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*[H.I.S.] He Is Savior, Acts 4:12

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In our Newsletters during the last three months we have concentrated on celebrations that are the most important of the year for the Jews, God's faithful in Israel and to the Christians around the world. That period began in March, on Palm Sunday, when Jesus rode to Jerusalem along with tens of thousands of lambs that were driven there to be sacrificed on Passover, Jesus being "*the Lamb of God*" (John 1:29; Lev. 17:11; Hebr. 9:22; 1 John 1:7) *who takes away the sin of the world*". In April we wrote about His resurrection from the dead, and in May's newsletter we wrote that Jesus, fifty days later, ascended to Heaven. It was Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4) when God sent the Holy Spirit to indwell all born again believers there and from that day forward. The Church was born!

Just before His ascension, The Lord said to His own "*...you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the world.*" (Acts 1: 8-11.)

What does it mean to be witnesses to Him? It means telling others about our wonderful Savior and His love for all people. How can we come to know what we need to know in order to witness correctly and effectively? God has made sure that we can know Jesus whom He gave for us and to us so that we can be saved and live with Him forever! He has made this information available to all who want to know Him.

The Bible is God's Love-letter to all He is seeking to save. (Luke 19:10.) *If we know Him, we also love Him. Even when we yet didn't know Him, He loved us.* (Rom. 5:8.)

Think about when you met and became attracted to your future spouse, and how you wanted to be with him/her anytime you possibly could. You wanted to know all about that person. While getting to know him/her, you fell deeply in love! If you were separated at times by distance, you wrote to each other often, didn't you? *Remember how carefully you read these letters, over and over again, and even tried to read "between the lines" to make sure you didn't miss anything and that you understood everything that was written in them. Isn't that the way we are to read and study every Word of Jesus who loved us so that He gave His life for us! The Word is one of His titles.* (John 1:14; 14:6, 17:17.)

Knowing Jesus makes us to want to share Jesus with others who do not yet know Him personally, and tell them about His love for you, and how your love for Him has increased ever since you came to know Him and received Him as your Savior and Lord. *You, and we all, ought to share with others how we came to believe in Jesus, who is the Son of God!*

"For God so loved the world (us) that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16.) *We need to let that person we are witnessing to know who Jesus is, that He is the Virgin-born Son of God.* We actually should start witnessing with that fact and help them to see *why His Virgin-birth is the most important.* The Virgin-birth is actually a critical part of the Truth we share as the Gospel of Christ. We need to know and share why it is so!

First we need to share that *God by His nature and essence is Spirit and that Spirit does not have flesh and bones as mankind does.* (See John 4:24; Luke 24:39.) Genesis 1:27 tells us that Adam and Eve were *created* by God (not born) in the image of God (*spiritual image*), but after Adam fell for Satan's lie (Gen. 3:1-6) and

disobeyed God, sons and daughters born to Adam and Eve were born/made *after Adam's [fallen] likeness/image* (Gen. 5:3), each having a sin nature. A person with a sin-nature could not save anyone, not even themselves, no matter how "good" they thought they were. Without the Virgin-birth, even Jesus' sacrifice of Himself would not have paid for our sins. But through His Virgin-birth He alone is exempted from sin-nature, for there was no man's involvement in His conception and birth. (Matt. 1:18-23.) Without the sin nature that all mankind inherits from Adam, Jesus alone is sinless and able to save us and forgive our sin. (John 8:24; Mark 2:7b.) Since He is Virgin-born, the Scripture says of Him that *"He is holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners"*. (Hebr. 7:26-27.)

Without the Virgin-birth Jesus could not be the promised King of Israel and the world either.

The first chapter of the Gospel of Matthew was *written for the Jews who had been waiting for their promised King whose identity had to be proven by his ancestry*, thus the *genealogy of Jesus begins with Abraham and ends with "Joseph, the husband of Mary of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ."* (Matt. 1:16.)

