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The Historic Jesus

Everyone who looks at a calendar indirectly testifies that 2,000 years ago a man named Jesus made an appearance in history. To believe that Jesus was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, preached the Kingdom of God, was rejected and betrayed by His country, convicted under mock trials, beaten with many stripes, nailed to a cross and crucified, then died on that cross, was dead three days and three nights, then rose from death on the third day—*is not the faith that saves!* That's *historic* faith. Historic faith does not wash away sin. Neither does it bring the Holy Spirit to be either *with you* or *in you!*¹

True and saving faith understands that there is a tragic problem in the world that warrants such an extreme sacrifice.² A man can believe in the historic Jesus and therefore consider himself a Christian.³ But unless that man understands that his own personal sins have necessitated this great sacrifice,⁴ and unless he is humbled and broken over his own sins⁵—*and* unless God acknowledges and accepts his brokenness, repentance, and faith⁶—that man *cannot* receive the new life; but instead lives as one who is yet dead.⁷ He may preach the Gospel, attend church, give to the poor, clothe the orphans, visit the widows—*and so much more*—yet he will still be under the judgment of God!⁸

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A growing number of high-profile Christian leaders are departing from the faith they once knew and preached. Over the years they drew in large numbers with their magnetic presence, eloquent speech, and keen business sense. But they did not truly love the Lord, as demonstrated by the fact that they did not obey Him.⁹ They brought in devilish doctrines,¹⁰ entertained superstitions, myths, and fables,¹¹ and created platforms and ministries for their false teachers.¹² And now many are joining a popular movement that is sweeping the Church, that encourages Christians to systematically *deconstruct* their faith¹³—and they're leading their congregations to do the same.

But now the faith they once preached so persuasively has exposed them as false shepherds, false teachers, false prophets, false healers, and false “christs.”¹⁴ Their departure reveals not only who they are, but who they have been all along. We thought them Christians; we thought them devoted; we thought them faithful; we thought them *anointed*. But they prove that they only sought Christianity for what it could give them: a prosperous ministry, magnificent buildings, dramatic “conversions,” fame and glory. But the Lord is now gleaning His Church; therefore these counterfeits must go.

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As an inevitable consequence, the false leaders are taking a number of souls with them.¹⁵ Many who followed after them were only seeking their own selfish gain as well: a better job, bigger house, peaceful marriage, obedient children, and a wholesome lifestyle. But they never truly understood the depths of devotion and obedience required, or the pain and suffering they would have to endure in order to name the name of Christ.¹⁶ They never fully intended to obey all God's precepts—only the ones most convenient—that didn't require any real sacrifice. But now, seeing they have come up short, and blaming the Christianity they once embraced so passionately, they are leaving the faith as well.¹⁷ And Jesus is letting them go.

Count the Cost

Unlike the modern evangelistic crusades, the masses do not enter the Kingdom of God all at once. No. Souls enter in one by one. For salvation is a personal, individual, and intimate *appointment with destiny*. When Jesus walked this earth the masses flocked to hear Him; some even desired to make Him a king.¹⁸ But ultimately the crowds dispersed and turned away.¹⁹ The cost was too high. Only a small handful remained faithful to the end. No, the masses do not all enter at once. They never did.

Today's departing ones either did not count the cost,²⁰ or else they desired to put off payment²¹ for another day.²² That day has arrived. They have lived the Christian life "on credit." But historic faith can never pay that debt or save the lost soul. The only payment on man's part that God will ever receive is true and saving faith, as demonstrated by true and saving repentance. So unless Jesus has paid the other side of that debt for them *personally*, they are being evicted—and they must go.²³

Question: *Is Jesus not strong enough to hold onto them, seeing that they placed their faith in Him, and therefore He holds them in the palm of His hand?*²⁴ Answer: The question is not whether Jesus is strong enough, or faithful to keep His promise. The real question is—Whether Jesus *ever* held them in His hands in the first place! The fact that they are departing means they *never* knew Jesus. And more importantly—Jesus *never knew them!*²⁵

Let Them Go

During His earthly ministry, Jesus did not beg or chase after the departing ones. When the rich young man realized what he would have to give up in order to follow the Lord, he turned away sorrowful—and Jesus let him go.²⁶ When the Lord gave such profound teachings the people found too difficult to believe, and therefore turned away—Jesus let them go.²⁷ He never chased after souls. He invited them, healed them, reprimanded them, tested them, encouraged them, forgave them, and loved them. But He left them to decide which path they would choose. He stood on the ground of His authority and said, "Come." And as they turned away because His teachings were too hard—Jesus let them go.

