



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

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Spring is on its way. A few days ago Salt Lake City Valley received more snow than ever in just one day. [In Sandy, where we live, we received 17 inches (43 cm) of snow and in the mountains over 109 inches (2.5 meters.) It was a great blessing after very dry winter months, but roads were not so good and accidents were in the hundreds, but we are thankful that will have water to drink next summer. 😊 (More snow is promised to be coming... Is that great or what!)]

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We are entering the most Holy Time of the year on our calendar. Timing and what actually happened in Israel during the Passover week almost 2000 years ago was ***“according to the Scriptures”***. Earlier in Jesus’ ministry, many followers had tried to present Him as the King, but He refused, saying that His ***“hour has not yet come”*** (John 7:30; 8:20), but then, on one specific day, He not only permitted it – ***He arranged it*** (Matt. 21:1-5). ***God is controlling the timing***, He forced the chief priests and the scribes to do what they had not planned on doing on ***a feast day*** (Matt. 26:3-5), but God had ordained that His Son be slain on Passover, as ***“the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”*** (John 1:29; 1 Cor. 5:7b.)

On Friday, six days before the Passover, Jesus had come to Bethany to spend Sabbath with Lazarus and his sisters, Mary and Martha (John 12:1-3). Then on the next day after the Sabbath was ***Palm Sunday***, and Jesus went to Jerusalem. (That day in 2021 is the 28th of March.)

Palm Sunday, 4 days before the Passover, is a set day when all ***Passover Lambs*** were to be brought to Jerusalem for inspection, and then, after 4 days, killed as a sin offerings. (See Exodus 12:3-6; Lev. 17:11.) Thus ***Jesus had to go to Jerusalem on that very day, for He is the “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world”***. (John 1:29.)

April 6th 32 A.D was Palm Sunday. ***It was Jesus’ Presentation Day as Messiah the Prince (“Meshiach Nagid” i.e. Messiah the King.) [Nagid was first used of King Saul.]***

This was exactly **173 880 days after the command was given** (on 14th of March, 445 B.C.) by king Artaxerxes Longimanus (Nehemiah 2:8) ***“to restore and build Jerusalem”***. (Dan. 9:25-27.) Sir Robert Anderson, the Director of Scotland Yard and a famous Mathematician, had, in 1894, made a calculations based on the Ancient 360-day calendar and figured out that **from 14th of March, 445 B.C. to the 6th of April 32 A.D. is exactly 173 880 days** – that Day was Palm Sunday!

That very day Jesus’ Passion Week began. He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling what Prophet Zechariah had written over 500 years before: ***“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold your King is coming to you, He is just and having salvation; lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.”*** (Zech. 9:9.) Jesus rode down a hill surrounded by 250 thousand sheep driven there to ***be examined and then killed as Passover lambs 4 days later.*** (Info. by Jewish historian, *Josephus*.) Multitudes of disciples of Jesus had gone to Jerusalem just before Him, and also many more who had followed Him there ***hailed Jesus as their King and began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice of all mighty works they had seen Jesus do, and singing from Psalm 118:26, “Blessed is the King who comes in the***

name of the LORD! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest! That Psalm in this context was declaring Jesus to be the ***Mashiach Nagid, the Messiah the King, and on that very day.*** (Ps. 118:24.) When the Pharisees saw and heard this, they said, ***“Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”*** But Jesus said to them, ***“I tell you that if these should be silent, the stones would immediately cry out. Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it saying, ‘If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For they days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”*** (Luke 19:28-44; Matt. 24:2.)

[Jesus expected them to know the Scriptures and understand that God’s appointed times were at hand. [The Temple was destroyed in 70 A.D., just as He said. The soon coming *Great Tribulation will fulfill the rest of the prophecies in Matthew 24.*] Most of the people in Israel still, even today, do not know the scriptures that warn about all that is coming. Jesus is still weeping over Israel and He will continue to do so ***“until they acknowledge their offence”*** of rejecting Him and the Gospel, and ***“then they will seek His face”*** and ask Him to come back! (Hos. 5:15; Zech. 12:10; 13:6.)

Until the Rapture, we will be living in the ***times of the Gentiles.*** (Rom. 11:25-36.)

