

# How Is Jesus "The Truth"? (Part II)

John 14:6: (NASB) Jesus said to him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me.



Jesus had an amazing way of saying a lot with few words. Jesus had a mission - he spoke about it, lived it and taught its principles. A major part of that mission was to open the way of sonship to the Father. Jesus told us that he *is* the way to the Father and he also IS the Truth. What does that mean? How could he *be* the truth? Stay with us as we try and reveal just what he was talking about.

This is Part II of a three-part series from October 11, 2015. Please see "How Is Jesus The Way? (Part 1)."

# The Way

Jesus is the way to eternal life, the way to a life of faith, the way to a place of nourishment and peace and the way to a life of courage. We follow this narrow "way" by <u>humbly realizing</u> <u>who we are</u>, what we have done and moving forward. How do we truly leave our lives behind?



WEIGH the value of life before Christ to life in Christ ACCEPT whatever was is not the same as what can be RESOLVE in your mind to do something about it RELEASE the chains of the past PURSUE the call of Christ!

> This process gives a whole new meaning to the saying "let go and let God."





# The Truth

# $(\eta)$ What is Truth, Proof of God, 300 Prophecies that Jesus Fulfilled

• Jesus is standing before Pilate and the question that Pilate asks cynically is, "What is truth?" And surely this is one of the great ironies of history - Pilate says, "What is truth?" A better question would have been, "Who is The Truth?" because the very one who in the sweep of human history claimed to be the very embodiment of truth was standing right there in his midst and Pilate because he was swayed by public opinion - he was a slave to public opinion was unwilling to find out the answer. The question is, are we, unlike Pilate, willing to find out just what is The Truth?

**Pilate asks a pointed question - this gives us a broad base for our discussion:** John 18:33-38: (NASB) <sup>33</sup>Therefore Pilate entered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus and said to him, are you the King of the Jews? <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, are you saying this on your own initiative, or did others tell you about me? <sup>35</sup>Pilate answered, I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered you to me; what have you done?

There was no direct answer from Jesus, rather he answered with a question. Pilate got defensive and pursued the main issue - *what have you done*?

<sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, my kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, then my servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, my kingdom is not of this realm. <sup>37</sup>Therefore Pilate said to him, so you are a king? Jesus answered; you say correctly that I am a king.

Jesus initially does not directly answer, but if one has a kingdom one must be a king!

**The truth of Jesus' kingship is established and Jesus does not stop there:** For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice. <sup>38</sup>Pilate said to him, what is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and said to them, I find no guilt in him.

Pilate tries to find a way to get Jesus off the hook. But Jesus came to testify to a heavenly truth that dramatically affects the human race. Pilate's question - what is truth - is really our question - how is Jesus The Truth of this kingdom he spoke about?

# Where do we first find Jesus as The Truth?

We will begin this part of our discussion with a conclusion statement:

Just as God created the world to be inhabited, He also created it to be ruled in righteousness. He allowed His rule of righteousness to be challenged and usurped by Satan. Jesus is changing that. Jesus is God's "Anti-Satan Serum of Truth" -Jesus restores that which was lost!

We can find Jesus as The Truth in the experience of sin and its entrance.





# First, usurpation by Satan led Adam and Eve to also usurp authority they had not been given:

<u>Genesis 3:6-11</u>: (NASB) <sup>6</sup>When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and

they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings. <sup>8</sup>They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Taking that which had not yet been given brings shame. They usurped the authority of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. They were told to leave that tree alone. God alone had authority over the tree. Satan's suggestion that it was okay led them to usurp that authority and pick the fruit. When they picked that fruit, who had the authority? They did, illegitimately.



<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, where are you? <sup>10</sup>He said, I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself. <sup>11</sup>And He said, who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?

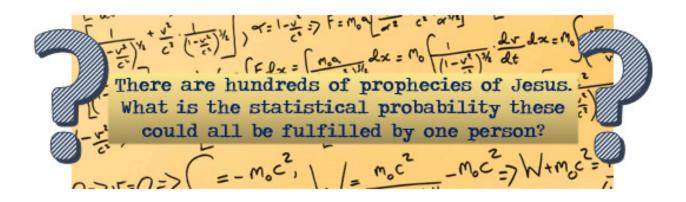
Shame and guilt cannot be hidden from the Father. Consequences and remedy were now needed - consequences to teach and remedy to repair.



