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SCRIPTURE READING: **1 John 4:2, 1 Timothy 3:16,**

Matthew 27:54 and Mark 15:39

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1. BACKGROUND

- a. Our text today is from the **Gospel of John**. I take the position that John is the author of this book because all the other apostles were dead.
- b. It was possibly written close to A. D. 100.
- c. The **Gospel of John** was written primarily for believers. This book appears to be simple, yet it is very profound.
- d. John emphasizes both the Deity and the humanity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **John 1:11-12** tells us, *He came unto His own, and his own received Him not. 12: But as many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on His name.*
- e. John uses some unique expressions. As an example, in **John 14:20** he says, *At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.* We know the term, **"ye in me" means salvation;** and **"I in you" means sanctification.**
- f. There is no question that John writes a spiritual Gospel and he leaves no stones unturned. John does not take us to Bethlehem, but to the beginning.
- g. The **Book of John** opens by saying *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* **John 1:1**
- h. **"In the beginning"** goes back as far as our minds can go and we will find Jesus there in eternity past.
- i. **There is no question that the Lord Jesus was both human and Divine.** John tells us in **John 1:3** that *All things were made by Him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*
- j. In **John 1:14**, he tells us, *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.* John was speaking of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself coming to save mankind.
- k. The **Book of John** covers the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ more extensively than any other gospel writer.
- l. John gives us seven appearances of our Lord Jesus after His resurrection.
 1. The first and most dramatic appearance was to Mary Magdalene in the garden.
 2. The second appearance was to the disciples in the upper room, **Thomas being absent.**
 3. The third appearance was again to the disciples in the upper room when **Thomas was present.**
 4. The fourth appearance was by the Sea of Galilee.
 5. There were three other appearances by our Saviour as He showed Himself **alive for forty days**

after His resurrection by many infallible proofs. Acts 1:3, To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

- m. It was on the fortieth day that Jesus ascended into heaven and took His seat at the right hand of the Father. **Acts 1:11, Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Acts 2:33, Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.**
- n. He commissioned and prepared Simon Peter in his discourse in **John 21:15-17** as He quizzed him about his love for Him. *So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. 16: He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. 17: He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.*
- o. Peter got the message. On the Day of Pentecost he preached and 3000 souls were saved.
- p. The Lord Jesus said in **John 8:12, Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.** In **John 14:6,** Jesus said, *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.* In **John 6:35,** Jesus speaks again, *And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.*
- q. John gives us the purpose of the writing of this particular book in **John 20:30-31** when he says, *And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.*
- r. The **Gospel of John** leaves no stones unturned. We already know it is not by works of righteousness that we are saved. He emphatically tells Nicodemus it is not about religion. **John 3:3, Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**
- s. John tells us in no uncertain terms that Jesus is the way. Jesus is the one who went to the cross and died for our sins according to the Scriptures.
- t. The Deity of Christ is emphasized in this Gospel. It is considered the foreground; however, John has not lost sight of the humanity of Christ.
- u. It tells us our Lord was weary of His journey as He went through Samaria. It also tells us He wept which points out the fact of His humanity. **John 4:6, Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. John 11:35, Jesus wept.**
- v. The last thing I want to emphasize from this remarkable book is that **John 16:28** says, I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.
- w. God became a man. This is a simple statement and a fact of the **Gospel of John. John 1:14, And the Word was made 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.**
- x. A short brief on the themes in the **Book of John** are:
 1. God loves each of us so much that he gave us His son so that anyone believing in Jesus should not perish, but shall have eternal life. John 3:16, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
 2. Miracles are given not only to heal, but also as a sign pointing to Jesus. **Mark 16:20, And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.**
 3. God expects us to love not only Him, but our neighbors also.
 4. Christ understands our hurts. He paid the supreme sacrifice to heal them. This healing involves the sin-sick soul. **Isaiah 53:5-6, 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. 6: 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. John 15:3, Now ye are clean through the word which I**

have spoken unto you. **1 Peter 2:24**, Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

- The Holy Spirit gives us an eternal peace which the world cannot understand, cannot manufacture, and cannot purchase. **Romans 5:1**, Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2. INTRODUCTION

- I want to introduce this message today with a poem I found in my study entitled, "**One Solitary Life.**" The author is unknown.

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He worked in a carpentry shop until he was thirty. Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. When the tides of popular opinion turned against Him, his friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies. He was tried and convicted. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never traveled more than 200 miles from the place where He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accomplish greatness. Yet all the armies that ever marched, and all the governments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned have not affected life on this earth as powerful as that one, solitary life.

