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God, Creator... the Father, Son, Holy Spirit Do not get confused.

This is intended to help you. Most understand God is our Creator and that we are Blessed with his Holy Spirit.

When it gets to facing death, those who do not accept God for so many reasons, have only one regret... why did I not believe earlier in my life... it would have made a difference.

Today we will talk about Jesus and his walk to Emmaus.



Jesus is God, the Son. Believe in Him and Love Him. He is your Savior.

Many do not understand the details, so rather than leave things unanswered let us talk about a few things that will not only strengthen your belief, but get you to Heaven, and just as importantly help you get others to heaven by understanding the Holy Trinity.

Helping someone else get to Heaven? Why not just you? More later...

*I am passing on to you one of the most important videos you can watch. It's only 28 minutes long, so that will help with your short attention span.* 

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# **CAUTION**

Regardless of how much you think you can remember in one viewing, to really understand the most important person, Jesus Christ our Savior and the world's history, you will want to watch this several times.

I am also providing an outline or study guide that will help you understand for yourself and be able to communicate clearly to others, thereby helping them... get to Heaven.

As I heard recently: "you cannot get to Heaven alone. You must bring a friend." This is the current day version of what Jesus commanded us all to do: <u>Mark 16:15</u> He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

SPECIAL CAUTION: As a Nation may we <u>never</u> turn away from God. That is a very threatening but true statement... and it begins with each one of us individually.

*OK... ready? Here is your outline of some of the most important points in time, how Jesus was prophesized.* 

Pay attention and don't worry if you try to explain this to others... God will help you express yourself. He did it for Moses. Why not for you!

# Road to Emmaus Dialogue

#### If Jesus was doing so much good, why was he executed?

- ✓ they hated him.
- ✓ at first the religious leaders just disagreed with his teachings but
- ✓ then they saw him as a threat to their **power & position**

#### Who was He?

- ✓ we thought he was the Messiah who was foretold
  ✓ he would be the king our nation had been hoping for
- ✓ we put all our hope in him
- ✓ we thought he would save us

#### What was his name?

✓ Jesus of Nazareth

#### What is going on?

- ✓ These events were predicted by the prophets again and again going all the way back to the writings of Moses
- ✓ Jesus' death is in the ancient writings more than 3,000 years ago
- ✓ why are we so slow to believe the prophecies that said the Messiah would have to suffer?
- ✓ suffer exactly the way this Jesus did and only then would he enter his majesty
- ✓ Man's understanding: Some may not like this answer because as humans (children of God, mortals) we feel we want to be in control or at least make that decision or judgement for God... can you imagine????

# It was all part of a plan that began long ago at the very dawn of history

#### When God created the world there was complete perfection

- $\checkmark$  no sin, no pain, no sadness, no death
- ✓ **Paradise?** It is real, just a topic for another time.
- ✓ then evil arrived... Satan
- ✓ Satan came to unravel the harmony God had created

#### God had commanded the first man and woman, Adam and Eve, never to eat from a certain tree

- ✓ God had warned them that if they ate from that tree, they would die
- ✓ in the form of a snake Satan enticed them to disobey saying that if they took one bite, they would become equals of God
- ✓ but that wasn't true... Satan had lied

#### Adam and Eve gave in to the temptation

- ✓ rejecting God's plan for them
- ✓ immediately they felt guilt and fear
- ✓ and tried to hide from God
- ✓ disobeying God meant they would experience the consequences of their sin
- ✓ pain, suffering & death
- ✓ daily attacks from Satan, the evil one

#### That is the world we still live in today

✓ but God did not turn his back on humanity

- ✓ God went to them and announced a plan to make things right
- ✓ that one day a descendant would be born
- ✓ who would crush Satan and the power of evil
- ✓ this descendant Jesus the Messiah would bring peace again
- ✓ by restoring the relationship between God and humanity

# At first, we thought Jesus was the one... the Messiah

It did seem as if he could do anything...

