

**"The Life He lived in the flesh" -- as prophesized in the Old Testament -or- "What they didn't teach you in Jewish Sunday School"**

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**THIS IS WHAT I AM TALKING ABOUT:**

I will discuss my interest in the subject of Messianic Prophecy from a cultural Jewish perspective. I will discuss my background in Jewish Sunday School. We will then move on to the question of why Jews cannot see Jesus in the Old Testament through the Messianic Prophecy and how do Jews knowledgeable in the Old Testament deal with Messianic Prophecy. I will discuss why God was not clearer in the prophecy of Jesus. I will then tie in this discussion of how Jesus saw his prophecy with how we see our own prophecy that we would be His expression to our world. Finally I will lay out the best of the best Messianic Prophecy.

**My Interest:**

Initially my interest was to create a roadmap for myself through the OT (Old Testament) of MP (Messianic Prophecy). Now I see that I want to view these passages as Jesus did. It took a year. I started in the summer of '05 and finished in the summer of '06.

When I started my study I had to deal with the little voice inside that always lies and says that anything related to the Bible is complicated -- reading, understanding, studying -- whatever -- the reality is that having done this research the Bible is really very straight forward and not so tough to organize -- I've boiled it down to a handful of verses -- but they are some of the most important words ever spoken -- I rejected 95% of all the verses I considered including in my list of MP for reasons I will relay later.

Some speak of Messianic Prophecy (MP) as the "scarlet thread" through the OT. I have thought of it as the "blood

line". Neither is correct -- the fact is that every word of both the OT and the NT speaks of, to and about Jesus. Consider what Jesus said in John 5:39 "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they which testify of me" So in fact every word of the OT is Messianic prophecy.

The point is that you've heard all these verses before, now I organize it for you and give a Jewish perspective.

I have been on this side of the cross for 35 years. In the first ten years I thought it was something special to be a "Jewish-Christian". Imagine life at James Avenue Baptist in Fort Worth, Texas. The first church in the neighborhood to have its own "Jew". At pastor's meetings "we have a Jew, do you?" "You should get one, they're fun" "Some of my best friends are Jews". "How does it feel to have your first Christmas"? Little did they know that when I grew up we had "Christmas" every year. It was about the "toys".

I have changed my mind about being "special". In one of the very few opportunities I ever had to actually speak to NPG, one on one, I wanted to talk to him about my Jewish grandparents as I was concerned about their salvation. I started the conversation by stating "I'm Jewish". NPG said, "so am I" and might as well have also said "what's your point?" We are all Jewish. So the reality is that this roadmap through the OT is our heritage -- all of ours, as we are all Israel, we are all Jews.

I have always made a distinction between Jews and Messianic Jews. My distinction is now becoming between Jews and non-Messianic Jews.

My interest in this subject, as a Jew and for Jews, is prophecies that speak to me of His Life in the flesh. There are hundreds of so-called Messianic prophecies but many if not most -- you have to already believe to believe. My interest are the chapters and verses that, when read, beg the question "if this is not Jesus, then who is it?" Despite the obvious answer, the average Jew can not see Jesus in the Old Testament.

**And in addition to the prophecy, Jesus certainly was there from Genesis One and from eternity:**

John 1:1: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>The same was in the beginning with God."

Genesis 1.26 "And God said, Let us make man in **our** image, after **our** likeness:" **(every translation including the Jewish bible uses the plural)**

Genesis 3:22 "And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as **one of us**,..." -- referring to the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil -- the Tree of Life is Jesus and there He was. In other words, by eating of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, man is about to become "religious"

### **MY CONVERSION:**

I was raised Jewish. Jewish people, to some extent, believe in a Messiah but that he has not arrived. In Jewish tradition there are different beliefs as to exactly who or what the Messiah is. There is certainly no agreement among Jews that the Messiah is the Son of God or that belief in him would be the only way to truly get to know God.