[Our dear mentor and friend, late Dr. Chuck Missler, used to smile and say that when you visit Israel and walk down this very road leading to garden of Gethsemane, pick up a stone or two, and when you get home, mount it on a suitable base for your den or office. If anyone asks, ‘What is this?’ You can take them to Luke 19:40 and say that this is one of the stones that didn’t cry out. That still is the best bargain in Israel.] 😊

[Jesus, ***the Messiah and King,*** indeed came to Zion, which is ***Jerusalem, as her King.*** But they did not receive Him as their King. Only a few days after this (Luke 19:40-44) ***He became the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.*** (John 1:29.) ***He brought salvation to all who come to Him.*** (It is interesting that in Hebrew, ***“your king is coming to you”*** (Zech. 9:9), carries the meaning ***that their King comes to save, to rescue His people.***) We will continue this message in our April 2021 newsletter.]

In our last month’s Newsletter (February 2021) we wrote about an LDS lady, Mary, who came to see me on the 29th of January. We gave her a Bible (NKJV), and she has now been reading *the Gospel of John* from her new NKJV rather than reading ***“added upon KJV”*** that is in LDS Quad. (Her new friend, Bruce Maynes, had also advised that ***she’d not read LDS Quad’s KJV*** for it refers/ties to other LDS ***“scriptures”***.)

About 2 weeks ago (2/12/21) Mary came again to talk to me and ask more questions, and we had ***hours-long discussions of what it takes to “become a child of the God of the Bible” and be saved forever.*** (John 1:12.) We went over many of the key-verses in God’s Word, and she agreed to ***read them again later in context.*** We searched the scriptures as Jesus had commanded (John 5:39) and we read and discussed what they mean as we went along so ***that she would know who God is*** (John 3:16; 4:24; 17:3; Luke 24:39), ***and who Jesus is*** (John 1:1-3, 14; 8:23-24) and ***what is the Gospel of God that saves*** (1 Cor. 15:1-4). We also read Ephesians 2:8-9, ***“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, NOT of works, lest anyone should boast.”*** She understood now from the Scriptures (Bible) ***what is the Biblical Gospel.*** Romans 3:23-24 declares, ***“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”*** ***“Justification by God’s grace”*** means that ***Christ alone makes us right before God by forgiving all our sins by His blood on the Cross.*** (Romans 3:25-26.) The only ***“work”*** (in order to be saved) we can do ***is to believe in Him, who is the Word of God.*** (John 6:28-29; 1: 1, 14.) Just from these Scriptures alone she now understood that there is only ***One God, and that God of the Bible is Triune God who is Spirit*** (John 4:24) that consists of - ***three equal, eternal Persons,*** each taking part in our salvation. (Col. 2:9.) ***The Eternal God the Son*** became a man through a Virgin Birth. He grew into manhood and lived a sinless human-life. He died on the cross of Calvary for everyone who trusts

and believes in Him and that He paid our sin-debt that we could never pay for, or earn by our good works. When He went back to heaven (Acts 1:9-11), He sent the Holy Spirit to teach and comfort us (John 14:26) while He there prepares a place for all (John 14:1-3) who will come to Him and who receive Him and are born again (John 1:12; 3:7). They are His Bride which is His Church, regardless of "where they go to church". He will come and take His Bride away (1 Thess. 4:13-18; 5:9) in the Rapture before the 7-year Tribulation for Israel and the unbelieving world begins. He will bring His own back with Him in His Second Coming when He comes to rule and reign for a 1000 years. (Rev. 19:7-8; 20:4.)

We discussed more in detail the Scriptures marked above and finally I asked Mary if she was ready to give her life to Jesus "receive Him and be born again" ? (John 1:12-13.) She said that she was ready!

She asked if I could pray and that she would agree and repeat the words in her heart and mind?

After we had prayed, she asked me to write down as close as possible what I had said so that she could remember the words directed to the Lord God in this prayer for her salvation.

This is how I prayed for Mary, "Lord God, I (Mary) pray and ask that You will forgive all my sins for I now believe the Gospel as is taught in 1 Cor. 15:1-4, that declares that Jesus died for my sins, was buried and resurrected on the third day, and by believing that from my whole heart, I will be saved by the Grace of God, as Ephesians 2:8-9 declares ! As You, Lord God, have promised, all my sins, past, present and future sins, are now forgiven, and my honest desire from this time forward is to follow You, and every day study the Bible, which is the Only Word of God, to deepen my relationship with You. I believe that You, Lord God, have promised to take me as Your child (John 1:12). I trust and believe that I am now born again (John 3:7) and that the Holy Spirit resides in me forever. I believe what Your Word says, that I, from this day forward, belong to You, and that no one, not even myself, can snatch me from Your hand, for I am now in the 'handclasp' of both the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ and that You are holding on to me forever. (John 10:27-30)."