#### When they were about to execute him...

- ✓ why would he *NOT* put a stop to it
- $\checkmark$  if he was the Messiah couldn't he just destroy his enemies and all the wicked
- ✓ you mean like the flood?
  - o why did He not just wipe out all the evil people
  - and who would be left?
  - Are you without sin?

#### Do not misunderstand the lesson of the flood

- ✓ in the centuries after Adam and Eve the world became increasingly depraved teeming with violence and evil
- ✓ God sent a great flood to wipe out the wicked, everyone on earth except for a small group... the family of Noah who survived in a great ark
- ✓ when the flood was over God created a rainbow
- ✓ do you remember why? To remind future generations that God would always protect them.
- ✓ but the flood was also a warning God is patient, but eventually his patience comes to an end like it did with the people of Noah's time

## There will be a day of judgment

#### Every person will one day face God to answer for their sins

- ✓ even righteous men like Noah
- ✓ even the most righteous man is capable of evil
- ✓ where there is sin... rebellion from God lies deep in every heart
- ✓ if we are all sinful and God hates sin then we are doomed... the punishment will be terrible & eternal

#### What can I do?

- ✓ can I ever do enough good to satisfy God... NO!
- ✓ no, you cannot because God requires perfection
- ✓ but take heart because God understands your situation
- ✓ God is full of compassion and mercy that is why he steps in to rescue you

#### Don't forget the promise of a Savior who will make all things right again

- ✓ He will make you perfect in God's eyes
- ✓ that is the promise made to Adam and Eve
- ✓ and then to Noah
- ✓ and then to Abraham

## The promise made to Abraham

- ✓ God told him he would have as many descendants as there are stars in the sky
- ✓ but Abraham was nearly 100 years old and his wife Sarah had been unable to have children
- ✓ but God kept his promise didn't He
- ✓ Sarah gave birth and Abraham became the patriarch of a great nation and

- ✓ God also promised that the Messiah would one day come from Abraham's descendants
- ✓ does that mean that because we are from Abraham's bloodline that we automatically inherit God's blessinas? No.
- ✓ No some may believe that they think one group is somehow superior to another but that is not what God teaches

#### Remember the original story

- God promised Abraham that all nations of the earth would be blessed through Abraham's descendant the Messiah
- ✓ Abraham believed this promise
- ✓ *that* is what made him right with God
- ✓ remember what was written
- ✓ Abraham believed and it was credited to him as righteousness

#### In God's eyes the real children of Abraham are the ones who believe in the Messiah as Abraham did

- ✓ no matter what their nationality
- ✓ we believed that Jesus was the Messiah
- ✓ but if he was... then why didn't he lead us to freedom from our enemies?

#### Ah... you expected a messiah more like Moses

- ✓ well yes in Moses' time the people were enslaved by the Egyptians and
- ✓ now we have the tyranny of the Romans
- ✓ yes, there are some similarities
  ✓ remember the whole story

#### It was rivalry among Abraham's descendants that landed them in Egypt

- $\checkmark$  where they became slaves
- ✓ the people suffered but God did not abandon them
- $\checkmark$  He rescued them by raising up a great leader in Moses
- ✓ Moses challenged the king of Egypt demanding freedom for his people
- ✓ when the king refused God brought plagues to the Egyptians

## What I don't understand...

- ✓ Moses was a great leader who fought the oppressors
- ✓ but Jesus he did not fight back at all
- ✓ quite true he did not, just like an innocent lamb
- ✓ oh I see the final plaque, it points to Jesus

#### I don't get it what was the final plague against Egypt

- well that death would come to the firstborn of every family in the land
  Except for those who kill an innocent lamb and paint its blood around their doorposts.
- ✓ Exactly God was demonstrating that the sacrifice of an innocent could mean an escape from death
- ✓ that's why we remember it every year the Passover celebration

#### The Passover that we've been celebrating since Moses' time points to Jesus

I see now maybe that explains the other night sitting with Jesus eating the Passover meal he broke the bread and said this is my body and he poured wine and said this is the blood of my covenant

