA 53:7,10).<sup>20</sup> So we read in JOHN 1:29, “The next day John seeth JESUS coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of GOD, which taketh away the sin of the world.”<sup>21</sup>

GENESIS 22:8a tells us, “And Abraham said, My son, GOD will provide Himself a lamb for a burnt offering.”<sup>22</sup> We further read of The Messiah in ISAIAH 53:7,10, “He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet he opened not His mouth: He is brought as a

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<sup>15</sup> 2, Bruce, Chapter II, page 35-53.

<sup>16</sup> 1, KJV, JOHN 4:13b-14.

<sup>17</sup> 2, Bruce, Chapter II, page 46.

<sup>18</sup> 1, KJV, ZECHARIAH 14:8a.

<sup>19</sup> 1, KJV, JOEL 3:18b.

<sup>20</sup> 2, Bruce, Chapter II, page 48.

<sup>21</sup> 1, KJV, JOHN 1:29.

lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth. Yet it pleased The LORD to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief: when thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of The LORD shall prosper in His hand.”<sup>23</sup> Here then is how CHRIST as The Passover Lamb offered up for us His saints redeems us! He is the very payment under The Law for the sins of our lives which would otherwise condemn our souls to death!

#### IX. THE MESSIAH AS THE KING OF ISRAEL

JESUS The Messiah is The King of Israel: Bruce reminds us that there was widespread hope and expectation in the Israel of JESUS’ days that GOD would send a deliverer to rescue the Jews from the oppression of Roman occupation. So Bruce states, “The Old Testament prophecies of a coming king were understood in various ways in the first century AD. There were the militant messianists like those who, after the feeding of the multitude, tried to compel JESUS to be their king (JOHN 6:15). But He was not prepared to be the kind of king they wanted, and they were not interested in the only kind of kingship to which He laid any claim.”<sup>24</sup>

So we read in JOHN 6:15 that CHRIST refused the purposes of men to make Him a mere passing earthly king, for His Kingdom is forever and is over the lives and souls of all mankind: “When JESUS therefore perceived that they would come and take Him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.”<sup>25</sup> The Messiah King of Israel rather came to gather GOD’s people into one flock, to sacrifice Himself to save GOD’s faithful, to put an end to wars and to establish worldwide peace. Yet Bruce notes further, “The charge on which JESUS was brought before Pilate was that he claimed to be king of the Jews: that was, indeed, the charge on which He was sentenced to death, as the inscription on the cross testified.”<sup>26</sup>

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<sup>22</sup> 1, KJV, GENESIS 22:8a.

<sup>23</sup> 1, KJV, ISAIAH 53:7,10.

<sup>24</sup> 2, Bruce, Chapter II, page 49.

<sup>25</sup> 1, KJV, JOHN 6:15.

Thus, we read in JOHN 10:15-17, “As the Father knoweth Me, even so I know the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice: and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. Therefore doth my Father love Me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it up again.”<sup>27</sup> So what the leaders of the Jews refused to see, the flocks of GOD’s people saw clearly, for we read in JOHN 12:14-15, “And JESUS, when He had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass’s colt.”<sup>28</sup>

So The Son of GOD declares in JOHN 6:14-15, “Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that JESUS did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world. When JESUS therefore perceived that they would come and take Him by force, to make Him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.”<sup>29</sup>

#### X. MESSIAH A STONE REJECTED AND CORNERSTONE FOR A NEW BUILDING

It was prophesied in The Old Testament that certain of those Jews ruling in authority in the days of the coming of The Messiah would reject Him, and that the Messiah would serve as a foundation for a new building of faith. It is written in PSALMS 118:22-23, “The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. This is The LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.”<sup>30</sup>

So CHRIST gives us this parable of the wicked and disloyal husbandmen of the vineyard in MARK 12:8-11, “And they took him, and killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard. What shall therefore the lord of the vineyard do? he will come and destroy the husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others. And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner: This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes!”<sup>31</sup>

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<sup>26</sup> 2, Bruce, Chapter II, page 51.