As a child I did go to synagogue (Jewish church) to some extent, but never did my bar mitzvah at age 13 as some of my friends and most of my cousins did. I did not take the study of Hebrew seriously so my family decided not to spend the money on the bar mitzvah.

I always believed in God. I never thought that life or anything for that matter could exist without God. Nothing made sense if there was no God. I remember laying my bed, looking up at the ceiling and thinking, "You're out there somewhere, but I don't know You." I was speaking to and about God. I didn't know Him.

In 1971 I went off to Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. That was a big deal for a Jewish kid from New York and Connecticut. I immediately started meeting people who wanted to talk to me about Jesus. They said he

was the Messiah. They wanted to know if I was "saved". At first this talk seemed amusing and later disturbing and I eventually avoided it.

I got mononucleosis and stayed in the infirmary for two weeks. I met Helen the head nurse. One day she asked me point blank, "are you happy David?" I said "no". She said I needed Jesus and invited me to have dinner with her family that night. I accepted the invitation to dinner.

That night I saw the most loving and caring family I have ever seen. I grew up in a family that loved each other, but you wouldn't know it by just observing us interact. These people loved each other. A man named Rocky was invited to dinner. Rocky was Jewish, but had become a Christian and had put his faith in Jesus and now was some type of evangelist. We talked for about two hours about Jesus. I was not convinced by the time dinner was over.

One of Helen's boys, Nate, who I had actually met at TCU and was my age, gave me a ride back to my dorm room. I thought and thought about how someone or something had made this family so good and loving toward each other. I knew when I got in my room that I would do something and I did.

I got into my room. My roommate was gone. I looked into the small mirror above the sink and said to myself, "Jesus, if you are the Son of God I give you the opportunity to prove it to me right now." Jesus put His arms around me. I did not see Him. But He was there and the experience was real. I have not doubted since then. The date, the best I can recall, was December 17, 1971.

From that moment forward I have known God in a personal way. The moment I received Jesus into my heart by faith I knew God.

I believe God directed me into two careers. I was a high school teacher and coach and now a lawyer. In my work as a lawyer I believe it to be my calling as most of what I do in family law, representing mostly Dads in divorces, is helping those Dads create/restore or just improve their relationship with their children. That seems to be a Godly chore and I hope God always uses me in this manner.

I so much want the people who I know or may come to know to be saved. Being "saved" means receiving God's free gift of

salvation, which is eternal life, by placing their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The first step is that simple.

### **My life in Jewish Sunday School:**

I went to Jewish Sunday School as a youth. I learned many of the OT Bible stories. Somewhere along the way I learned of the "Messiah". I'm not sure who told me that Jesus was not the Messiah and that the Messiah is just a man and not God. As evidence that Jesus could not be the Messiah was the fact that there was not peace on earth. The Messiah, I was told, was to bring peace. All wars would cease. There is biblical evidence of that fact. Isaiah 11.6 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb" -- which is symbolic of the "final" earthly peace.

Of course the reality is that indeed He has given us peace -- not as the world gives -- and we have peace in the midst of whatever pain or suffering or sorrow --

However the OT teaches that not all is necessarily well when the Messiah arrives. Incidentally "Messiah" is only used two times in the OT -- both in Daniel. Daniel 9:26 "And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself..." So in fact the Messiah is predicted to be murdered for others.

### **Why wasn't God more clear about the coming of the Messiah:**

God just doesn't seem to work that way. In fact the question could be asked why didn't Isaiah just say: "now in "X" number of years a teenage girl by the name of Mary would be pregnant before her marriage to Joseph. Don't worry this is an immaculate conception and she will be the human mother of the Messiah. The Messiah's name will be Jesus, etc., etc."

Even Jesus, when asked point blank in Matthew 11.2 "Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, <sup>3</sup>And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: <sup>5</sup>The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the

deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them."

In answer to Caiaphas: Matthew 26.63 "... I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. <sup>64</sup>Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said" Why didn't Jesus just say "yes".

Before Pilate: Matthew 27.11 "... the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest." Again, why didn't he just say "yes".