There was a problem to be figured out because of *a curse* (Jer. 22:30) *that God had put on Jeconiah* (Matt. 1:11), *the 14th descendant of the Davidic royal lineage, pronouncing that no descendant of his would ever occupy the throne of David.* Joseph, espoused husband of Mary, *was a direct descendant of Jeconiah*, and thus he was a *legal heir to the David's throne*, but because of the *blood-curse, he would not be eligible – for anyone of Jeconiah' seed could not sit on David's throne and rule over Israel and ultimately the world.* (Rev. 11:15.)

There were three conditions that the coming ruler of Israel had to meet: *He had to be the lineal descendant of King David to satisfy God's promise to David.* (2 Sam. 7:12.) *He had to be the legal son of Joseph to inherit the throne of David* (Matt. 1:16), *but he could not be a physical son of Joseph*, for if he was, he would be under the curse God had placed on Jeconiah. God solved this problem by the Virgin-birth. (Luke 1:31-35.) As we can see, *Jesus was the legal son of Joseph*, but Joseph was not Jesus' physical father. (Matt. 1:16.) That verse clearly indicates that *Jesus was born of Mary*, but not of Joseph and Mary, for it is also stated that *Joseph had not known Mary as his wife until after Jesus was born.* (Matt. 1:25.) The Gospel of Luke, Chapter 3:23-38, explains and solves the rest of the problem concerning prophecies of *Messiah the Prince (King) of Israel* (Dan. 9:25) *who had to be lineal descendant of the King David.* We learn that *Mary was indeed a direct descendant of David, not through lineage of King Solomon that carried Jeconiah's curse, but instead through Nathan, another son of David.* Thus this curse did not affect Mary or her Son Jesus to whom she gave birth. In summary: *Jesus was the legal son of Joseph, husband of Mary, and Jesus inherited the legal right to the Throne of David, but because He was not the physical son of Joseph, Jesus, through the Virgin birth, was not under the curse of Jeconiah.* Fulfilment for this was declared in Matt. 1:22-23, spoken by the prophet Isaiah (7:14). Isaiah says *"the LORD Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel."*

[The Hebrew word *almah* in Isa. 7:14 is translated *a virgin*. There have been many *Bible-critics* who say that this word *almah* may not mean a virgin, but that it could mean a young unmarried woman who would conceive and bear a son.] But when looking at this word, *almah*, in the context of Isaiah 7:14, it had to mean "the virgin" for a conception by a young unmarried woman would hardly be a sign of anything except of sin. Sin is not of God. Read again what Isaiah says, *"the LORD Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel."* (Isa. 7:14.) Immanuel means "God with us" (Matt. 1:23) God incarnate in human flesh. This is the unique miracle foretold about in Gen. 3:15, *"Seed of the woman"*. Men produce seed naturally, but a woman could only generate a seed supernaturally. This has happened only once. (Matt. 1:23; John 1:1,14.) The Virgin-birth is indeed the mighty sign, a miracle of God – as was His creation of Adam and Eve. (Gen. 1:27.) When the Old Testament was translated into the Greek language about 200-300 years before Christ, Greek scholars, seventy of them working at it,

understood that Isaiah was talking about **the virgin** (one), not just any young woman, and they used a Greek word **“parthenos”**, that in this Isaiah-context can only mean a virgin (one) (Jer. 31:22). In the **New Testament** that came to be almost 500 years after **the Greek Septuagint translation**, Matthew 1:23 quotes from Isa. 7:14, translated correctly, **a virgin**. (See also Gal. 4:4.) **Again, if Jesus was not born of a Virgin, He could not have died for the sin of the world as John 3:16 promises, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”**

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.” (Acts 16:31.) **To believe on the Lord Jesus Christ is to believe that He is the Virgin-born Son of God who came for the express purpose of giving Himself as sacrifice for our sin.**

He will rescue His own by the Rapture (1 Thess. 4:13-18; 5:9; John 14:1-3) before the Great 7-year Tribulation when Israel and unbelieving world will come under the God’s wrath and be judged.

He is coming again (Rev. 19 and 20:4,5) **after the Great Tribulation as the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, and He comes with His saints** to rule and reign in the world from Jerusalem, for a thousand years.