<sup>27</sup> 1, KJV, JOHN 10:15-17.

<sup>28</sup> 1, KJV, JOHN 12:14-15.

<sup>29</sup> 1, KJV, JOHN 6:14-15.

<sup>30</sup> 1, KJV, PSALMS 118:22-23.

<sup>31</sup> 1, KJV, MARK 12:8-11.

What is this that is marvelous in the eyes of GOD and faithful men? The Old Covenant Church, national Israel, was created by The Almighty to be a glory to Him and a light to fallen mankind. The LORD says of Israel's purpose in ISAIAH 49:6, "...I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth."<sup>32</sup> Though for a time she fulfilled these purposes, Israel failed. Therefore GOD has placed new husbandmen in His vineyard in The New Covenant Church, which is CHRIST's Body on Earth.

Saint Peter confessed to JESUS The Messiah in MATTHEW 16:16, "...Thou are The CHRIST, The Son of The Living GOD!"<sup>33</sup> Therefore our Lord declares that upon that confession of faith in Him as The Messiah in MATTHEW 16:18, that He would build His Church: "...upon this rock I will build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it!"<sup>34</sup>

#### XI. THE PURPOSE OF THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH MISUNDERSTOOD

Scripture prophesied that The Messiah would come to rescue men, not from earthly tyranny, but from eternal hell and separation from GOD. Though the Jewish people suffering under Roman tyranny longed for earthly deliverance and the reestablishment of their earthly kingdom, few at the time could see that JESUS CHRIST came to offer freedom and deliverance of a different kind. Isaiah prophesied of The coming Messiah Who would free men from spiritual suffering, bondage and death in ISAIAH 28:16,18: "Therefore thus saith The Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it."<sup>35</sup>

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<sup>32</sup> 1, KJV, ISAIAH 49:6.

<sup>33</sup> 1, KJV, MATTHEW 16:16.

<sup>34</sup> 1, KJV, MATTHEW 16:18.

<sup>35</sup> 1, KJV, ISAIAH 28:16,18.

## XII. HOW THE MESSIAH TO DELIVER MANKIND FORESEEN IN SCRIPTURE

The Messiah was prophesied to be the Suffering Servant that would take the sins of the world upon Himself. In so doing, The Messiah was prophesied to suffer and to die for all of mankind in order to reconcile us to GOD. So at His First Coming, JESUS The CHRIST served as The Suffering Servant, that He might restore men to right relationship with GOD in both this life and for eternity. ISAIAH 53:3-5: “He is despised and rejected of me; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of GOD, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with his stripes we are healed.”<sup>36</sup>

The Kingdom of GOD is here now on earth in part through The Church and His saints as they live their daily lives as faithful Christians. This was made possible because GOD The Son, having been obedient to GOD The Father at The Cross, is now The Messiah exalted and glorified in Heaven. He will come again at His Second Coming, at which time He will bring His full rule to all the earth. This is what we pray as CHRIST commands us in The Our Father for this very thing in LUKE 11:2, “...When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth!”<sup>37</sup>

## XIII. JESUS PRONOUNCES WOES UPON HARDHARTED UNBELIEVERS

In the days of The Lord’s earthly ministry in ancient Israel, He confronts certain rulers of The Jews as hypocrites. Why? Because they, in their hardness of heart, haughtiness and unbelief in Him, were in fact continuing the terrible pattern evident throughout The Old Testament on the part of ancient Israel – the rejection of GOD’s prophets sent to His people to call them to repentance and to return to The LORD. It is a pattern of many men today, both Jew and Gentile, that causes a rejection of JESUS The CHRIST – to the terrible earthly and eternal peril of their mortal lives and everlasting

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<sup>36</sup> 1, KJV, ISAIAH 53:3-5.