So the point is that neither Jesus nor the OT prophets are clear, so we need to add faith. In this lifetime is the only eternal opportunity to exercise and develop faith. On the other side, we shall see God face to face -- there is no ability to develop faith on that side of life. I suppose the point is that the prophecies are clear enough.

### **Did the OT Prophets know exactly what they were predicting?**

How could they?

I'm not sure that the OT prophets necessarily knew exactly what they were talking about when they prophesized about Jesus. I'm definitely going to ask Isaiah when I see him. The reason I say that is because it seems that the prophecies seem disjointed sometimes from the context of whatever else is going on. It seems sometimes that God is railing on about faithless Israel and then up pops the Messiah and redemption and forgiveness -- but mostly Messianic prophecy. I guess I am saying that the prophecy of Jesus is truly inspired writing and the writers may not have had a clue about exactly what they were talking about.

Think about that in your own life, when God inspires you to say something to someone, did you ever later say "gee I wonder where that came from?" Perhaps God is saying, "I won't be needing your help today".

### **How do "knowledgeable" Jews deal with MP:**

These are Jews that know the OT -- which are very few.

**The Most Important Jewish Prayer:** the SHEMA (Deut. 6.4) -- "Shema Yisrael Adonai Eloheinu, Adonoi Echad" -- "Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One". The implication is "One, not three".

The Messiah is portrayed by Jews as one that comes "for the benefit" of Israel or is in fact Israel. That's a very important point. Dying for sin or intercession, however, is not included in the discussion. Israel is thought to be the Messiah because of the suffering that Israel and Jewish people have endured. Truly Israel and Jews have suffered much in history. However, they have not suffered for others -- no intercession -- they have been punished much in the OT because of their own sin and idolatry. The theory that Israel is the Messiah is nonsense. Jews have never suffered or paid the price for other's sins.

To quote a Jewish writer regarding Isaiah 53: "Israel suffered as a result of the destructive haughtiness, greed, and avarice of these very oppressive anti-Semitic regimes". That statement flies in the face of Isaiah One.

Well, let's put the theory that Israel is the Messiah to the test and then to rest:

**Isaiah 1 (GOD SPEAKING OF ISRAEL)**

<sup>4</sup>Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.

Israel is not the Messiah, period.

**Why can't the average Jew see Jesus in the OT**

Many Jews are atheist or agnostic. Very few have ever read the Old Testament. Judaism has become a "way of life" -- a self-professed "moral or ethical life". Similar to the law in that "moral people live a certain way". And some Jews believe they are better people than other Jews.

But there is more -- it is God's determination that they can not see Jesus in the OT.

2 Corinthians 3:14 "But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in

Christ. <sup>15</sup>But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. <sup>16</sup>Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away."

Romans 11: <sup>25</sup>For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in."

Isaiah 6:9 "And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. <sup>10</sup>Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed."

**Example of the Jewish way of thinking:** I was stopped by a Jewish guy while I was running the boardwalk in Atlantic City. He was riding his bike, did a u-turn and said "tell me you like Notre Dame -- you are wearing emblems of the two teams I hate". I was wearing a Dallas Cowboys tee shirt and a New York Yankee ballcap -- my favorite teams. Then he went on and on about how he loves Notre Dame -- This is so typical of Jews -- his favorite team is "JESUS' MOTHER" aka NOTRE DAME (Notre Dame is French for "Our Lady" as Virgin Mother of God). I asked him "do you believe in Jesus". He got very angry and jumped on his bike and said "I'm Jewish". I said "so am I". I then yelled as he rode away "if Jesus is not the Messiah, then who is". He yelled back, "I don't know, maybe me". The fact that a Jewish guy hates Jesus, but loves Notre Dame reminds me of "just what was I thinking" then I chose to go to TCU (Texas Christian University).

### **NOW I DIGRESS -- Why can't the average born-again Christian see union?**

NOW THIS IS ONLY MY OPINION, however, I think, for the same reason the Jews can not "see" the Messiah. We've all gone through this: "now that I know Jesus, I must think, act and feel a certain way, with Jesus helping, of course." In other words, Christianity, lived in Romans 7, is all about morals and ethics -- living a certain way -- trying to be "like God" versus being the "expression of God" -- Which sounds exactly like Judaism.

