

THE MYSTERY OF JESUS CHRIST, part 1

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This is the first of four presentations that reveal the real purpose why Jesus Christ exists and the God given benefits that the human race can expect to receive from him. This overview reveals the high levels of ignorance relating to Jesus Christ and the contents of his gospel. We will see that nothing has changed... not even today.

The first prophecy of Jesus Christ occurs straight after the fall of mankind when Adam and Eve rejected God's law.

GEN 3:15 And I will put **enmity** (hatred) between **thee** (Satan) and the woman, and between **thy seed** (those that live in sin) and **her seed** (those who follow Christ); it shall **bruise** (break, crush) thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. This is the first scriptural revelation of the purpose of Christ... to crush the power of Satan. Paul confirmed this

GAL 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, **made of a woman** (the seed of Eve), made under the law, **5 To redeem** (save) them that were under the law (those trapped by Satan)...

Jesus quotes one of the God given reasons for his life: from a prophecy written 700 years before his birth (Isa 61:1).

LUK 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; Jesus was filled with the Spirit so he could have the ability to perform and achieve God's will.

19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to crush the head of Satan. Jesus was rejected and murdered by those God sent him to save... but God turned this 'bruising of his heel' into a life saving action. The death of Christ paid for the full cost of our sins. However, not only was Christ rejected by the religious leaders of his day... so was the Gospel that followed after his resurrection.

Paul highlighted the ongoing ignorance that religious people suffer from... still effected from Satan's deceit.

ACT 28:25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, Paul also quotes a prophecy from Isaiah (Isa 42).

26 Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: **27** For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. Despite the miracles, they killed Jesus and despite the ongoing miracles they also killed the apostles.

Surprisingly, the disciples were also ignorant of what Christ was called to do and how he would do it.

ACT 1:2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: **3** To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. This promise is still valid today... but not understood.

5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? They still had no understanding of the things that Jesus had revealed for three plus years.

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Jesus confirms the true gospel.

Few identified the significance of the day of Pentecost... those who understood weren't the religious leaders either.

ACT 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: The sign of 'tongues' was lost on them.

15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. Prophecy was also lost on them.

16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; Peter quotes Joel's prophecy that proved the words of Jesus.

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

No one understood what was happening, despite the prophecies and the signs and the raw power of God at work. Once again Isaiah revealed the confusion and rebellion that would reign through the whole Christian era.

ISA 28:11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

12 To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing; yet they would not hear. Just as Adam and Eve rejected God's word in the garden of Eden, and their seed rejected the son of God in human form; would it be a great surprise to discover that those who God speaks to today, are also rejecting the words of Jesus... the only hope of their salvation? Sadly, this attitude dominated through Christ's ministry... the true gospel was lost in the pride of religious ignorance. The next topic will reveal how deep the mystery really is... part 2.