<sup>37</sup> 1, KJV, LUKE 11:2.

souls!

So These Words spoken by our Lord against the religious but godless men of His day very much apply to and convict all men in all times and places! They are echoes of the chastising words of Isaiah: ISAIAH 5:18-19 declares, “Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope: That say, Let Him make speed, and hasten His work, that we may see it: and let the counsel of The Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it!”<sup>38</sup> Here was The Holy One of Israel Incarnate standing before them – in answer to their constant prayer to GOD for The Deliverer to come and save them – but their own vain sin and iniquity blinded their spiritual eyes and made stone cold their hearts!

ISAIAH 5:20 declares, “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!”<sup>39</sup> These religious and outwardly pious men were committing the ultimate evil, in that in their darkness, they called The Anointed Saviour Himself evil and bitter, when they should have embraced Him as The Author of All Sweetness and Goodness!

Therefore CHRIST declares in MATTHEW 23:29-31, “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchers of the righteous. And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets!”<sup>40</sup>

#### XIV. WE ARE THEREFORE WITHOUT EXCUSE!

So we have seen how JESUS CHRIST Himself confronted certain of The Jewish authorities, as He does all men today! Because of their spiritual blindness and haughty hearts, many in the days of CHRIST’s earthly ministry in ancient Israel refusal to confess that He is The Messiah. This in spite of the witness of John the Baptist, the miracles of

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<sup>38</sup> 1, KJV, ISAIAH 5:18-19.

<sup>39</sup> 1, KJV, ISAIAH 5:20.

JESUS, the testimony of GOD The Father and The multitude of fulfillment by JESUS of the messianic prophecies of The Holy Scriptures themselves! So have many men down through the ages since then and into our own present dark age!

The misunderstood expectations of certain of The Jewish people and leaders of ancient Israel blinded many from seeing that JESUS is The Messiah. So also down through the ages since then and into our own time and place! The Old Testament prophecies concerning The Messiah predicted that He would be rejected by certain of the Jewish authorities when He came. And indeed, The New Testament and human history since then bears this sad fact out. JESUS exposed the hypocrisy of certain of The Jewish rulers and people of rejecting the prophets of GOD sent to them throughout their history. So it was when JESUS walked His earthly ministry in ancient Israel. And so it is even in our present supposedly enlightened modern age!

#### XV. IN CONCLUSION

To conclude, the Jews serving in authority in question who encountered JESUS could not recognize Him as The Messiah because of the unbelief in their hearts towards GOD and the scriptures. JESUS chastises them for their hardness of hearts, noting their spirit of murder against him in spite of the witnesses of John The Baptist, His miraculous works, GOD The Father and scripture. These witnesses clearly testified to JESUS as The Prophet like unto Moses, as the bread from Heaven, as the living water, and as the Passover lamb and the King of Israel. The man whose heart, mind and soul are open to the testimonies and proofs that JESUS is The CHRIST will clearly see the divinely prophesied roles that He fulfilled. Having so seen, the penitent and pious man will fall down on his knees before JESUS The Messiah and accept forgiveness of sins and eternal life with the utmost joy and thanksgiving!

What shall modern man say when, standing before The Judgment Seat of JESUS CHRIST on their Day of Judgment for their lack of faith and refusal in their earthly lives to confess JESUS as The CHRIST? “O Lord, we didn’t know? O Saviour, no one told us?”

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<sup>40</sup> 1, KJV, MATTHEW 23:29-31.

O Messiah, there was no record to convict us?" We, who live today benefit from the entirety of the history of The Jews, the entire Old Testament canon, 2,000 years of The Church age and the entire New Testament canon. Seeing we are today surrounded by so great a cloud of witness that JESUS is The Messiah, we are without excuse!

HEBREWS 12:1-2 lays the case plainly before us, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. 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."<sup>41</sup> Therefore, o man, thou art without excuse! In The Name of GOD The Father, and The Son and The Holy Ghost. AMEN!

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