### With the consequences there was a veiled hope!

<u>Genesis 3:14-15</u>: (NASB) <sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent, because you have done this, cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, and dust you will eat All the days of your life; <sup>15</sup>And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.

This was a promise that the offspring of Eve would eventually crush the serpent. Crushing the head of the serpent kills it. There was hope through the consequences of the very first sin of humanity. This was the first appearance of Jesus as The Truth as he was that *seed of the woman*.





# (1) Zechariah 9:9, Proof of God, 300 Prophecies that Jesus Fulfilled

- Peter Stoner presented his class with a challenge. The class was to look at the Bible and try to find all the prophesies regarding the coming of Christ to see what was the probability that one man could come out of all the men that existed in the history of the world and fulfill exactly every single prophecy.
- One of the prophecies that Peter W. Stoner mentions is Zechariah 9:9, which reads, "Rejoice greatly, oh daughter of Zion! Shout out loud daughter of Jerusalem! Behold your King is coming to you. Righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt the foul of a donkey." The question is, how many people in earth's history have been kings and of those individuals, how many have ridden on a donkey into Jerusalem?
- I don't know and neither did the class so they decided to assign an absurdly high number. They decided one out of every one hundred men who ever lived rode into Jerusalem as a king on a donkey, of all things. I mean, one in a hundred! This is obviously absurdly high, but that's the point. Stoner effectively buffered his calculations, and thus his conclusions, against objections that he had biased his calculations to favor Jesus' identification as the Messiah.

You can see they skewed the numbers to make it even harder to prove Jesus fulfilled the prophecies. Just "getting lucky" would be more difficult.

What about New Testament support for the veiled Genesis prophecy? <u>Romans 16:19-20</u>: (NASB) <sup>19</sup>For the report of your obedience has reached to all; therefore I am rejoicing over you, but I want you to be wise in what is good and innocent in what is evil. <sup>20</sup>The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

Under *whose* feet will Satan be crushed? Those of the true church - how are they known? As the body of Christ! We get a sense of the fulfilment of *bruise you on the head* - a lethal blow - through the body of Christ.

<u>Genesis 3:20-21</u>: (NASB) <sup>21</sup>Now the man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all the living. <sup>21</sup>The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.

This is another hint of The Truth of Jesus - their covering, now necessary, came to be at the expense of a sacrificed life. To get the skin covering, an animal had to be sacrificed. The cost of sin is life; blood had to be shed.

Jesus is The Truth of the remedy for man's original sin!

# What do we know about HOW Jesus was the remedy?

Let's move on to the story of Abraham and Isaac. Isaac was the long-awaited promised son, now a young man.

# God gave instruction to Abraham to sacrifice Isaac and Abraham obediently went to do so:

<u>Genesis 22:6-8</u>: (NASB) <sup>6</sup>Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son, and he took in his hand the <u>fire</u> and the <u>knife</u>. So the two of them walked on together...

There are three distinct elements that reveal Jesus as The Truth: wood, fire and a knife.



# How is wood shown in the life and death of Jesus?

John 19:17: (NASB) They took Jesus, therefore, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha.

Jesus literally carried the wood of the cross of his crucifixion just as Isaac carried the wood for his own sacrifice.



# How is fire shown in the life and death of Jesus?

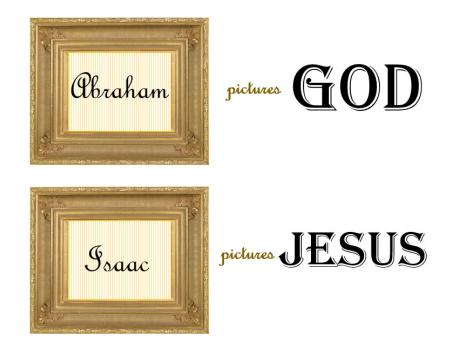
<u>1 Peter 4:12-13</u>: (NASB) <sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at **the fiery ordeal among you**, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; <sup>13</sup>but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.

If we are sharing in *the sufferings of Christ*, we will have *fiery trials* like he did.

# How is the knife shown in the life and death of Jesus?

<u>Philippians 2:8</u>: (NASB) Being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to **the point of death**, even death on a cross.

