



\*He Is Savior, Acts 4:12

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The Christian world has had an unfortunate choice of 25<sup>th</sup> of December to be celebrated as the Birthday of Jesus Christ, set by the **Church of Rome** in the 4<sup>th</sup> century AD, but that was more than likely intended to substitute for the *pagan worship of the Sun-god and Saturnalia*, celebrated on that day. The *actual result of this choice was a further mixture of paganism and Christianity* that has been so characteristic of *Roman Catholicism* ever since...

Some reformers, particularly the Puritans, forbade the celebration of Christmas all together, and Pilgrims brought that attitude to America...

Satan's plan has been all along not to celebrate Christmas at all, but the apostle Paul said, "*What then?... even in pretense or in truth, at least Christ is preached, and therein I do rejoice...*" (Phil. 1:18.) May His joy be our strength in the coming year, until He returns to take us to be with Him forevermore, and then brings us back with Him when He establishes His thousand year reign and sits on David's Throne forever and ever, as was told by the angel Gabriel to Mary... (Luke 1:32-33.) May *that glorious day come soon!* (The Berean Call, Dec. 2025.)

Our mentor, the late Dr. Chuck Missler taught us pretty much most of what we know about our Lord and Savior. During our 40+ years of ministry, we have met many, who like us, have said that they had learned deeper Bible-doctrines from Chuck Missler than from any other Bible teacher or scholar. *His style of teaching and his knowledge of the Bible and history of the countries that the Bible talks about, was unique, and those of us who were fortunate to get to know him personally, learned faster and got more excited about learning the Bible than from any other good teachers.* He, as a successful international business man, had many connections that allowed his fame as also a great Bible teacher to spread around from the late 1970's onward over 40 years.

His descriptions of Jesus and what He did have been often used by many pastors in their sermons, and not only at Christmas time. About 15 years ago Dennis was asked to speak in our SLC Calvary Chapel about Jesus, and the notes he had written down then, he attributed to pastor S.D. Lockridge, and they are what I am quoting here.

[Dennis had titled his message: **WHO IS JESUS CHRIST REALLY.**]

*"He is King of the Jews (racial); King of Israel (national); King of all the Ages; King of Heaven; King of Glory; King of Kings; A prophet before Moses; A priest after Melchizedek; A champion like Joshua; An offering in place of Isaac; A king from the line of David; A wise counselor above Solomon; A beloved, rejected and exalted son like Joseph; And yet He is far more... The Heavens declare His glory...and the firmament shows His handiwork... He who is and who He was, and who He always will be; the first and the last. He is the Alpha and Omega, the Aleph and the Tau, the A and the Z. He is the first fruits of them that slept...He is the "I AM that I AM", the voice of the Burning Bush! The Captain of the Lord's Host, the conqueror of Jericho, He is enduringly strong; entirely sincere, eternally steadfast; He is immortally graceful; imperially powerful; and impartially merciful. In Him dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily; he is the very God of very God.*

*He is our Kinsman-Redeemer and He is the Avenger of Blood; He is our City of Refuge; Our Performing High Priest, Our Personal Prophet, and Our reigning King. He's the loftiest idea in Literature; He's the highest personality in Philosophy; He's the fundamental doctrine of Theology; He's the Supreme Problem in "higher criticism"! He's the Miracle of the Ages ; the superlative of everything good.*

*We are the beneficiaries' of a love letter that was written in blood on a wooden cross, erected in Judea 2,000 years ago. He was crucified on a cross of wood; Yet He made the hill on which it stood. What held Him to that cross? It wasn't the nails! It was His love for you and me that held Him there! (At any time He could have declared, "I'm out of here"). By Him were all things made that were made; without him was not anything made that was made; By Him are all things held together!*

*He was born of a woman, so that we could be born of God; He humbled Himself so that we could be lifted up; He became the servant so that we could be made co-heirs of Him; He suffered rejection so that we could become His friends; He denied Himself so that we could freely receive all things; He gave Himself so that He could bless us in every way. He is available to the tempted and to the tried, He blesses the young; He cleanses lepers; He defends the feeble; He delivers the captives; He discharges the debtors, He forgives the sinners; He franchises the meek; He guards the besieged; He heals the sick; He provides strength to the weak; He regards the aged; He rewards the diligent; He serves the unfortunate; He sympathizes and He saves!*