As Jesus had commanded His own, just before His ascension to heaven (Acts 1:8), they went on preaching the Gospel of Salvation that Paul later also pronounced (1 Cor. 15:1-4), **“I declare to you the Gospel, which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved...For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.”**

When we receive Jesus (believe on Him), we are born again and at that time we become children of God. (John 1:12-13.) **The Spirit of God will be indwelling us from that moment on and forever.**

Our faith is in Jesus Christ, the Virgin-born Son of God and coming King of Israel who will sit on the throne of David, as was promised by the angel Gabriel to Mary and reassured to Joseph. (Luke 1:30-37; Matt. 1:20.) Jesus was and is our substitute for He died in our place and rose again. We will live with Him forever and ever.

We have to make sure that we know this Jesus, Jesus of the Bible. The Bible commands that we **test all things by the Word of God to make sure that what we learn is true** (1 Thess. 5:21), we must test our feelings also (1 John 4:1; 1 Tim. 4:1), **for the Holy Spirit would not give us “testimonies” of something that is not true, but demonic spirits would!**

We must know that **Jesus is God** and that He **became a man** to die in our place to give us the gift of eternal life. If we do not believe that **He is God, the I AM**, we will die in our sins (John 8:24) for only God can forgive sins. Knowing that determines our eternal destiny! Satan hates that and he will do anything to deceive us, and instead of the real Jesus, he will present **someone other**, though by the same name and even using stories of Jesus we can read from the Bible. Jesus warned that knowing **about Him** is not the same as **knowing Him** and having a personal relationship with Him. Jesus said, **“Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name? And then I will declare to them, I never knew you: depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.”**(Matt. 7:22-23.)

We were taught in the Mormon Church that Jesus was not begotten by the Holy Spirit, but that He was begotten by a God who is an exalted man with a body of flesh and bones. (D&C 130:22.) **Not true!**

We read in Matthew 1:20 that Joseph was told by the angel, **“...do not be afraid to take Mary your wife, for that which is begotten in her is of the Holy Ghost.”** (See Matt. 1:18-23 and Luke 1:27, 35; Isa. 7:14.)

An LDS prophet, Ezra Taft Benson (in 1983) wrote a book, **“Come to Christ”**, where he informed (on page 4), **“The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints proclaims that Jesus Christ is the Son of God in the most literal sense. The body in which He performed His mission in the flesh was sired by that same Holy Being we worship as God, our Eternal Father. Jesus was not the son of Joseph, nor was He begotten by the Holy Ghost. He is the Son of the Eternal Father.”** **Mormon Doctrine**, encyclopedic volume of teachings of the LDS Church,

emphasizes boldly what their prophet meant. It declares: ***“Begotten means begotten; and Son means son. Christ was begotten by an Immortal Father in the same way that mortal men are begotten by their mortal fathers.”*** As members of the Mormon Church, we too believed (then) what we were taught about *Jesus of Mormonism*, namely that he is our spirit brother and a brother of Lucifer from the preexistence and that we all are children of this same God and his wives. Regardless of clear contradictions between the Bible and LDS prophet’s statements about Jesus and His birth, **Mormons still insist that their Jesus is the same Jesus as the one taught in the Bible and believed by Christianity!**

However, the highest leaders of the Mormon Church have openly (publically even) admitted that “their Jesus is not the same Jesus as Jesus of historic, traditional Christianity” –but still somehow average membership has, perhaps willingly even, dismissed their statements.

These statements have been published in their conference sermons, in their educational magazines, in their Newspapers, in their books and their teaching manuals.

I recall, *during the worldwide LDS General Conference*, I was translating a sermon by a prominent LDS General Authority, Bernard P. Brockbank, who said, *“It is true that many of the Christian churches worship a different Jesus Christ than is worshipped by the Mormons... For example, from the Church of England’s Articles of Religion, article one, I quote: ‘There is but one living God, everlasting, without body, parts or passions.’ [But] The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints worships a God and Jesus Christ [both] with bodies, with parts and with passions... These two concepts are... completely different.”* (Ensign, May 1977, pp. 26-27.)