The implement of Jesus' death was crucifixion, pierced through with nails.



<u>Genesis 22:7-8</u>: (NASB) <sup>7</sup>Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, my father! And he said, here I am, my son. And he said, behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering? <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son. So the two of them walked on together.

Abraham was convinced God would provide the lamb, but he still was willing to go through with this act.



Remember, God spoke directly to Abraham. God speaks to us today through His written word that gives us specific instruction and direction as to what and how we should sacrifice.

# God provided the lamb in the original sacrifice and through that of Jesus:

John 3:16-17: (NASB) <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.



Abraham obviously pictures God giving his son. We have been given that sacrifice. That is the remedy for sin!

### Just as Isaac was a willing sacrifice, so also was Jesus:

Isaiah 6:8: (NASB) Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said here am I. Send me!

(This is a prophetic reference to Jesus. We know that because Jesus references the next verses in his teachings, applying them to himself.)

1 Peter 1:20: (NASB) For he was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you...



A caller from Connecticut suggests: The greatest truth known to man is the existence of a Supreme Intelligent Creator. Jesus' passion was to reveal this to us. John 14:9: He that hath seen me hath seen the Father.

(1)) Micah 5:2, Proof of God, 300 Prophecies that Jesus Fulfilled

- Another prophecy that Professor Stoner looked at was Micah 5:2. •
- In Micah 5:2, there is an incredible prophecy that is given hundreds of years before the birth of Christ pinpointing exactly the place where Jesus would be born. It states, "But you Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to me the one to be ruler in Israel."
- What's amazing is the fact that there are two "Bethlehems," two cities called Bethlehem in Israel, one in the northern portion of the kingdom, one in the south.
- This specifies which Bethlehem. This specifies Bethlehem Ephrathah, which is Bethlehem in Judah, so the prophecy is very precise.
- So, Stoner and his students decided they wanted to figure out, in the light of the world's population, how many people have actually been born in the city of Bethlehem. One out of every 280,000 people was a very conservative estimate that they made, that they found, mathematically of how many people have actually been born in Bethlehem.

Statistically the smaller the number, the easier it is to hit the target.

# The resulting reward for obedience to the will of God:

Genesis 22:15-18: (NASB) <sup>15</sup>Then the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, <sup>16</sup>and said, by Myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; Christian Questions ©2015 all rights reserved



and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies. <sup>18</sup>In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.

Because Abraham had faith enough in God to follow through, a great reward was given: His seed would be multiplied greatly and *in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed*.

The Truth Jesus is the embodiment of "The Truth" and righteousness of God's ultimate will for humanity. In today's time of trouble this can be difficult to see, but Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of being Abraham's seed. Further, he was the ransom price needed to buy man from sin and to bring the race back to God's ultimate will!

We have seen Jesus as the remedy for original sin and as the necessary price to be paid to buy mankind back from sin and death. Next, we look at Jesus as the leader among men for God's cause. Let's drop in on the story of Moses for this next picture of Jesus.

# A New Testament view of the burning bush incident - the calling of Moses into God's service:

<u>Acts 7:30-34</u>: (NRSV) <sup>30</sup>Now when forty years had passed, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in the flame of a burning bush. <sup>31</sup>When Moses saw it, he was amazed at the sight; and as he approached to look, there came the voice of the Lord: <sup>32</sup>I am the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Moses began to tremble and did not dare to look. <sup>33</sup>Then the Lord said to him, take off the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground. <sup>34</sup>I have surely seen the mistreatment of my



people who are in Egypt and have heard their groaning, and I have come down to rescue them. Come now, I will send you to Egypt.



# God introduces the mission to Moses in an unusual way, through a burning bush, to rescue God's people from slavery.

<u>Acts 7:36-37</u>: (NASB) <sup>36</sup>This man led them out, performing wonders and signs in the land of Egypt and in the Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years. <sup>37</sup>This is the Moses who said to the sons of Israel, God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brethren.