Judaism is a "religion" of morals and ethics -- at least what the Jew considers moral and ethical.

The turning points for me have always been my realization that I am not able to live a "good" life -- Jesus helping or not.

Romans 10:4 "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth."

Being "like God" is what morals, ethics and law is all about. Being "like God" is not a good thing.

Genesis 3.5: Lucifer speaking: "For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof (the tree of the knowledge of good and evil), then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

Isaiah 14.14 (quoting Lucifer) "I will be like the most High".

Galatians 3:3 "Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?" -- trying to be "like God" or "as God" rather than be His expression.

Inotherwords, are you able to make yourself "like Jesus", a "Christ-like" disciple?

How many times has a born-again church person asked you, "so you don't have to work on it -- you think you're perfect already?" You know the answer.

**For a Jew to see Jesus or a Christian to see Union, either way, is a matter of revelation:**

Isaiah 53 is the high point of the OT. It is the best of the MP's. The first verse is read too quickly, but it is the key to understanding why Jews can't see Jesus. Look at Isaiah 53 -- the first two sentences. Isaiah 53.1 "Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?" Isaiah just launched into the most important chapter he wrote and he starts by asking the question "who believes me? and to whom has God revealed his Son" -- first TO then IN. It is a combination of faith and revelation. Why God chose me when I was 18, I don't know, but He did.

Remember this is a paradox -- only if God wills, always if you want it --

You can't even see Jesus unless He reveals Himself to you. Of course the opposite is true also, all that seek Him, will find Him. But it is by revelation anyway you look at it. I embrace the paradox: John 6.44 "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day." And the paradox: John 6.<sup>37</sup> "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." -- which of course opens the door to everyone, therefore everyone is "drawn" or "called" if they choose to be.

Revelation 3.<sup>20</sup> "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

### **Our Life in the Flesh as Understood through His Life in the Flesh:**

The NT, specifically Gal. 2:20 "yet not I, but Christ" and all the other Union verses, "for me to live is Christ", "our life is hid with Christ", "as He is so are we in this world", "Christ who is our life", "vine-branches", "earthen vessels", and on and on -- is our prophecy of the life that we would live in the flesh -- in the NT and we are told who we are -- the pure, crystal clear expression, though our humanity of Jesus. We can't make it so, God pre-ordained it to be so, that we would be a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the only thing we can do is walk in it, every day. At some point in life we take it and then it takes us -- as NPG would say. And that not even by our own faith, but "by the faith of the Son of God." As He was a "man of sorrows and acquainted with grief", so are we -- we are absolutely human, as He was. And our sorrow and grief is for others.

OT Prophecy is assumed to be for us -- so we could recognize the Messiah when He arrived -- but it was written on two levels -- for us and for Him -- it also for Jesus to recognize who He was -- Jesus read the OT and was told who He was. We read the Union verses Gal. 2:20, etc. and say "this is who we are" He read Isaiah 53 and said, okay this is my life and Psalm 22 and said this is my death. No one can say at what point in His life He knew He was reading about Himself, when He said "okay this is me". He didn't have to make it happen, He just had to walk in it.

Jesus did not lay in His crib as a baby and "know" he was the Messiah, the expression of the Father. Just like we don't know initially that we are Him in our expression.

The point is that there is a clear parallel. He grasping His prophecy and we grasping ours.

And Jesus struggled with Psalm 22 (His death) until the very night before the crucifixion -- the "cup my Father has given Me, shall I not drink it".

**Jesus in the OT -- I will now start quoting the high points of MP -- as they said in "Men in Black", this is the "best of the best of the best" -- I read these verses, not just for what they say to me but also for what they said to Him -- remember -- if this is not Jesus, then who is it?:**

**God introduced the principle of atonement -- forgiveness and redemption through sacrifice. The sacrifice had to be through blood. In other words -- this is the Way it IS.**

Genesis 4:<sup>3</sup> "And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. <sup>4</sup>And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: <sup>5</sup>But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell." ABEL BROUGHT BLOOD and so the principle is established -- atonement through death and blood.