- This speaks of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
- Let's go to the **Book of 1 John**, **Book of 1 Timothy**, **Book of Matthew** And the **Book of Mark**, as we talk about the subject Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, And Word was made flesh, God was manifested in the flesh, Truly this was the son of God and Truly this man was the son of God.

3. FOUR POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

I. Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God.

- 1 John 4:2**, Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:
- He is telling us that we can test the spirit.
- He is talking about the incarnation of Jesus Christ.
- There was a miraculous conception; Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, there was Calvary, the Garden of Gethsemane, and the Garden tomb.
- This means nothing if Jesus Christ is not who He said He is.
- The false teachers and prophets will deny the very Deity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
- This doesn't mean they don't talk nicely about Him and compliment Him. They say He was a good man and prophet. But the question is; is Jesus Christ who He said He is? Is He the only begotten Son of God or is He the one and only Son of God.
- Was He God manifested in the flesh? Does not Timothy declare that Jesus Christ is God?
- The Bible tells us in **1 Timothy 3:16**, And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.
- If we read this in the New International Version it says "He" was manifested in the flesh. "Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory." **(NIV 1978)**
- My question is; who is He? **The very Deity of Christ is being attacked and denied.**
- The NIV also leaves out that Jesus Christ came in the flesh.
- Even **John 3:16** is deceitfully changed.
- Our Bible says **John 3:16**, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
- The NIV says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
- How can he be the one and only son of Mary when the Preserved Word of God clearly declares Mary had other children and even gives their names? **Matthew 13:55-56**, Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? 56: And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things? (NIV) "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? 56: Aren't all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" **According to the previous verses I conclude that the NIV does not set forth the truth.** I have been using a 1978 version of the NIV however, we discovered by

- accident, that there have been two revisions since that time which reflect different information, As an example the 1978 version speaks of Jesus going "Through the heavens" and now it has been changed to "ascended into heaven" (**Hebrew 4:14**)
17. This cannot be true. Jesus was the only begotten Son because He was Deity; God in the flesh and what God required, God in fact had to provide.
 18. *When you deny the incarnation and the Deity of Christ, then you deny the work of Christ on the cross.*
 19. **Our salvation rests upon who Jesus Christ is and it must match up with who He claimed to be.**
 20. The Preserved Word of God says He was without a doubt the Son of God. **Hebrews 4:14**, *Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. **John 6:69**, And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.*
 21. False teachers attempt to bring Him down by complimenting Him.
 22. I believe that **John 1:14** should settle all disputes. **And the Word was made 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.**
 23. John is addressing one of the earliest heresies of Gnosticism head on.
 24. Gnostics believe that the Christ came upon Jesus at His baptism and left Him at Calvary. *There is nothing further from the truth! This is pure trash.*
 25. The Word of God teaches that Jesus was a babe in the manger, a remarkable child, and fulfilled everything God required.
 26. **Romans 4:25, Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. Isaiah 9:6, 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.**
 27. The Son came out of eternity; the ancient of days, but the child is humanity conceived in the virgin's womb.
 28. He came forth from Bethlehem where the shepherds visited Him at the stable and the wise men visited Him later on in the house.
 29. He was the Prince of Peace; He came to make peace through the blood of His cross. **Colossians 1:20, And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.**
 30. The important thing for us to know is that *false prophets will lead us to believe that Jesus Christ was a created being.*

m. God was manifest in the flesh.

1. **1 Timothy 3:16**, *And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.*
2. This verse constitutes the creed of any local church.
3. Without controversy means it is obvious.
4. *great is the mystery of godliness:* - We will never understand God in His entirety. What He intends for us to grasp, is the plan of salvation – the fact that He paid the penalty for our sin.
5. He gives righteousness for our belief.
6. **God was manifest in the flesh.** - This very beautiful Scripture is teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ in His miraculous conception, the virgin birth, the fact that He existed before His incarnation, His existence before He was human.
7. He was in the form of God and He was equal with God. **Philippians 2:6, Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:**
8. Hebrews speaks of Christ being the brightness of His glory. **Hebrews 1:3, Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;**
9. The Lord Jesus Christ is God in the Spirit. **John 4:24, God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.**
10. **Psalms 45:6, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. Psalms 110:1, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.**