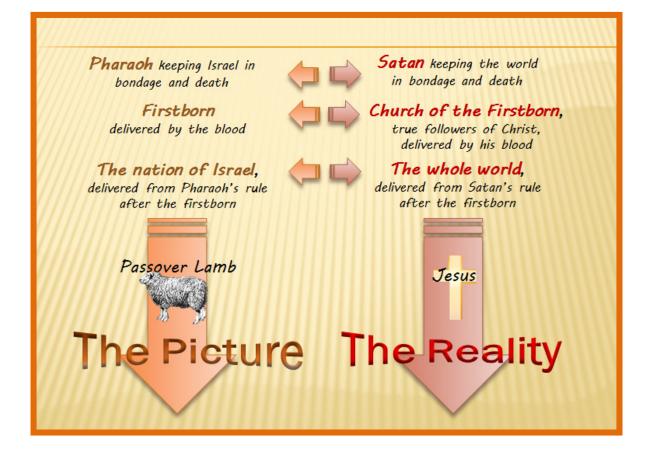
God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brethren - Here again we have a foreshadowing of Jesus, someone who would do God's will and be a leader from slavery like Moses.

Jesus is leading humankind out from their slavery to sin under the harsh rule of Satan, aptly represented by Pharaoh.





# pictures JESUS



#### God continues to speak with Moses and Moses reveals his deep humility:

Exodus 4:10-13: (NRSV) <sup>10</sup>But Moses said to the LORD, O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue. <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to him, who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? <sup>12</sup>Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak. <sup>13</sup>But he said, O my Lord, please send someone else.

Moses would have been about 80 years old at this point and is given a tremendous mission to go to the massively powerful nation of Egypt to claim millions of God's people in slavery. He felt unworthy and without the ability needed to accomplish the mission.



# (1) Isaiah 53 spoke no word, Proof of God, 300 Prophecies that Jesus Fulfilled

- Now another prophecy they looked at is found in Isaiah 53, "He was oppressed and he was inflicted yet he did not open his mouth, like a lamb that is led to the slaughter and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth."
- Stoner brings this out that Jesus was a just man condemned to die, and he said not a word; not one word in his defense.
- Now, how many have done that? Well, his class didn't know. Of course not how could you know? Here again they assigned a conservatively high number. For the purposes of their calculations they said, "Okay, how about one in every 1,000 men who ever lived were both wrongly accused of a crime and during their trial chose to speak no word in their defense."

# Jesus, like Moses, lived a deep humility and only said and did what was in accordance with the will of his Father:

John 8:26-29: (NASB) <sup>26</sup>I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you, but He who sent me is true; and the things, which I heard from Him, these I speak to the world. <sup>27</sup>They did not realize that he had been speaking to them about the Father.

In other words, I am not speaking my own words, I am speaking my Father's words. Comparatively, God told Moses He would provide the words. Literally, Jesus is doing what Moses had the opportunity to do - God's intention with Moses was for Moses to speak God's words. (Moses, of course, was still afraid and so God gave him Aaron as his spokesperson.)

<sup>28</sup>So Jesus said, when you lift up the Son of Man (when I am crucified), then you will know that I am he, and I do nothing on my own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught me. <sup>29</sup>And He who sent me is with me; He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.

For someone who was a perfect man among our imperfect world, this shows a remarkable sense of humility, focus and loyalty. He would not speak a word in his own defense.

### It is for these reasons we must "follow the leader":

<u>Hebrews 12:2</u>: (NASB) Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Our leader only did the will of the Father. Jesus' mission was to bring heaven's intentions back to ruling the earth. God allowed sin to enter and Satan to usurp authority - but only for a limited period of time for a specific purpose.

Jesus embodied leadership - he was "The Truth" when it came to paving the way back to God.

# So Moses pictured Jesus but wasn't Jesus the Passover "Lamb of God" as well?

As we find Jesus to be The Truth, we start to see many different pictures of him.

Within the Passover, he is pictured by Moses who delivered the Israelites from the slavery of Pharaoh. In reality, Jesus delivers the world from the slavery of Satan.



But he also is pictured in the lamb, whose sacrifice delivers the firstborn. It may seem odd to be both Moses and the lamb at the same event, but there are two different aspects shown.



The Truth of Jesus is that the deliverance of the *church of the firstborn* (<u>Hebrews 10:23</u>) is the conduit through which the world is delivered. During Passover, the deliverance of the firstborn made it possible for the nation of Israel to be delivered afterwards.

The *church of the firstborn* make it possible to deliver the rest of the world from sin. These are two pictures showing the two aspects of salvation.

There are significant connections with Jesus to the original Passover when Israel was freed from Egypt.



