

Which Jesus are You Serving?

Acts 4:12

As we are hurtling through this year, people are rushing around, making preparations for the Feast of Peace.

But if Jesus is the reason for the season, why don't we hear very much about Him?

A local radio station is playing non-stop christmas carols.

I don't recognize the modern ones, and their old classics are "frosty the Snowman", and "Rudolph the red nosed reindeer".

Can you imagine Paul going all over the known world making converts, by singing about Frosty and Rudolph.

1 Thessalonians 1: 5 - For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

Years ago, I encountered a Hare Krishna, who was saying "Praise the Lord". But which lord? Not The Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, who came in the flesh. There are many jesuses.

But only one is real. Acts 4: 10 to 12 - 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. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Romans 10: 8 to 11 - But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; 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. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Is it possible to have another jesus?

2 Corinthians 11: 4 - For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

Why would the devil want to have many jesuses? To confuse and deceive the people. "Craziest One drug boss killed in raid"

By Miguel Garcia, Reuters Dec.10/2010

An evangelical

Christian, Moreno, 40, was born in Apatzingan and was one of the original founders of La Familia, responsible for dozens of murders, according to official data. Moreno -- dubbed by officials as "the spiritual leader" of the cartel -- ran La Familia with a pseudo-religious philosophy preaching Bible scripture mixed with self-help slogans to prevent gang members from abusing drugs.

The group promotes the idea that it protects the local population from other traffickers and gives gifts to the poor. Founded in 2000 under a different name, the cartel is also known for its brutality.

Matthew 7: 21 to 23 - Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

John 10:27 - 30 - My sheep hear my voice, & I know them, & they follow me: & I give unto them eternal life; & they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; & no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one.

And sometime in the future, the Real Lord Jesus is coming again.

Matthew 24: 26 to 31 - Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Tsun Zu, an ancient Chinese general said, "Deception is the art of war." So satan, the original architect of that strategy puts it in use all too well. And instead of telling people; to not get saved, the devil offers up many counterfeits.

No matter how good the copy is, it is not the real thing. It is very important, because there is only one real way to heaven.

John 14: 6 & 7 - Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

What are the main categories to watch out for?

Jesus Christ, The Word, and The Blood.

Many jesuses are preached, but are they the real one?

Was jesus tortured in hell to make full propitiation?

Could some preachers have done the same?

Is the Blood of Jesus Christ all sufficient to pay the penalty for our sins? Are daily sacrifices still necessary?

Is He the only mediator between God and man?

Did Jesus come in the flesh? Are people worshipping the Baby Jesus, or the crucified and risen Saviour?

Is the whole Word of God being preached; or are the "inconvenient truths" of salvation, healing & deliverance left out?

Mark 16: 15 to 18 - And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

What does the Bible say about how we come to God?

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Sincerity is not enough for salvation; it has to be accurate.

If you are not sure about your salvation, the following prayer is a good one.

Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that You are the Son of God, the Messiah who came in the flesh to destroy the works of the devil. You died on the cross for my sins and rose again from the dead.

I now confess all my sins and repent. I claim forgiveness and cleansing. I believe that Your blood cleanses me now from all sin. Thank You for redeeming me, cleansing me, justifying me and sanctifying me in Your blood.

When believers were arrested by the Romans, they were given three chances to save themselves. All they had to do, was to deny Our Lord Jesus. When Stephen was on trial, did he back down? Acts 7: 54 to 58 - When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth. But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

And later, how did Paul's defence go? Acts 26: 24 to 28 - And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad. But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness. For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner. King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

Remember in the Old Testament of those who wouldn't deny the faith? Are there other examples of off based ideas about Jesus?

Acts 15: 1 & 2 - And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved. When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders

about this question.

Watch out for those religious spirits that try to put good works with salvation. Romans 10:9.

To-day there are many flavours of Christianity, resulting in many denominations and churches; each claiming to be the right way.

In the early Church there were many facets.

Persecutions came from outside, and deceptions from inside.

Matthew 7: 15 - Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

And then there were those who were not mature in the faith.

They were sincere, but lacking in knowledge.

Acts 18: 24 to 19: 7 - And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, & mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, & expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace: For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publickly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ. & it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? & they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve.

That's what happens when God's pastors minister after Our Lord's example. Luke 1: 1 to 4 - Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, Even as they delivered them unto

us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word; It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.

And thankfully, we have the Word of God, and led by His Holy Spirit, we can stay on the straight and narrow way.

There are more Bibles in the world now than at any other time in history. So why did the Barna Research Group reported in their 2010 summary; "The Christian Church is becoming less theologically literate. What used to be basic, universally-known truths about Christianity are now unknown mysteries to a large and growing share of Americans--especially young adults."?

What's the problem?

James 1: 21 to 25 - Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, & not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

How else are we going to learn about Jesus Christ if we don't read and study the Bible. Hebrews is a good book to study, as it is all about Our Lord Jesus Christ. FB Meyer has an excellent book on Hebrews, "The Way into the Holiest".

Win Worley, in his last few years stressed one important verse.

Romans 10: 17 - So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

There is a multitude of Biblical research material available these days. Computer software has many Bible versions, commentaries, dictionaries, maps etc., that are easy to use.

We should be asking Our Lord to open our understanding; to reveal His meanings and truths, and to help us to put them into practice. Luke 24: 44 to 49 - And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Ignorance of the Scriptures will not be a valid excuse for believers. The Lord God has provided for us another strategy to use. Yes, that's deliverance.

The religious spirits will be the main culprits here. Orion is the ruler, and works closely with Leviathan. There are many false Jesus spirits and the antichrist works against Our Lord Jesus. Unbelief and hardness of heart are other big ones. So are selfishness, idolatry, hypocrisy, a will to be deceived, evil heart of unbelief, all the counterfeits and falseness. False salvation, healing, deliverance, tongues, gifts, doctrine, interpretations of the Bible etc. Cast out demons that might have come in with the laying on of hands. Also break off curses etc. that came on you or your ancestors from leaving false religions; curses of excommunication etc.

But the main question, how much do we want to get free?

1 Chronicles 28: 20 - And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

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