

Jesus, The Prophesied Savior

“Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?”

“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. **He is** despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief: and **we hid** as it were our faces from him; **he was** despised, and **we esteemed** him not. Surely, **he hath** borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: yet **we did** esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 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.

“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.

“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. **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. 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. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; **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. **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. Therefore, will I divide him a portion with the great, and **he shall** divide the spoil with the strong; because **he hath** poured out his soul unto death: and **he was** numbered with the transgressors; and **he bare** the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.” (Isa. 53:1–12)

Jesus, The Crucified Savior

“THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

“And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, **(1)** Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And **we** indeed justly; **(2)** for **we** receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto **(3)** Jesus, Lord, remember **me** when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, **(4)** To day shalt thou be with **me** in paradise.” (Luke 23:38–43)

“But we preach Christ crucified—Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.” (1 Cor. 1:23–24)

Jesus, The Rock

Perhaps, unknowingly, the wise malefactor’s comments point to Jesus as the ROCK upon which the Church would be built.

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever” (Heb. 13:8).

The wise malefactor’s comments, and the parallel Old Testament Scriptures.

(1) “Dost not thou fear God?”

“For, who is God, save the LORD? And who is a **ROCK**, save our God.” (Psalm 22:23)

(2) “For we receive the due reward for our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.”

“To shew that the LORD is upright: he is my **ROCK**, and there is no unrighteousness in him.” (Ps. 92:15) “He is the **ROCK**, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: A God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.” (Deut. 32:4)

“And when he (Jesus) saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.” (Luke 5:20)

(3) “Jesus, remember me when thou comest into thy Kingdom.”

“Deliver me in thy righteousness and cause me to escape, incline thine ear unto me, and save me. Be, thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: Thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my **ROCK** and my fortress.” (Ps. 71:2–3) “Unto thee will I cry, O LORD my **ROCK**; be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.” (Ps. 28:1)

(4) Jesus’s response: “To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.”

These scriptures reveal the joy the wise malefactor must have experienced that day.

“The LORD liveth; and blessed be my **ROCK**; and exalted be the God of the **ROCK** of my salvation.” (2 Sam. 22:47) “The LORD is my **ROCK**, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust.” (Ps. 18:2) “O Come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the **ROCK** of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods ... O Come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. For **he** is our God; and we are the people of **his** pasture, and the sheep of **his** hand.” (Ps. 95:1–3, 6–7)

Jesus, Our Creator

“In the beginning **God created** the heaven and the earth—And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. So **God created** man in his own image, in the image of **God created** he him; male and female created he them.” (Genesis 1:1, 26–27) “In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word was God**. The same

was in the beginning with God. **All things were made by him**; and without him was not any thing made that was made. **In him was life**; and the **life was the light** of men—He was in the world, and **the world was made by him**, and the world knew him not—

“As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that **believe on his name**: Which were **born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but **of God**.

“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—grace and truth came by **Jesus Christ**.” (John 1:1–4, 10, 12–14, 17)

Jesus Our Friend

“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

“Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much **fruit**; so, shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath **loved** me, so have I **loved** you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall **abide** in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments and **abide** in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my **joy** might remain in you, and that your **joy** might be full. This is my commandment, That ye **love** one another, as I have **loved** you. Greater **love** hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his **friends**. Ye are my **friends**, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you **friends**; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have **chosen** you, and **ordained** you, that ye should go and **bring forth** fruit, and that your fruit should **remain**: that whatsoever ye shall **ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you**. These things I **command you, that ye love one another**—But when the Comforter is come, whom I **will send unto you from the Father**, even the **Spirit of truth**, which proceedeth from the Father, **he shall testify of me**: And ye also shall

bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.” (John 15:7–17; 26–27)

Jesus, Our Protector

“But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But **continue thou in** the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known **the holy scriptures**, which are able to make thee **wise unto salvation through faith** which is **in Christ Jesus**. All scripture is **given by inspiration of God**, and is **profitable for doctrine**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for **instruction** in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all **good works**.” (2 Tim. 3:13–17)

Jesus, Our “White—ousness!”

“These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them **white** in the **blood** of the Lamb.” (Rev. 7:14)

“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.” (John 3:16)

“But without **faith** it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that **He is a Rewarder of them that Diligently Seek Him**.” (Heb. 11:6)



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Jesus, “I am the **light** of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the **light** of life—As long as I am in the world, I am the **light** of the world—believe in the **light**, that ye may be the children of **light**.” (John 8:12; 9:5; 12:36)

Paul, “The Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a **light** of the Gentiles, That thou shouldest be for **salvation** unto the ends of the earth.” (Acts 13:47)

WHO IS JESUS ?

Christians – Followers of Jesus

“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

“And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.” (Col. 2:8–15)

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