# The Lamb enters the house and Jesus enters Jerusalem.

Exodus 12:3: (ESV) Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household.

The lamb was to be taken into the household on the tenth day of the month. How does Jesus fulfill that?

Zechariah 9:9: (NASB) Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

This predicted a king riding into Jerusalem.

Jesus entered Jerusalem (and the hearts of the people!) on the 10th of Nisan - the exact same day Israel was instructed that all families were to take a young

male lamb without blemish into their household.



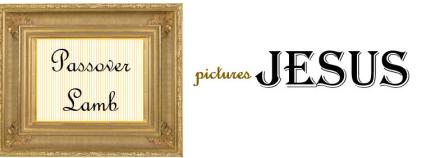
The Passover Lamb vs. Jesus as the Lamb



Jesus received as a King on Nisan 10

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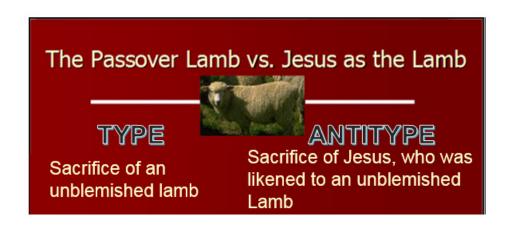


Unblemished, "perfect" lamb used for the sacrifice

Exodus 12:5-6: (NASB) Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight.

<u>1 Peter 1:19</u>: (ASV) but with precious blood, as of a lamb without spot, [even the blood] of Christ:

Obviously, Jesus is The Truth of God's plan. Various pictures keep pointing to him throughout the ages.



### The blood of the lamb and the saving power of the Redeemer:

Exodus 12:7,13: (ESV) <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

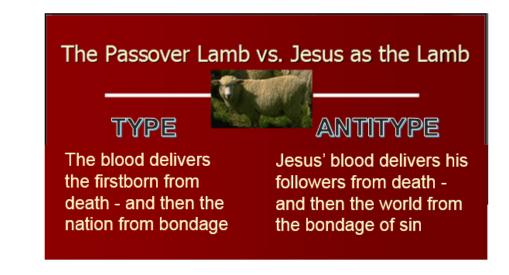
The blood of the sacrificed lamb on the doorposts is what saved the firstborn and eventually the entire nation of Israel.

<u>1 Peter 1:19</u>: (ASV) ...but with precious blood, as of a lamb without spot, [even the blood] of Christ:

The blood of the sacrificed Lamb, Jesus, is what saves the church of the firstborn and eventually the whole world.

<u>Leviticus 17:11</u>: (KJV) For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.





God had a very specific message right from the start, an intentional plan of redemption for the whole world of mankind. Jesus is The Truth of that plan.

(1))Silver dollars in Texas, Proof of God, 300 Prophecies that Jesus Fulfilled

- And then as he broke down those prophecies, he said let me just take eight of them and figure out what's the likelihood of eight of these prophecies being fulfilled in one person's life. So, just with those eight prophecies he said the probability of one person fulfilling all eight was one in 10 to the power of 17. That's like taking silver dollars all over Texas.
- They covered the entire state and one of those coins, somewhere in the state, you have a particular coin marked with a black "X."
- You put it randomly, stir it up somehow and randomly put it somewhere in the state of Texas covered two-feet deep with these silver dollars, and you send a blind man in. The probability that he would just wander the state of Texas, reach down on his first try, and come up with this marked silver dollar is the probability that one man could fulfill all eight of these prophecies about Jesus.



Consider these odds! This is just talking about eight of the hundreds of prophecies fulfilled by Jesus!

God intentionally allowed sin and intentionally sent Jesus to eradicate it.