Sadducees Among Us

This departure from the truth of the faith is not a tragedy but a necessity—a fulfillment of Bible prophecy,²⁸ and a foretaste of the coming harvest, when the tares will be separated from the wheat.²⁹ For *their* Lord is merely the Jesus of history. They live as Christians, talk like Christians. They claim a Name that lives—but they are dead. There is no presence of the Holy Spirit either *with them* or *in them*. These are Sadducees, who have never believed in the true Inward Resurrection of the Spirit—and therefore they have never received it for themselves. They have rejected the Life and Power of the Inward Christ—and therefore Christ has rejected them,³⁰ and is spewing them out of His mouth! Therefore, *They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us: but they went out, that it might be made manifest that they were not of us.*³¹

Jesus is letting them go—and so should we.³²

NOTES & SCRIPTURES

Scriptures are from the King James Bible

- 1 *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. (Joh 14:17)
- 2 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: (Rom 5:12)

For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.(Rom 6:23)
- 3 I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. (Rev 3:1)
- 4 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear. (Isa 59:2)
- 5 Wherefore I abhor *myself*, and repent in dust and ashes. (Job 42:6)
- 6 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. (2Ch 7:14)
- 7 For the wages of sin *is* death...(Rom 6:23)
- 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. (Eph 2:8-9)
- 9 If ye love me, keep my commandments. (Joh 14:15)

And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. (1Jn 2:3)
- 10 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils. (1Ti 4:1)
- 11 And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. (2Ti 4:4)

New Age practices currently infiltrating the Church: Astrology, Horoscopes, Channeling, Crystals, Ecumenism, Enneagrams, Environmentalism, Grave Soaking, Healing Oils, Hinduism, Karma (good or bad), Law of Attraction, Meatless Diet (Veganism, Vegetarianism), Monism, Necromancy, Pantheism, Personality Testing, Positive Confession, Prosperity

Teachings, Occult and Fantasy books and movies, Praying to Angels, Reiki, Reincarnation, Self-love (Narcissism), Sozo, Splanka, Spirit Guides, Syncretism, Tarot Cards (and Angel Cards), belief in UFO's and Aliens, Witchcraft, Yoga, etc., etc.

- 12 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him*. (2Co 11:4)
- 13 *Faith Deconstruction Movement*: See articles at GotQuestions.org and Wikipedia.
- 14 "Christ" is the Greek word for "anointed." Thus a false christ is a false anointed one; someone who claims to be anointed by God—but is not.
- 15 Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch. (Mat 15:14)
- 16 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. (Mat 16:24)
- 17 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother. And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up. Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!(Luk 18:20-24)
- 18 When Jesus perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone. (Joh 6:15)
- 19 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. From that *time* many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. (Joh 6:64-66)

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- 20** And he said to *them* all, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. (Luk 9:23)
- 21** "Payment:" Meaning their own part in the conversion experience, as demonstrated by true brokenness, true repentance, and true faith in Jesus Christ. For true conversion **MUST** be preceded by these in order for the sacrifice of Christ to be applied.
- 22** Repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. (Act 20:21)
- 23** After the sop Satan entered into [Judas]. Then Jesus said to him, That thou doest, do quickly...then [Judas] having received the sop, immediately **went out:** and it was night. (Joh 13:27,30)
- 24** And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand. (Joh 10:28-29)
- 25** But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. (Joh 6:64)
- 26** And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is none good but one, that is, God.* Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother. And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions. (Mar 10:17-22)
- 27** Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard *this*, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you? *What* and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are

life. But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. From that *time* many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.(Joh 6:60-66)

- 28** Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition. (2Th 2:3)
- 29** Let both grow together until the harvest...I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn. (Mat 13:30)
- 30** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (Mat 7:23)
- Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear *them* in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble. (Jer 11:14)
- If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear *me*: (Psa 66:18)
- 31** 1John 2:19.
- 32** Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. (2Ti 3:5)