#### What Jesus is saying is that in the Passover meal we should not just look back on the blood of the lamb but also ahead to the blood of the Messiah

✓ yes all these years during Passover God's people purified themselves by sacrificing a lamb they were learning that without the shedding of blood there would be no forgiveness of sins

✓ I think I see the connection between the blood of the sacrificial lambs and the blood of the Messiah but I don't understand why the Messiah's death would save anyone

#### Our religious leaders say that we have to follow the laws and rituals like the Ten Commandments

- ✓ then we'll be saved
- ✓ that's if you can follow the laws perfectly
- ✓ but the *reality is no one can*

### The commandments are a reminder of sin

- ✓ that's one of the main reasons God gave the commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai
- ✓ each of the ten, points to a weakness of the human heart revealing how every person defies God's standards... examples
  - ✓ do not worship any God except the true God
    ✓ honor your parents
    ✓ do not murder

  - ✓ do not have sex outside of marriage
  - ✓ do not steal
  - ✓ do not slander anyone
  - ✓ do not desire the belongings of others

#### Have you followed all the commandments perfectly?

- ✓ Have you ever been greedy? Hateful? lustful? Selfish?
- ✓ even thinking *wrong thoughts* is breaking the law

#### But I'm a good person

- ✓ I've helped others when I could
- ✓ I give to the poor
- ✓ maybe I'm not perfect

#### But God is perfect and he sets the standard

✓ The standard is perfection

#### What can I do the way you describe it... I can't ever be good enough

- ✓ that's because you can't
- ✓ you can't save yourself by your own attempts at goodness

#### Then you paint a bleak picture

- ✓ No don't feel hopeless
- ✓ This is the very reason the Messiah came
- $\checkmark$  to set people free from their slavery to sin

#### That's the heart of the promise made to Adam and Eve and Abraham and Moses and all people who fail to keep God's commandments ... even today ...

- ✓ the promise of a savior who will live a perfect life yet endure the punishment meant for you, paying off your debt
- ✓ making you right with God
- ✓ making you *perfect* in his eyes... that's very good news

#### But the people were expecting that this Messiah would be a powerful King assuring in an age of glory for our people... like King David

- ✓ David's story is important for a different reason
- ✓ let's talk about that

#### Long after Moses, David came to the throne with tremendous power and wealth

✓ yes he was a great leader a military hero

#### We've studied David, then

- ✓ you know he also committed many sins
- ✓ yes he had an affair with another man's wife and then
- ✓ he had her husband killed just so he could marry her
- ✓ these sins tormented David's conscience
- ✓ when confronted he *admitted* he had sinned against God

#### David repented

- ✓ God put away his sin just like Abraham and Moses before him
- ✓ David not only recognized he was a sinner but
- ✓ he also trusted God would forgive him

#### Through the promised Messiah who had come to make things right

- ✓ so are you saying today we don't need another king like David?
- ✓ you need someone more powerful than David
- ✓ a King above all Kings

# God promised a descendant who would establish a much greater Kingdom

- ✓ a kingdom that would last forever
- ✓ a kingdom of perfect peace
- ✓ and this promised descendant is Jesus

#### Yes one day everyone will recognize Jesus

- ✓ for who he is
- ✓ He is the way
- ✓ the truth
- ✓ the life
- ✓ no one comes to God the Father except through Jesus

#### So they cheered Jesus like a king and then a few days later he was publicly tortured and killed

- ✓ you're saying these very events were written about more than 3,000 years ago Isaiah saw the whole story as if it had happened already
- ✓ he wrote a child is born for us who will be called the mighty God the Prince of Peace and later he was pierced for our transgressions
- ✓ he was crushed for our iniquities

#### The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him and by His wounds we are healed

- ✓ the Lord laid on Him the wickedness of us all
- ✓ well that's Jesus exactly, he died for our sins
- ✓ that's what you've been trying to tell us isn't it
- ✓ yes

