

Today's 2 Pager – Evidence Reveals the True Christ

If there is still a debate with respect to who is Jesus, then it seems we are all right in our own eyes when it comes to how we align with this question. It might be wise to dig in and study this a little closer. If we prefer to use what Scriptures have to say, then we come across that there will be false Christs. Jesus himself warns us about these false Christs and that there will be many. They will come in his name. Let us start with Acts 4 and the importance put on the name of Jesus that would even warrant why false Christs should appear. What we know is that Jesus name is what has been given to us so that we might believe. Therefore it stands to reason there will be counterfeits. After reading this passage in Acts it will seem like there is a narrow way and only one such way that leads to salvation.

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, 9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; 10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. 11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. 12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. 13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. 14 And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. (Acts 4; 8-14)

There is much to be learned in this passage where the setting is showing a little bit of heaven on earth that demonstrates a power to heal an impotent man reveals the power of Jesus Christ Risen. We have God that raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Then we have the means by which this healing was demonstrated and in open display amongst the people. It states that resurrection power was on display in this man now standing whole. We learn that the crowd was smart and Peter and John were perceived to be ignorant men. The true church fathers were unlearned and ignorant. Would you say that of your church fathers? Then the swim lane gets really narrow. Peter says “be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Isreal, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth the one you rejected stands whole in your presence and that there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. If the work of God is in your midst then there is not much the enemy can say against you.

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Rejecting Christ is then linked to a scolding that these killers of Christ led to God raising him up. And now there are things present – healings that show us the goodness of God that should lead even these killers of Christ to repentance where they now will have to be humbled to be saved under that same name. No wonder Satan wants to push false Christs into the world. However, they in general remained stiff necked but could not say anything to dissuade such acts of holiness in their midst.

While it has been my first impression there would be those that would call out to you claiming they hold that name – I am the Christ and I am over here. Or another saying here I am in the desert. But I think there are whole religious orders that spring up as false Christs saying come with me, follow me, and the end of such will not be so good.

An illustration of this occurs when I go out in the concourse of people I will ask a question. People like two things – one is to hear themselves talk and the other is to think they are not ignorant, so questions really grab a potential listener. Billy Graham the evangelist would often ask the most critical questions that could be asked – are you ready to die, do you know if you would go to heaven or hell. Do you know tomorrow is not promised? Like John the Baptist there was a warning, there was a call to repentance, there was a warning of judgement if you did not make peace with God. Yet John was just preparing the way in his baptism. He pointed to Jesus.

Let us now take away a focus from this discussion – and look at the Jesus that can be found in church doctrine and then see if they are false Christs saying low, I am here... and they are wolves in sheep's clothing.

There is a question I often ask a passerby. It is as follows: “why did God have only one son.” If almost always – maybe always – the answer, I get after a long stare like a deer in a headlight. “No, I have never even thought that was something to wonder” or “The Bible says one, and that was good enough for me.” Some, more inquisitive, want to know and it becomes of interest to consider why did God even tell me this in his Word. I may lead the question with why not 10 sons as if to bring significance to the question and add that if God is making a big deal of it by saying in the transfiguration – listen to him and at his baptism of John, this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased.

At this point I am not going to tell you why and I will not let you off the hook to get you thinking about the matter. Look up the versus if they were not cited and have a circumspect read.

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