#### **Psalm 22 THE CRUCIFIXION:**

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry in the day time, but thou hearest not; .....

<sup>6</sup>But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people. <sup>7</sup>All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

<sup>8</sup>He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him. .....

<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. <sup>15</sup>My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; ...

they pierced my hands and my feet. <sup>17</sup>I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me. <sup>18</sup>They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. ...

<sup>31</sup>They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, ...

**if this is not Jesus, then who is it?**

My Jewish friend Bill said that he could imagine Jesus reading and studying the OT and "arranging" for things to happen -- and in fact Jesus did -- like riding the ass into Jerusalem. But Bill admitted that Jesus could not have arranged not to get his legs broken as it says in Psalm 22. Further, when Psalm 22 was written, about 1000 BC, there was no such thing as crucifixion.

**Proverbs 30** <sup>4</sup>Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?

**if this is not Jesus, then who is it?**

**Psalm 118.22** <sup>22</sup>The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner

**if this is not Jesus, then who is it?**

**Isaiah 7** <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

**if this is not Jesus, then who is it?**

**Isaiah 8** <sup>14</sup>And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel,

**if this is not Jesus, then who is it? -- the only virgin birth ever recorded in history**

**Isaiah 9** <sup>6</sup>For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (YES, GOD WAS BORN)

**if this is not Jesus, then who is it?**

**Isaiah 11**

<sup>1</sup>And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

<sup>2</sup>And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; ...

<sup>6</sup>The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb,...

<sup>10</sup>And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

**if this is not Jesus, then who is it?**

**Isaiah 25**

<sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces;...

**if this is not Jesus, then who is it?**

**Isaiah 26**

<sup>19</sup>Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise.

**if this is not Jesus, then who is it?**

**Isaiah 35**

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

<sup>6</sup>Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: (PERSONALLY I'M STILL WAITING FOR MY SINGING VOICE)

**if this is not Jesus, then who is it?**

**Isaiah 42**

<sup>1</sup>Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. ...

<sup>6</sup>I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;

<sup>7</sup>To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

**if this is not Jesus, then who is it?**

**Isaiah 48**

<sup>16</sup>Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

**if this is not Jesus, then who is it?**

**Isaiah 52**

<sup>13</sup> Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. <sup>14</sup> As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men: <sup>15</sup> So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him:

**if this is not Jesus, then who is it?**

**Isaiah 53**

<sup>1</sup> Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? <sup>2</sup> For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup> He is despised and rejected of

men; 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. <sup>4</sup> Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> 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>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. <sup>8</sup> He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. <sup>9</sup> And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. <sup>10</sup> 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>11</sup> He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup> Therefore will I divide him a portion with

the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

**If this is not Jesus, then who is it?**

#### **Isaiah 61**

<sup>1</sup> 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;

**if this is not Jesus, then who is it?**

#### **Jeremiah 23:5-6a**

" 5 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. 6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS."

**if this is not Jesus, then who is it?**

#### **Jeremiah 33:14-15**

" 14 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

**if this is not Jesus, then who is it?**

#### **Ezekiel 34:23-24**

" 23 And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. 24 And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them;

**if this is not Jesus, then who is it?**

**Daniel 7:13-14a**

" 13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."

**if this is not Jesus, then who is it?**

**Micah 5:2**

"But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

**if this is not Jesus, then who is it?**

**Zechariah 9:9a**

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass."

**if this is not Jesus, then who is it?**

**CONCLUSION:**

Romans 11:<sup>11</sup> "I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.

<sup>12</sup>Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?"

**NEW COVENANT: This is where we all enter**

Jeremiah 31: <sup>31</sup>Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

<sup>32</sup>Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

<sup>33</sup>But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

<sup>34</sup>And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more"