#### It's what God's been saying since the beginning

- ✓ your sin deserves punishment
- ✓ and the Messiah takes that punishment for you as if he had committed the sin
- ✓ so that you can escape the punishment you're guilty of
- ✓ and live eternally in perfection

#### A heavenly home far removed from the troubles of this world...

#### this is what Adam, Abraham, Noah, Moses and all the prophets were looking forward to

- a place where there is no hunger or thirst
  where God will wipe every tear from their eyes
- ✓ where they will see God face to face in heaven

#### There will be people from every nation, tribe, language

- ✓ all this is theirs and yours by God's love
- $\checkmark$ a love that they drove Him to die for you

#### How could we have been so deaf

- $\checkmark$  to all the times Jesus himself said He would suffer and die
- ✓ just as was prophesied
- $\checkmark$  he also said he would come alive on the third day which is today
- ✓ today... so you should see him today or do you think he was lying to you
- ✓ Jesus' prayer at Emmaus: Bukit ah Adonai eloheynu melech ha-olam
- ✓ as our fathers Abraham Isaac and Jacob were blessed by you O Lord Almighty king of the earth bless us and this food

#### Jesus it is you

- ✓ we couldn't see you alive
- ✓ the prophecies are true
- ✓ we've got to tell the others
- ✓ It all makes sense now
- ✓ Jesus is the Messiah
- ✓ the fulfillment of all the prophecies

#### It was like a burning in my heart as he explained it

- ✓ **Isaiah** had prophesied that the Messiah would be born of a virgin... Jesus was
- ✓ and the prophet *Micah* he said the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem... that's where Jesus was born
- ✓ and the prophecy said that he would come from the bloodline of Abraham and David as Jesus did
- ✓ Isaiah also prophesied that the Messiah would give sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, and make the lame walk
- $\checkmark$  we saw that with our own eyes
- ✓ he even brought the dead back to life

#### Remember three years ago when Jesus' cousin John...

- ✓ John pointed to Jesus and said behold the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world
- ✓ he was saying that Jesus is the fulfillment of the sacrificial lamb for Moses' day
- ✓ whose blood was shed for our sin
- ✓ oh and remember when Jesus was on trial they asked him if he was the long-awaited Messiah he said *I am*

#### Jesus wasn't tortured and killed for his sin because he had done no wrong

- ✓ he was punished for our sin
- $\checkmark$  paying the penalty for us as our substitute

#### and He didn't die because He was weaker than those who hated him

- ✓ He was doing what He intended to do all along
- ✓ He suffered and died because He loves us

#### He loves all people, and this was his plan all along

- ✓ yes His resurrection from the dead was the climax of a spiritual battle that God said would happen
- ✓ He crushed the power and curse of Satan just as he promised to Adam and Eve
- ✓ so the battle is over... we are free, forgiven, right with God, right now

#### Let's hurry... we saw Him. Jesus is risen from the dead

- ✓ He was in our house breaking bread and suddenly we recognized Him
- ✓ see it's just as we said... He is alive... yes
- ✓ oh we should have known He would suffer & die & rise again

#### It's all there in the scriptures

- ✓ we just hadn't seen it
- ✓ but He explained everything
- ✓ it is all right there in scriptures

#### Jesus... Peace be with you

- ✓ don't be upset
- ✓ why do you always doubt?
- ✓ look at my hands
- ✓ look at my feet
- ✓ touch me, it's really me, Jesus

#### I'm not a ghost. Ghosts that don't have flesh and bones.

### Everything I told you before comes to this

#### All the things written about the Messiah in the books of Moses and the prophets and in psalms

- ✓ those things were written about me and they had to be fulfilled
- $\checkmark$  it is written that the Messiah suffers and rises from the dead on the third day
- ✓ then repentance and forgiveness of sins is proclaimed in His name to all nations

#### Starting from here, from Jerusalem you are the first to hear and see

- ✓ you are the witnesses
  ✓ what comes next is very important

# You will receive the power to take this message to all the world and surely, I am with you always to the very end of the age

