"CHRISTMAS SERIES: JESUS CHRIST REVEALED IN THE GOSPELS"

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"THE KING OF THE JEWS"

MATTHEW 2:2; 21:5; 27:11,35-39

INTRO: The Christmas Season is truly a BLESSED TIME FOR CHRISTIANS as it affords us the opportunity to focus on the BEAUTIFUL REALITY OF THE INCARNATION OF JESUS CHRIST INTO THE WORLD. Therefore, most of the time we reflect upon HIS BIRTH IN THE CAVE OR SHED, AND THE FACT THAT MARY AND JOSEPH LAID HIM IN THE MANGER where the shepherds visited Him upon the announcement of HIS BIRTH. We all know the account of Christ's incarnation rather well and it is a good thing to review it yearly. BUT THERE IS A LOT MORE we should consider about Jesus Christ during the Christmas Season that will give us a GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF HIM! This year our CHRISTMAS THEME IS: "DOWN FROM HIS GLORY." And a part of understanding that theme is knowing HOW JESUS IS REVEALED IN THE FOUR GOSPELS. So, during the month of December, we are going to see how the HOLY SPIRIT led the GOSPEL WRITERS to reveal Jesus Christ in EACH ONE OF THE GOSPELS. The intent of this study is to give us all a GREATER APPRECIATION FOR WHO JESUS CHRIST IS AND WHAT HE WILL DO THROUGHOUT ALL OF ETERNITY.

NOTE: THE PURPOSE OF THE FOUR GOSPELS IS TO REVEAL THE COMPLETE TRUTH ABOUT THE GREATNESS OF JESUS CHRIST!

- In Matthew, Christ is revealed as THE KING OF THE JEWS
- In Mark, Christ is revealed as THE SERVANT OF GOD AND MANKIND
- In Luke, Christ is revealed as FULLY MAN
- In John, Christ is revealed as FULLY GOD

Thus, by studying all of the GOSPELS we can see a clear revelation of how Jesus Christ was presented to humanity during His ministry on the Earth. Today we will observe that in the GOSPEL OF MATTHEW, JESUS CHRIST IS REVEALED AS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

<u>OBSERVATION:</u> Dr. C.I. Scofield said: "IN THE FOUR GOSPELS, THE PEN IS DIFFERENT; THE INCIDENTS IN WHICH HE IS SEEN ARE SOMETIMES DIFFERENT INCIDENTS; THE DISTINCITVE CHARACTER IN WHICH CHRIST IS PRESENTED IS A DIFFERENT CHARACTER; BUT *HE IS ALWAYS THE SAME CHRIST."*

<u>OBSERVATION</u>: The combined teaching of the GOSPELS reveals a COMPLETE PICTURE OF CHRIST. Each Gospel records the RESURRECTION OF CHRIST and point toward HIS SECOND COMING. Therefore, A THOROUGH STUDY OF THE GOSPELS would be VERY BENEFICIAL for EACH AND EVERY CHILD OF GOD so as to understand the FULLNESS OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

MATTHEW REVEALS CHRIST AS THE KING OF THE JEWS

NOTE A DISPENSATIONAL MATTER: Nowhere in scripture is Christ called the KING OF THE CHURCH. He is the HEAD OF THE CHURCH AND KING OF THE JEWS. We will apply that at the end of the message.

I. THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST AS KING IN MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

- A. Presented in His Genealogy 1:1-17
 -He is the "SON OF DAVID." Cp. 2 Samuel 7:12-17
- B. Presented at His Birth 2:1-6
- C. Presented through His Preaching 4:17
- D. Presented at His Triumphant Entry 21:5
- E. Presented at His Judgment of the Nations 25:31-34
- F. Presented at His Trial 27:11
- G. Presented at His Cross 27:35-37

II. THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST AS KING IN EXTENDED SCRIPTURE

- A. Christ's Kingship was Promised in the Davidic Covenant 2 Samuel 7:12-17
- B. Christ's Kingship was Predicted by the Prophet Isaiah Isaiah 9:6,7
- C. Christ's Kingship was Proposed to the Nation of Israel John 12:12-15
- D. Christ's Kingship was Passed Up by the Nation of Israel Mark 15:12-14
- E. Christ's Kingship we Postponed Matthew 16:18
- F. Christ's Kingship will be Perceived in the Future Revelation 19:11-16

III. THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST AS KING ON EARTH

- A. Christ was Rejected as King by Israel
- B. Christ will be Received as King by the Whole World Isaiah 11:1-16

THE APPLICATION OF CHRIST'S AS KING TODAY

- 1) Christ as King is seated at the Right hand of the Father in Heaven -Mark 16:19; Romans 8:34
- 2) Christ will return and set up His Kingdom and will rule Eternally -Luke 1:33
- 3) Christ NOW would like to be the KING OF OUR LIVES!
 - -1 Timothy 1:17; 6:15,16