And adding to this: LDS President and prophet Gordon B. Hinckley, while speaking in Paris, France, on 4th of June, and in Geneva, Switzerland, on June 5th of 1998, was also admitting that he does not believe what traditional Christians believe about Jesus. The LDS Church News, on June, 1998, page 7, reported: *“In baring testimony of Jesus Christ, President Hinckley spoke of those outside of the Church who say that Latter-day Saints do not believe in the traditional Christ. No, I don’t! The traditional Christ of whom they speak is not the Christ of whom I speak. For the Christ of whom I speak has been revealed in this Dispensation of Fullness of Times. He, together with His Father, appeared to the boy Joseph Smith in the year 1820, and when Joseph left the grove that day, he knew more of the nature of God than all learned ministers of the gospel of ages.”* Four years later, during the 2002 World-wide April General Conference, President Hinckley again emphasized, *“As a Church we have critics, many of them. They say that we do not believe in the traditional Christ of Christianity. There is some substance to what they say.”* Ensign, May 2002, p. 90.)

In contrast to “Jesus Christ” of whom, LDS Prophet Hinckley says, was revealed to Mormons by Joseph Smith, the Christ of Traditional Christianity, was prophesied of by The Old Testament prophets and revealed by the New Testament writers: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul Pater, Jude and James of whom most knew Jesus Christ personally, had walked with Him, talked with Him, lived with Him and had seen Him crucified, buried, resurrected and then ascend to heaven. He is the Virgin-born Son of God who became a man. That is who the Christ of Traditional Christianity is! Testimonies of Jesus’ apostles and disciples, and the events of the times of Christ, are recorded in the Books of the Bible of which the author is God! (2 Tim. 3:16; John 1:1, 14.)

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction. For instruction in righteousness.” (2 Tim. 3:16.) ***“The grass withers, and its flower falls away. But the Word of the Lord endures forever.”*** (1 Peter 1:24b,25.)

[A question to ask LDS people: Which one do you believe, the Bible or the Mormon prophets and their teachings? You must choose – you cannot have it both ways!]

Warnings about deceptions throughout the Bible are many. Not knowing is not a valid excuse! When Jesus’ apostles were asking Him about the end times and what signs they were to watch concerning His Second coming, Jesus responded, ***“Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name,***

saying I am Christ, and will deceive many." (Matt. 24:3-5, 24) Paul also, when warning about the coming end-times, reminded believers how Satan had ***deceived Eve with his cleverness***, and that he will try to deceive them too by presenting to them ***"another Jesus, a different spirit and another gospel"*** and take them away from the ***"simplicity that is in Christ"***. (2 Cor. 11:3-4.) Paul warned that Satan, by and with ***"false apostles and deceitful workers [who are] transforming themselves into apostles of Christ, Satan himself is transforming himself into and angel of light..."*** and ***he may succeed with those who do not know the Word of God well enough to discern truth from what is not true.*** Satan is, as 2 Cor. 4:4 says, ***"the god of this world"***, and he has blinded the minds of many who are not themselves studying the Word of God book by book, word by word, and in context! Many accept interpretations of those who are ***handling the Word of God deceitfully, and giving their own interpretations that may not be true at all.***

These false apostles and prophets of Satan come to you presenting themselves to be ***ministers of righteousness.*** (2 Cor. 11:13-15.)

It has been happening! We surely have seen this with our own eyes. We too were once deceived and believed the lies of Satan and that Jesus was our spirit brother and that Jesus' mission was to ***"pay Adam's transgression"*** and also to teach us by His example how to become Gods. Joseph Smith taught, ***"God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man... that is the great secret... We have imagined and supposed that God was God from all eternity. I will refute that idea and take away the veil, so that you may see... Here then is eternal life to know the only wise and true God; and you have got to learn how to be Gods yourselves... the same as all Gods have done before you."*** (Teachings, pp. 345-346.)

Praise be to the Lord Jesus who rescued us from these lies and by His grace saved us and then called us to warn others that were and are in the same trap of blindness.