11. There is no question these verses set forth the Lord Jesus Christ in beautiful terms.
12. When He was born in manger – He was God. When He walked the face of the earth – He was God. He is God now that He is seated at the right hand of the Father. **Colossians 1:16**, *For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: John 1:3, All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*
13. **John 1:14**, *And the Word was made 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.*
14. God has manifested Himself in the flesh to identify with sinful mankind.
15. *justified in the Spirit*, - He was justified in the Spirit and manifested in the flesh. His Deity and His humanity were intact.
16. He never used both of them at the same time.
17. He came to give forth the Revelation of God. He is the mediator between God and man. **1 Timothy 2:5**, *For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;*
18. There were angels at His virgin birth. His glory was seen at His baptism and at His transfiguration.
19. *received up into glory*. – this speaks of His ascension. One of these days, just as He ascended from the Mount of Olives, He will come back to the Mount of Olives but this time as King of kings and Lord of lords. **Zechariah 14:4**, *And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.*

n. Truly this was the Son of God.

1. **Matthew 27:54**, *Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.*
2. At the time of His arrest the things that occurred at the crucifixion caused the centurion to say truly this was the Son of God.
3. We have reflected on this in great detail during a previous message. Do not forget He was sown a natural body, and raised a spiritual body. **1 Corinthians 15:44**, *It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.*
4. No enemy laid his hand upon Jesus Christ after He was bodily resurrected. He showed Himself alive by many infallible proofs for forty days.
5. He appeared to more than 500 brethren at one time. **1 Corinthians 15:6**, *After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.*
6. He was seen of the angels. This does not mean He was an angel. **He is not Michael and Michael is not Jesus.** Jesus is the Son of God.
7. Jesus was preached unto the Gentiles. When the nation Israel rejected the Gospel, it went to the Gentiles.
8. Paul was obligated to take the Gospel to the Jew first then it went to the Gentiles.
9. We are grafted in. **Romans 11:17**, *And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;* Not as Jewish proselytes but to the body of the Lord Jesus Christ and He gives us His righteousness. **Romans 3:22**, *Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:*
10. Before He does that He is going to call us up in the air. **1 Thessalonians 4:1**, *Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*
11. He tells us to not let our heart be troubled. **John 14:1-3**, *Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2: In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3: And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*

o. Truly this man was the Son of God

1. **Mark 15:39**, *And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out,*

and gave up the ghost, he said, **Truly this man was the Son of God.**

2. Let's examine for a moment a few of the credentials of this Roman Centurion.
 - a. First, He was a pagan Roman citizen.
 - b. His job responsibility was a cruel one. He was to carry out the crucifixion of various individuals. I would say that for a man to fully accomplish that his heart is not in the right place. But notice the sudden change.
 1. He was not a follower of the Apostle Paul, nor any of the other Apostles.
 2. He had not been schooled in the doctrinal aspect of The Lord Jesus Christ coming into the world to save mankind.
 3. He was not wrapped up in theology or any of the other things that people get wrapped up into today.
3. This is the work of the Holy Spirit to draw men and women to the Lord Jesus Christ. As he watched the Lord Jesus Christ die, his heart was touched. This was not head belief, it was heart belief. I truly believe this pagan Centurion came to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
4. We think that there is magic in the sinner's prayer, but there really is not. Just to acknowledge, not from the head but from the heart, that "**Truly this man was the Son of God**" is enough to bring one to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
5. Salvation, God's way is really not difficult. The way to God is through sacrifice and the Lord Jesus Christ is indeed God.

Hebrews 10:12, *But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;*
6. The profession of this man goes from a confession to a conversion.

4. CONCLUSION

- a. I know the Word is accurate and has been preserved for us.

Psalms 12:6-7, *The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7: Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.*
- b. I know Jesus went to the cross to save me. I put my faith and trust in the Lord Jesus and he has saved my soul for all eternity.
- c. He is able to do the same thing for you today.
- d. He is not in the manger today. He is not on the cross. He bodily rose from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and presented His blood at the Throne of God. You, today, like the shepherds, can come to Him.
- e. When the shepherds heard the news, they immediately got busy. They left their flock and went to see what all the excitement was about with respect to the Lord Jesus Christ. The wise men traveled from afar, but they saw the star and moved with haste to worship the young child.
- f. He will cancel all your sin. He will clear your record. He will save your soul. **Matthew 11:28-29**, *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29: Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*
- g. Would you trust in God's only Son, Jesus today?
- h. Jesus said, *"I am the way, the truth and the light. No man cometh unto the Father but by me."*
- i. **Acts 16:31**, *And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.*
- j. **Romans 3:23**, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
- k. **Romans 3:10**, *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*
- l. **Romans 10:9-10**, *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*
- m. Would you stand, please?

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