*His offices are manifold; His Reign is righteous; His Promises are sure; His Goodness is limitless; His Light is matchless; His Grace is sufficient; His Love never changes; His Mercy is everlasting; His Word is enough; His Yoke is easy and His burden is light! He's indescribable; He's incomprehensible; He's irresistible; He's invincible!*

*The Heaven of heavens cannot contain Him; Man cannot explain Him. The Pharisees couldn't stand Him and learned that they couldn't stop Him; Pilate couldn't find fault with Him; the witnesses couldn't agree against Him; Herod couldn't kill Him; Death couldn't handle Him; the grave couldn't hold Him! He has always been and always will be; He had no predecessor and He will have no successor; you can't impeach Him and he isn't going to resign! His name is above every name; that at the name of Yeshua every knee shall bow, every tongue shall confess: That Jesus Christ is Lord!*

***His is the kingdom, the power and the glory... Forever and ever! AMEN!***

We must study the Bible, the Word of God that contains both the Old and The New Testaments, in order to come to know God and what is and always has been His plan for Israel and all mankind. **One requirement is that to even see the kingdom of God (John 3:7) one must be born again, and that includes both, the Jew and the Gentile. Without studying the Old Testament, we cannot know if the New Testament is true.**

It was Jesus who had declared, ***“...all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the Law of Moses and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me.”*** (Luke 24:44.) There are many who call themselves *Christians* but deny that Christ will come again and here on earth, rule over *His people, Israel*. They also insist that the nation Israel no longer has any place in God’s plan, and ***the Church is now Israel*** and has inherited all her promises. Yet the angel Gabriel specifically declared that the one whom the Virgin Mary would give birth to (Matt. 1:18-23) is the ***“Son of the Highest and that He would reign over the house of Jacob forever.”*** (Luke 1:31-33.) **This Scripture in Luke, as also Micah 5:2, has to be fulfilled.**

He was born as the ***“King of the Jews”*** (Matt. 2:2) and His own to whom He came, ***“received Him not”***. (John 1:11). **That rightful title, given to Him in His birth, was still His in His death.** It was even nailed on a cross just above His head, written in 3 languages used at His time, *Greek, Latin and Hebrew*. (John 19:19.) It read, ***“JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.”***

(His story is not complete if it only tells of His birth, but not of His death.) **And to fulfill the Scripture, He will also have to reign as the King of the Jews, which is promised to take place after His Second Coming.** (Prophet *Zacharias*, Father of *John the Baptist*, had affirmed that John would be the forerunner of Messiah who would accomplish God’s promises recorded in *Luke 1:68-80.*)

[I have not heard or seen pastors or other Bible-teachers telling who were those two Disciples of Jesus, who were walking with a group of believers on ***His Resurrection Day*** to Emmaus, and having a 7-mile *Bible study* (from Jerusalem to Emmaus) with them. (Luke 24:27.)]

I would like to relate what Chuck Missler had said about them, and who he thought they could have been. Would you please now read Luke 24:13-23, and see if you agree with Missler that the two Jesus’ *disciples talked about there could have been Cleopas and his wife Mary. [She had been with Jesus’ mother and some other women at the Cross of Jesus when He died.* (John 19:25.)] This sizable group of people with two *disciples* had left from the tomb after angels had told them that *“Jesus was not here, but that He had risen from the dead”*, as He had previously told them.

It was then when Jesus, without identifying Himself, started to walk with them and asked what they were talking about and why they were so disturbed and sad. Then one of them, *“whose name was Cleopas, answered and said to Him, Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have you not known the things which happened there in these days? And He said to them, “What things?”* And they said to Him, *“The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and rulers had delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him.* But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, had astonished us. When they had not found His body, they came also saying that they had seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive. And certain of those who were with us, went to the tomb, and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see.

