## **The life of Christ 26 January, 2025**

## **Why 4 gospels?**

## **MATTHEW Very Jewish, Yeshua-The King of the Jews AD 50 could have been the first one written!**

## **Written for the Jews to prove and show that Jesus/Yeshua was and is the Messianic King!**

## **It was very much needed because of this: *Acts 8:1 Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem;***

## ***and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.***

## ***8:3 As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison. 4 Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.***

## **If Jesus was the Messiah, why didn’t the His kingdom come?**

## **Matthew is heavy on the Jewish prophecies of Messiah to thwart this…**

## **What is amazing is the Jewish people do the same thing that did at Kadesh Barnea.**

## **They complained- Moses intercedes-they are judged by God because of what they have done!**

## **YET…** **Korah’s rebellion still happens**

## ***Num 16:14 “Moreover you have not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor given us inheritance of fields and vineyards. Will you put out the eyes of these men? We will not come up!”***

## **They are at fault, yet they blame Moses. God Judges all the rebels; the very next day they say this!**

## ***Luke 16:41 On the next day all the congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, saying, “You have killed the people of the LORD.”***

## **God judges again by Plague!!!!**

## **What are they saying today?**

## **If Jesus was the Messiah, why didn’t the His kingdom come?**

## **Matthew addresses this clearly!**

## ***Mat 12:22 Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw.***

## ***23 And all the multitudes were amazed and said, “Could this be the Son of David?” 24 Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, “This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.”***

## ***39 But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.***

## **Matthew explains why He didn’t come…because you refused Him!**

## **Jeremiah says the same, destruction is coming because of you!**

## **2. MARK: The servant of Jehovah, written to Romans.**

## **Messiah is a man of action. Romans were big into get the Job done, RIGHT NOW!**

## **He uses the prophecies of Isaiah, the servant of Jehovah.**

## **3. LUKE**

## **Written to the Greeks, his purpose was an accurate chronological order. Luke focused on the humanity of Christ. Luke is not an eyewitness.**

## **He is very interested in Jerusalem, Gentiles and the role of women. *Luke 1:1 INASMUCH as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us,***

## ***2 just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us,***

## ***3 it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus,***

## **4. JOHN**

## **Yeshua the Messiah, the Son Of God!!!**

## **The book of John was written for this purpose:**

## ***John 20:30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.***

## **John writes about the conflict between light and darkness, two contrasts.**

## **He will do this contrast teaching again in 1st,2nd,3rd John.**

## **He shows that Jesus reveals the Father to men.**

## **John also writes about 3 sets of sevens.**

## **7 signs.**

## **7 I AM statements.**

## **7 sections of teachings.**

## **The beginning Introduction; the pre-existence of Jesus.**

## ***John 1:1 IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.***

# **BEFORE BIRTH**

## ***“IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD.” John 1:1***

## **The WORD (the One who communicates God’s truth and is God’s Truth) was/is Jesus Christ.**

## **(1) “In the beginning WAS the Word” = Jesus Christ is eternally existent. He had no beginning.**

## **(2) “and the Word was WITH GOD” = Jesus Christ is personally distinct from God the Father.**

## **(3) “and the Word WAS GOD” = Jesus Christ is fully deity.**

## **Therefore, Jesus Christ (the Word) had all the attributes of deity, but He was not the Father.**

## ***“AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US…” John 1:14***

## **At Bethlehem, humanity was added to deity. Jesus was fully God and fully man…the only God-man ever.**

## **Some heresies:**

## **Jehovah Witness… Jesus is the son but not God!**

## **John 1:2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.**

## **Oneness Pentecostalism… Jesus only**

## **OT -Jesus came in the form of the father God.**

## **NT- Jesus came as man**

## **After resurrection- Now it’s Jesus the Holy Spirit. They teach Jesus is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## **What is amazing is that all the cults have teachings that were around early on. Demons use the same lies because people easily fall for them, and they work.**

## **All the cults have this in common:**

## **There is a leader**

## **He has been given special revelation “you are special”**

## **His word is not to be questioned or tested.**

## **They are all told, “you are infallible.”**

## **They are all very charismatic and can work up a crowd.**

## **Jesus on the other hand…**

## ***Isaiah 52:14 Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men;***

## ***2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. 3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.***

## ***4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.***

## ***5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.***

## ***7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation?***

## ***For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.***

## **YET HE IS THE WORD that became flesh and tabernacled among us!**