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THE WORLD IS ASKING, WHO IS JESUS? JESUS WEPT!

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The World is asking WHO IS JESUS, but the world really doesn't want to know the truth for the truth will cost them, and the Christian world as a whole, is not ready to pay the price that comes with knowing just Who Jesus REALLY IS. Our morals have fallen so severely in the last few years, that Isaiah says in chapter 59: 14 "Truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.

15. Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment."

When we watch the News, or read in the Newspapers, the tragic results that happens to someone that reports a suspicious act, or by someone that might do us, or our Country harm, it causes a fear that we might be convicted of profiling or accusing that person's free speech to be violated, and this is what Isaiah says: We become a prey, then many of our liberties, "OUR Freedom of speech" has been taken away because of "Truth that truly has fallen in the streets." We cannot perform our duty and report suspicious happenings because of the laws of our land that have been changed in the recent past, and which were welcomed by the courts in our earlier generations

- 2nd Timothy 3:1 "This, know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
- 2. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
- 3. Without NATURAL affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce despisers of those that are good,
- 4. Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.
- 5. Having a FORM of godliness, but denying the power thereof, FROM SUCH TURN AWAY."

I have lived a LONG TIME, I am 80 years old, and I don't agree with what the reporters and others say. When I was younger, this nation, our USA, was referred to as a CHRISTIAN NATION. I NEVER heard any other description but that. Now we have to adhere to this information that we never were a Christian Nation. We have almost totally thrown our Salvation overboard, and I realize that our own Bible is being watered down every day that a new translation is printed. Even though this is true, God said that HIS WORD would never return to Him void but it would accomplish the purpose in the thing whereto He sent it, Isaiah 55:12.

I know that the "other religions" have different "Torahs" and "Korans" but Jesus said, "I AM the WAY, the truth, and the life: NO MAN cometh unto the Father BUT BY ME" This WORD of God, THE ONLY TRUE WORD OF GOD, has been protected by God, and carried down through the Ages of time, and there is NO OTHER WAY INTO HEAVEN!

But Jesus also said, in Luke 13:24, "STRIVE to enter in at the STRAIT gate: for <u>many</u>, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

- 25. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:
- 26. Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.
- 27. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity."

There is not an easy do nothing access into Heaven. There are many Scriptures that point to enduring trials, and tribulations, and the instructions that IF we ENDURE through these trials, wars, famines, pestilences, earthquakes, false prophets, to the END, we shall be saved Matthew 24: 6-13.

Another illustration that Jesus speaks of is found in Matthew 25:1- 12. There were 10 Virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. Five of the Virgins were wise and five were foolish. The wise Virgins took their lamps and also took more oil with them. The unwise Virgins took their lamps, but they took no oil with them. At midnight (the darkest hour before the dawn) a cry was made, "The bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." All of the ten Virgins rose and begin to trim their lamps, but the ones that had made no provision for the wait, ran out of oil, and asked the other five to share their oil with them. The 5 Wise Virgins said, "Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

- 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.
- 11. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord open to us.
- 12. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.
- 13. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

Does this mean that the 5 unwise Virgins were lost? No, but they were not allowed to be a part of the 100 fold, the Bride of Christ. They could not bring themselves to let go of all their worldly pleasures and "Come out from among them and be separate," 2nd Corinthians 6:17. I have said that there is not an easy walk with the Lord and an easy do nothing Way into Heaven. The world seems to think that everybody will enter into Heaven and life as we know it here on this earth, will just continue, but the Bible is not written to the "sinners" it is written to the Christians. John 9:31 "Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth."

We often hear people say that when their loved one died they went immediately to Heaven, but if that is true, then who will Jesus raise at the resurrection of the righteous dead? These are foolish statements made by those that either do not serve the Lord, or are just plainly not aware of what the Bible indicates.

THIS IS WHO JESUS REALLY IS!

Isaiah 52:13 "Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and

be very high.

- 14 As many were atonied (astonished) at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:
- 15 So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider."

READING from Isaiah 53:1-12 "Who hath believed our report? To whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?

- 2. For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form, nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.
- 3. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrow, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
- 4. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
- 5. 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. <u>All we like sheep have gone astray</u>; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- 7. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.
- 8. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? For he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.
- 9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.
- 10. <u>YET IT PLEASED THE LORD TO BRUISE HIM</u>; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his SOUL an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.
- 11. He shall see of the travail of his SOUL, and shall be satisfied: by HIS KNOWLEDGE shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall BEAR THEIR INIQUITIES.
- 12. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured his SOUL unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

THE WHOLE CHRISTIAN WORLD REALLY NEEDS TO KNOW WHO THIS JESUS REALLY IS! AND WHAT HE REALLY GAVE FOR EACH LOST PERSON IN THIS WORLD!