We praise God that Mary is now part of the Family of God. She will be raptured with the rest of the church, which is the Bride of Christ, when the Lord Jesus comes to take us Home to live with Him. We praise the Lord for Mary's faith and determination to study the Word of God and serve the Lord Jesus.

She wrote to me on Valentine's Day, saying, "Thank you for sending this prayer you/we had prayed two days ago. I have felt peace over me. This is nothing like I have ever had before. I know that God is here with me. I feel His presence. I love you and your knowledge is powerful.

God bless you, my dear sister in the Lord Jesus. Love, Mary."

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Incidentally we just recently had received this question about the Bride of Christ,

"The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ is the Bridegroom, but can you tell me who is His Bride, the Bride of Christ? And when is the wedding going to be?"

Reply: The Bride of Christ is the Church. All truly born again believers in Christ are His Bride.

"The Lord knows those who are His." (2 Tim. 2:19.) The Lord will come (in the Rapture) with His Saints, i.e. those who "sleep in Christ" (those who have died in faith in Christ), and He takes all His own, both living and the dead, to heaven in the clouds. "And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words." (1 Thess. 4:13-18. See also 1 Cor. 15:50-52.) The Rapture takes place before His "official" Second Coming when He comes to rule and reign for a thousand years. (Rev. 19:11-16; 20:4.)

Jesus's words in John 14:2-3 are now informing us that He has gone to prepare a place for His Bride (before the wedding) in His Father's House. After that is completed, He will come and take His own to the Father's

House. *The Bride* (the Church) is waiting for His imminent appearance (The Rapture) *in the Air*. Only those who will be raptured will see and be part of that event. (1 Thess. 4:16-18.) His Second Coming is public... He comes to Jerusalem... "And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two..." "...every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of the Father." (Zech. 14:4; Phil. 2:10-11.) The Gospel of Matthew describes *the Jewish Wedding* that involves "*betrothal*" i.e. *selection of the bride* (Eph. 1:4) and the *dowry, the price paid* (1 Cor. 6:20; 1 Peter 1:18-19). You might want to read also (Matt. 22:2; 25:1-13; Luke 12:35-36). We, as believers, have been selected, chosen and *bought at a price which is the blood of Christ*. The Bridegroom, after the home for his Bride has been properly built and the Father approves it, will go and get His Bride. The Bride does not know when He is coming, so she has to be ready at all times. (See *King James Bible Commentary, p. 1224*, under Matthew 25:1-13.) It, and many other notable commentaries also make it clear that the *Bride of Christ is the Church - i.e. all born again believers who have come to Christ before the Rapture*. The *ten Virgins* spoken of are not the Bride, but *converts of the Tribulation period*, and they will be *attendants at the wedding*. John the Baptist is a *friend of the Bridegroom, or the "best man"*. (John 3:29.) *Actual wedding will take place in heaven, after the Rapture and after the bema seat judgment of believers*.

The *Wedding Supper* will be a celebration *after the Second Coming* (Rev. 19:7-8), which takes place *when Christ comes back with His wife*. *Millennium starts shortly after that*. Rev. 20:4 informs about the *1000-year reign of Christ*. *Occupants of the Thrones are New Testament Saints* (1 Cor. 6:2-3) *who will reign as the Queen of King Jesus*. Christ will sit on David's Throne and reign forever. (See *KJV Bible Commentary*, on Rev. 20:4-6, p. 1823 Section B.)

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Question from an LDS person about creation: *"Where is the evidence that God created the world from nothing and everything in it just as they are today? Our church (the LDS Church) informs that Gods organized everything from existing matter and that mankind and angels were born to God as his spirit children before they were born with a body of flesh and bones on earth. There is a massive amount of evidence that every living thing on this planet earth evolved from a common ancestor and that the earth is much older than proposed in the Bible."*

Reply: Evidence is in the Bible, which is *God's Word* to man. The Bible in actuality is *"history written in advance"*. History and archeology provide proof about *"older times"* what we can read from the Bible. Even now we can see God's prophetic word coming true. The Bible tells us to watch for the *"signs of the times"* – and when we start seeing predicted signs, we can expect what could soon take place. (Read Matt. 24.) Thousands of scientists who in years past believed in evolution, have in the last few years seen the evidence to the contrary, and many have changed their minds. The Bible never changes. For example many people used to believe (and some still do) that the earth was flat and that is rested on an elephant, and elephant rested on a turtle or that earth rested on pillars, but where did the pillars rest? Even the oldest book in the Bible, *the Book of Job*, says that God *"hangs the earth upon nothing"* and that it is a *"circle"* (round globe). In our time we have seen thousands of pictures of the earth taken from far away in space and we can see that it indeed is a globe or circle that *"hangs on nothing"*.