We are asking that you will become witnesses to Him too, for the time is short, very short. He is coming – all the signs are screaming that.

Our small ministry has been busy. Many are waking up and wondering what is really going on! We are willing and eager to help anyone who asks about the reason why we are not frustrated or scared. God of the Bible has made it very clear what He says about the End Times. (See 1 Peter 3:15-17.)

We want to encourage all to watch what is happening in the Middle East and Israel. (See 1 Peter 3:15-17.)

Our mentor, late Dr. Chuck Missler, used to say that ***when things get confusing, check what the Word says and look what is happening in Israel, and you'll start seeing.*** God's entire Book, the Bible, was written by the Jews and its focus of the End Times is also on Israel and the Middle East area of the world.

The Book of Revelation (1:1) is ***"Revelation of Jesus Christ"***. Chapters 1-3 are about the times we are now still living in. Then the *Rapture* takes place, ***"Meta tauta"***, 4:1, ***"After these things..."*** which describes ***the 7-year Tribulation of Israel*** (and unbelieving world) as ***"Jacob's trouble"*** (Jer. 30:7; Dan 12:1).

We go on working and watching. God is good and He will show us what we are to do – one day at a time. Here, in the Capitol of ***the Mormon Corporate Empire***, interestingly, the leadership of the Mormon Church has been very silent, and has basically just gone along with ***Covid19 programs*** demanding the wearing of masks and during the last 3-4 months pushing vaccination that number of medical researchers are saying ***may not be actually vaccinations at all.*** Who knows! However, the Prophet and President of the Mormon Church has announced that ***"it is a Patriotic duty for all members to take this vaccine"***.

Most of their chapels have been closed for months, but many Christian churches have remained open.

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We want to again thank you, our ministry friends and partners for your prayers and support of us and what we do. You make our work possible and we thank you from the bottom of our heart!!! You are in our daily prayers to our Lord, asking that He will reward you for your faithfulness to Him.

We have been able to again purchase more than a dozen very nice and good leather-bound Bibles to give to those who only have *the Bible as a part of "the LDS Quad"*. The very reason we give NKJV or KJV Bibles to those who are coming from Mormonism, is that since 1981, into KJV that is part of "Quad", has been added LDS scripture- references and "*chapter headings*" that summarize what each Bible-chapter *is supposedly saying, but in "Mormonese", i.e. how they want their people to understand the Bible!*

We are asking prayer for Aira, our dear Finnish friend, who is in need of Lord's direction for her and to us who are seeking ways to help her out of her complicated situation.

We ask that you continue praying for Judy who has had more trouble with her leg and arm (results of her stroke several years ago). But she is staying brave and witnessing to her daughter and her little grandson who is also praying for them all. Heber and Richard are asking prayer for their trials, and salvation for their families. Al and Sandy have both been very ill (not with Covid19!) so they ask you to pray for them. Our dear Suzi has serious health problems and she needs the Lord's help in her Physical Therapy and other issues facing her. We ask you to pray for Cynthia and Scott also – Scott has had heart problems similar to Dennis' , and they both need the Lord's direction in all things as we all do too. Mary (our new sister in the Lord) has been sharing her faith and brought 2 weeks ago her Mormon fiend, Risa, to talk to us and to receive her NKJV Bible. Mary is planning on bringing other LDS friends also to talk to us. She is faithful and trying to learn how to witness. We ask that you remember Mark and Virve in your prayers. They are living in France but they would like to come and visit the USA again, but traveling from Europe is yet "iffy" because of this "Covid19". - Lisa needs prayer as does James. The Lord knows everyone's needs better than we can explain and He will answer them directly. God is good – all the time.

We ask that you pray also for our friends and relatives who are yet unsaved. It is very sad to see that many of them seem to be too involved in "*life here and now*" and simply are "*not interested*" in Eternity that to them seems far away, yet tomorrow is not promised to anyone – young or old.

Have a wonderful summer.
May the Lord bless you all,

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Thought for the month: " Jesus came to pay the debt He didn't owe because we owed the debt we couldn't pay."

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