Begin with Hebrews 2:7 "Thou madest him a <u>little lower than the angels</u>; thou crownedst him <u>with glory and honor</u>, and didst set him over the work of thy hands:

8. Thou <u>hast put all things in subjection under his feet</u>. For in that he put all in subjection under him, <u>he left nothing</u> that is not put under him. BUT <u>NOW</u> we see <u>not YET</u> all things

put under him.

9 <u>But we see Jesus</u>, who was <u>made a little lower than the angels</u> for the suffering of death, <u>crowned with glory and honor</u>; <u>that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.</u>"

For those that are not acquainted with the Bible, nor well read therein, and who might not understand what these Scriptures are referring to, we need to go to 1st Corinthians 15: 20-28 and I quote, 20. "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

- 21. For since by man came death, (Adam) by man came also the resurrection of the dead (Jesus).
- 22. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
- 23. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.
- 24. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.
- 25. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.
- 26. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.
- 27. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.
- 28. And when all things shall subdued unto him then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all."

The FATHER, the God of all Grace, made His ONLY <u>begotten Son</u> lower that the Angels of Heaven. None of the Angels had ever given their lives for any reason. In fact there was NEVER a plan made for them to be saved if they sinned, 1st Peter 1:12. We certainly know and we have record that Lucifer sinned and was cast out of heaven, Isaiah 14, and yet God choose to make Jesus a little lower than the angels including Lucifer. Then in Hebrews 1: 14, we read that God has now brought Jesus from being lower than the angels to being made so much better than the angels. That is the place that God is trying to take each of us that are Christians to.

NOW GO TO Hebrews 1:1-14 "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

- 2. Hath in these LAST DAYS spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;
- 3. Who being the brightness of his glory, and the EXPRESS IMAGE of his person, (Jesus was made the image and brightness of God the Father Himself) and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he (Jesus) had by HIMSELF purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;
- 4. Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.
- 5. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?
- 6. And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the

angels of God worship him.

- 7. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.
- 8. BUT unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom.
- 9. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness <u>ABOVE</u> thy fellows.
- 10. And thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:
- 11. They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;
- 12. And as a vesture, shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.
- 13. But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?"

Jesus gained all of this glory and image of His Father <u>by inheritance and the things that He suffered.</u> The Angels were not a part of the Family of God; they were created! But when we understand the Scripture, we have the promise and privilege, of becoming a part of the Family in Heaven by inheritance, obedience and suffering the trials and tribulations of the Gospel. Romans 8:17 "If children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we SUFFER with him, that we be glorified together."

JESUS, whom the world doesn't seem to know, was promised by His Father, a kingdom, where He will become King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is to receive this glory and honor and majesty by His obedience to God His Father, and all the humility and suffering that He bore for our sins, and yet some of the world today think that we will receive everything that received, if we just believe. Jesus was made fun of, and on many occasions was near being stoned to death.

Jesus was made <u>better</u> than the angels by the things that he suffered, and by His <u>obedience</u> to God the Father, Hebrews 2:9-10 "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels <u>for the suffering of death</u>, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

10. For it became him, <u>for whom are all things</u>, <u>and by whom are all things</u>, in <u>bringing</u> <u>many sons unto glory</u>, to make the *captain* of their salvation <u>perfect through sufferings</u>."

John 11:1 "A certain man was sick named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

- 2. (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)
- 3. Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.
- 4. When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be GLORIFIED thereby."

John 9:1-3 "And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

2. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he

was born blind?

- 3. Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be manifest in him.
- 4 I MUST WORK the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.
- 5. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Return to Chapter 11 and read from verse 5 through 35.

When Jesus heard the news that Lazarus was sick He stayed 2 more days in the same place. His disciples reminded Him that he should go into Judea again. They wanted to hurry and go to pray for Lazarus. Jesus told them in verse 14 that Lazarus was dead, and said, "I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us forth to him. The Disciples said that they would die with Lazarus. (How foolish is this? We say many things like this, I just want to die, but if we were presented with death, our minds would change in a hurry) they arrived four days later. Almost everyone had given up on the death of Lazarus, but Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die, BELIEVEST THOU THIS?

They could not see the truth that even though Lazarus had died, the resurrecting power of Jesus was there to raise Lazarus from the dead! AND THEN JESUS WEPT. Even after they observed Jesus weeping, those that were gathered there, thought that Jesus wept because Lazarus had died. He did not weep because Lazarus had died, for He WAS the RESURRECTION, but He wept because of the UNBELIEF OF THE PEOPLE, INCLUDING HIS OWN DISCIPLES.

- 2^{ND} Timothy 2: 11 "It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, WE SHALL ALSO LIVE WITH HIM:
- 12. If we suffer, we shall also reign with him:"