There has been found no fossils *"in transitional form of life"* i.e. *of one form of life in the process of evolving to another*. All fossils show a complete animal, be it fish, bird or dinosaur, etc. Think about it.

Volcanic explosion of Mt. St. Helens in the 1980's proved that even live trees can, under tremendous pressure, become fossils as fast as in about 20 years, when it has been thought that it takes millions of years. We know that there are many who *choose to believe in evolution*. Evolution is *"a faith"* by itself in spite of evidence to the contrary. It reminds me of Paul's words in 2 Thess. 2:10-12. Do we want to know the truth? Do we love the truth enough to put our efforts into finding it? Do we want to know the truth

about God and what He has said about Himself and our relationship to Him.? Jesus declared that *He is the Truth* personified and *He also is the Way to it and He alone gives us eternal life*. (John 14:6.) If we KNOW the Truth, it will set us free and protects us from lies and deceptions. (John 8:32.)

Thomas Jefferson wisely said, "An informed populace is not easily enslaved."

We are so very thankful to our God for keeping us safe and informed of what is taking place in our world. This "virus" that many research scientists now say that *it is just a variation of the flu* and that it can be overcome in a similar way as the common flu *by staying home when feeling sick, washing hands often, resting and taking necessary vitamins, eating "chicken soup" or similar nourishing light foods till well again*. Of course it is known that even a common flu can be very serious for those who are elderly and otherwise not in good health, or who have diabetes or heart problems, and are overweight. During any flu-season avoiding crowds is the best method of not getting ill. Let's just be wise and careful, and trust in the Lord to protect all of us.

We have been able to watch and listen many good Bible teachers, even our own Calvary Chapel pastor's live-services on Sundays, and in addition we watch Jack Hibbs from Chino Hills Calvary Chapel in California and Amir Tsarfati from Galilee, Israel, and others as Jan Markell in Minnesota and Barry Stagner in California. We are blessed to be able to do that just about every evening. There is no better way to sleep well than after hearing God's messages as the last thing before going to sleep.

We have given more Bibles during the last 2 months than before and we noticed that we only had 2 NKJV Bibles left. We were glad to have a need to order more Bibles this morning. We bought six more on line and they should be arriving in just a day or two. It was good to see many quality, leather-bound Bibles with large print ☺ offered on line, either KJV or NKJV. KJV is a good one, but harder to understand to those who are not very familiar with old 1611-English language. NKJV is easier to read, for it is actually the same translation as KJV but with more current language and even some KJV errors corrected.

We want to thank you for supporting us in this ministry that we love. We appreciate your prayers for us and for those we are helping to make a big step and change into *a new life in Christ Jesus*. There is joy in heaven for everyone who becomes a child of God for eternity. Time is short, and opportunity to receive Jesus "*on this side of the Rapture*" may soon end. Tribulation is not something to look forward to when there still is a chance to be part of becoming the Bride of Christ and Rapture.

Please pray for Pastor Mika in Finland who is still sharing the Truth with Mormon missionaries. We have sent to him some more information on Mormon-temple issues.

We ask your prayers for Judy, Liz, Mary, Aira, Marlene, Richard, Heber, Al, Sandy, Mary, Mark, Virve, Cynthia, Scott and Lisa. What these friends need from the Lord may be different, but by you presenting their names to Him is all that is necessary for He knows them intimately and He replies to their request.

Adams Road Ministry's is coming to Utah again in September. Stefan from their group called just a few days ago, informing that Micah Wilder' new book, "*Passport to Heaven*", will be coming out in June. You can find out more by typing <https://www.passporttoheavenbook.com> and preorder it if you wish.

It will be great to see them in September and also get his new book. As soon as we know more closely about their dates in Utah, we will post it on our Newsletter.

May our Lord Jesus bless you and yours.

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