**Then He said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded to them in all the scriptures these things concerning Himself.**

Then when they drew near to the village (Emmaus) where they were going and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, **"Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And He went in to stay with them."**

**Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight!** [It was the nail-prints in His hands that revealed Him.] (Luke 24:39-40.)

And they said to one another, **"Did not our heart burn within us while He talked to us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"**

That "7-mile study of the Scriptures" revealed that the prophecies in the Old Testament can and will even today make truth known to us if we open our hearts and minds to understand what is stored in them. If and **when we study the Old Testament as we should**, the New Testament will reveal what the Hebrew prophets were then, a long time ago, spoken about the coming Kingdom of God, Jesus and Israel, and our role as His Servants when we get there. Never forget what Paul wrote to Timothy about the Scripture, **"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."** (2 Tim. 3:16-17.) What Scriptures did they have when Paul wrote this? **Not the New Testament!** They only had the Hebrew Pentateuch (books of Moses and other prophets) translated into Greek 300-200 B.C., called the **Septuagint** (a Latin word for 70 Greek elders of Israel who translated it.) **All OT quotations in the NT are taken from the Septuagint**, the Greek version of the Hebrew Bible. **It was used during and after the time of Christ.** Command to **study the Scriptures**, as Jesus said (John 5:39), was a command to study the Old Testament, for that is all they then had. There are many Christian churches that have recently discouraged studies of the Old Testament! Those who obey them will be shamed!

We like to thank you for your prayers and for your spiritual support of HIS MINISTRIES! We need your prayers for it and for us personally too. We are doing much better now and see that it could be because of your thoughts and prayers for "HIS Ministry" and for us as Servants of our Lord. This last year, 2025 was a very hard year for me, and for both of us, because of my health problems. There were times that I was not sure if I should or could continue, but when I suggested that and asked the Lord what I needed to do now, your prayers obviously went to our Lord, and He assured me that my time was not up, at least not yet. So here I am, writing the first letter of the year, 2026! We pray that the LORD will continue to strengthen and direct me, and both of us. I am reminded that old age was not a problem to anyone spoken about in the Word of God.

Thinking of Moses now....he was a son of Hebrew slaves who Pharaoh's daughter had adopted as her son and raised him in the Royal court as a prince of the Egyptians. **"And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds."** (Acts 7:22.) [His story is told in the Old Testament; in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.] When he was 40-years old, he saw an Egyptian taskmaster beating a Hebrew slave. Moses got angry and killed the Egyptian and buried him in the sand. Moses feared for his life and fled from Egypt to Midian. His life was from that point

**onward in God's providence. [Exodus 2 tells about Moses' birth and adoption, and how his own mother raised him in the faith of the Hebrews; belief in the God of Israel. Ex. 3:1-10 tells about God's call, 40 years later, for Moses to bring God's people, Israel, out of Egypt.) God's call to lead the Hebrews out of 400-years of slavery in Egypt didn't actually come to him until he was 80 years old; and then to serve the Lord for yet another 40 plus years!**

We will have to see what the Lord God has in mind for us now! We have been in the Ministry since 1984! We should not fret getting older... **Rapture could be closer than my next birthday... ☺**

**There are still many people we truly love who have not yet received their *second birth*, and be ready for the Kingdom of God (John 3:3,7) and be saved. Therefore we hope that we live longer and have more time and opportunities to reason with them and witness their new birth.**

**Let us all pray for many *new second births* for our friends and loved ones taking place this year. Then year 2026 would be truly a HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

We invite your prayers for Judy, Marlene and Aira; Taylan and his family also need the Lord's direction in their lives, and so does our dear Emily and her children. Prayer for various needs and reasons is asked by many. We just give here their names: Greg, who has many serious health problems, Eddie, Jackie, Heber, Helen, Bruce, Roy, Phil, Lois, Suzi, Lisa, Michael, Sandy, Al and Vladimir and his wife Natalia, both of whom have recently had surgeries. Pray for good results for Mickey who will be having surgery this coming week. We can assure that our God hears as we pray for them and also each other, and also as you pray for our ministry work and that my health and strength will continue to get better.

**"This is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of him."** (1 John 5:14-15.)

**We are sending all this in Jesus' name and for His sake.**

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