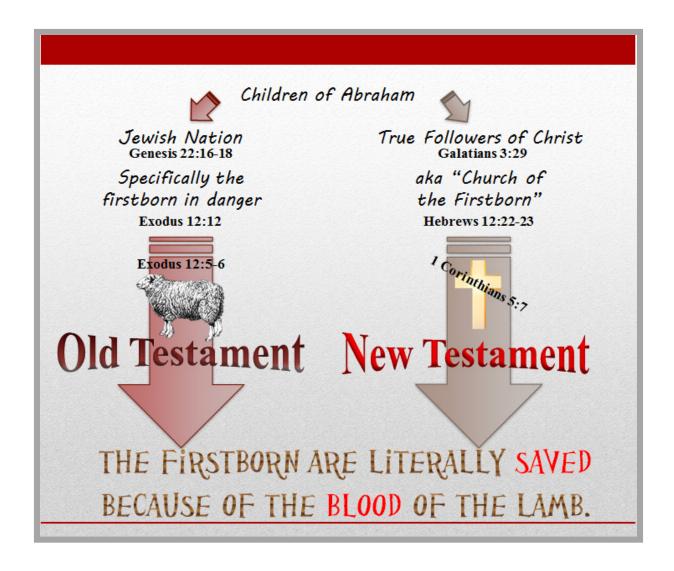
The only salvation available as a deliverance from slavery for Israel and as a deliverance from certain death for the firstborn, was the blood of the lamb. This blood was to cover them completely, as symbolized in the striking of it on the two doorposts and the lintel.



<u>Hebrews 10:19-22</u>: (NRSV) <sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

The picture language of the New Testament reflects the realities of the Old Testament telling us the story of Jesus as The Truth.

The firstborn were saved BY the blood. The "everybody else" were saved THROUGH the salvation of the firstborn.





# The Passover Lamb vs. Jesus as the Lamb

Unblemished lamb taken in Nisan 10

Lamb slain on Nisan 14

Lamb died late afternoon "at even"

The blood delivered the firstborn and the nation

Jesus received as a King on Nisan 10

Jesus slain on Nisan 14

Jesus died at 3pm "the 9<sup>th</sup> hour"

His blood delivered the firstborn (his church) and the rest of the world

So Jesus is a Lamb - is it all about him being sheepish?

# (I)) Probability of 48, Proof of God, 300 Prophecies that Jesus Fulfilled

- If I take 48 of the 300, what's the probability that one man in the history of the world could fulfill just 48 of these prophecies? The number was a staggering one man out of one with 157 zeros after it. That number is so big, just to give you an idea, scientists have determined that there are only one with 80 zeros after it atoms in the entire universe that's not just our planet or our solar system or our galaxy, but the entire universe only has one with 80 zeros after it.
- There's not even enough atoms in the universe in order to hold that number. Now, this answers the question that some people say, maybe a lot of people have met these prophecies; maybe it's not just Jesus but you could have a whole bunch of people who meet all these prophecies, but that's just not possible!

This was not sheer luck or coincidence. It was God's intentional will! Jesus is The Truth of God's intentional will.



So often we focus on Jesus as the Lamb of God, we forget about the other part of The Truth of Jesus, that is the part where he is a lion! <u>Revelation 5:5</u>: (NASB) and one of the elders said to me, stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.



*Lion* represents kingly authority, gained by being the sacrificial Lamb of God and remaining faithful to God's always higher purposes.

<u>Jeremiah 23:5-8</u>: (NASB) <sup>5</sup>Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous branch; and he will reign as king and act wisely and do justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely; and this is his name by which he will be called, The Lord our righteousness.

Part of the description of the rulership of the lion is he will reign as king and act wisely and do justice and righteousness in the land.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they will no longer say, as the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt, <sup>8</sup>but, as the LORD lives, who brought up and led back the descendants of the household of Israel from the north land and from all the countries where I had driven them. Then they will live on their own soil.



This is remarkable - this predicts Israel, scattered across all the nations of the earth for generations, would be miraculously brought back to their homeland. In 1948, Israel become a nation. This was the only time in the history of the world that a people scattered in that manner returned to their homeland. Coincidence? The prophecy assures us this was God's intended will!

The Truth of Jesus is that he will be known for delivering Israel back to their homeland - still in progress!

# To expand this truth, Jesus and his government will be worldwide, not just in Israel! (God's original design!)

<u>Isaiah 9:6-7</u>: (KJV) <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, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

It is all about establishing world order and world peace - how is this done?

### It is done with a firm hand of justice...

<u>Psalm 2:7-9</u>: (NASB) <sup>7</sup>I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me, you are my Son, Today I have begotten you. <sup>8</sup>ask of me, and I will surely give the nations as your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as your possession. <sup>9</sup>You shall break them with a rod of iron; you shall shatter them like earthenware.

#### ...and with love and mercy as well:

<u>Isaiah 42:1-4</u>: (NASB) <sup>1</sup>Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry out or raise his voice, nor make his voice heard in the street. <sup>3</sup>A bruised reed he will not break and a dimly burning wick he will not extinguish; **He will faithfully bring forth justice**. <sup>4</sup>He will not be disheartened or crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands will wait expectantly for his law.



It has been said that Jesus Christ was the greatest man in history. He had no servants, yet they called him Master. He had no degree, yet they called him Teacher. He had no medicines, yet they called him Healer. He had no army, yet kings feared him. He won no military battles, yet he conquered the world. He committed no crime, yet they crucified him. He was buried in a tomb, yet he lives today.

Jesus IS The Truth and will faithfully bring forth justice. We can have complete confidence in these prophecies describing the future because of all the prophecies that have already come true! It is not possible for them to have happened by accident. When we see things like Israel re-established as a nation in front of our eyes, predicted thousands of years ago in great detail, we cannot help but believe.

Behind it all is Jesus the Lamb, whose sacrifice cancelled out the sin of Adam. He had to be faithful, suffer and die so the price could be paid. Jesus was raised to glory and becomes the Lion of the tribe of Judah. The world has been bought back from Satan's rule and he will soon be in control! Everyone who has ever lived will have the opportunity to live under the Lion's rule. Jesus is The Truth of God's plans and purposes for the entire world!

> So, how is Jesus The Truth? For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions... Think about it...!

And now <u>even more</u> to think about... only in the Full Edition of CQ Rewind!

Jesus carried God's heavenly harmony back to its terrestrial home. He did so by doing the Father's will at the Father's time and in the Father's way. The following are JUST A FEW additional prophecies Jesus clearly and completely fulfilled. Jesus truly is The Truth!



#### Jesus as royalty and a priest:

<u>Genesis 49:10</u>: (NIV) The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his.

Luke 3:33: (NIV) The son of Amminadab, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah...

<u>Isaiah 9:7</u>: (NIV) Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Luke 1:32-33: (NIV) <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.

#### Jesus born of a virgin:

<u>Isaiah 7:14</u>: (NIV) Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

<u>Luke 1:26-31</u>: (NIV) <sup>26</sup>In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>The angel went to her and said, greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you. <sup>29</sup>Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>But the angel said to her, do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.

### The flight to Egypt:

Hosea 11:1: (NIV) When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

<u>Matthew 2:14-15</u>: (NIV) <sup>14</sup>So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, <sup>15</sup>where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: Out of Egypt I called my son.

#### Jesus' way prepared for him:

<u>Isaiah 40:3-5</u>: (NIV) <sup>3</sup>A voice of one calling: In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. <sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

<u>Luke 3:3-6</u>: (NIV) <sup>3</sup>He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: A voice of one calling in the desert, Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. <sup>6</sup>And all mankind will see God's salvation.

#### Teaching in parables:

<u>Psalms 78:2-4</u>: (NIV) <sup>2</sup>I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old-- <sup>3</sup>what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us. <sup>4</sup>We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.

<u>Matthew 13:34-35</u>: (NIV) <sup>34</sup>Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. <sup>35</sup>So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.



### The crucifixion:

<u>Psalm 22:1</u>: (NASB) My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning.

<u>Matthew 27:46</u>: (NASB) About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI? That is, MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?

<u>Psalm 22:15</u>: (NASB) My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And my tongue cleaves to my jaws; And You lay me in the dust of death.

John 19:28: (NASB) After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, said, I am thirsty.

<u>Psalm 31:5</u>: (NASB) Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have ransomed me, O LORD, God of truth.

Luke 23:46: (NASB) And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT. Having said this, he breathed his last.

<u>Psalm 34:19-20</u>: (NASB) <sup>19</sup>Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. <sup>20</sup>He keeps all his bones, not one of them is broken.

John 19:32-33: (NASB) <sup>32</sup>So the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with him; <sup>33</sup>but coming to Jesus, when they saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.

<u>Isaiah 53:9</u>: (NASB) His grave was assigned with wicked men, yet he was with a rich man in his death, Because he had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in his mouth.

<u>Matthew 27:38</u>: (NASB) At that time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

<u>Matthew 27:57-60</u>: (NASB) <sup>57</sup>When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup>This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. <sup>59</sup>And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, <sup>60</sup>and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away.