

JESUS CHRIST
JEHOVAH'S KING
MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM

1. MURDER OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

- A. MATTHEW 14:1-36 AT THAT TIME HEROD THE TETRARCH HEARD THE REPORTS ABOUT JESUS, [2] AND HE SAID TO HIS ATTENDANTS, "THIS IS JOHN THE BAPTIST; HE HAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD! THAT IS WHY MIRACULOUS POWERS ARE AT WORK IN HIM." [3] NOW HEROD HAD ARRESTED JOHN AND BOUND HIM AND PUT HIM IN PRISON BECAUSE OF HERODIAS, HIS BROTHER PHILIP'S WIFE, [4] FOR JOHN HAD BEEN SAYING TO HIM: "IT IS NOT LAWFUL FOR YOU TO HAVE HER." [5] HEROD WANTED TO KILL JOHN, BUT HE WAS AFRAID OF THE PEOPLE, BECAUSE THEY CONSIDERED HIM A PROPHET. [6] ON HEROD'S BIRTHDAY THE DAUGHTER OF HERODIAS DANCED FOR THEM AND PLEASED HEROD SO MUCH [7] THAT HE PROMISED WITH AN OATH TO GIVE HER WHATEVER SHE ASKED. [8] PROMPTED BY HER MOTHER, SHE SAID, "GIVE ME HERE ON A PLATTER THE HEAD OF JOHN THE BAPTIST." [9] THE KING WAS DISTRESSED, BUT BECAUSE OF HIS OATHS AND HIS DINNER GUESTS, HE ORDERED THAT HER REQUEST BE GRANTED [10] AND HAD JOHN BEHEADED IN THE PRISON. [11] HIS HEAD WAS BROUGHT IN ON A PLATTER AND GIVEN TO THE GIRL, WHO CARRIED IT TO HER MOTHER. [12] JOHN'S DISCIPLES CAME AND TOOK HIS BODY AND BURIED IT. THEN THEY WENT AND TOLD JESUS.

- I. KEEP IN MIND THAT THE SUBJECT WE ARE COVERING "THE MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM"
- II. NOW WITH THIS IN MIND, LET SEE WHAT HEROD HAD TO SAY.
- (1) "THIS IS JOHN THE BAPTIST; HE HAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD! THAT IS WHY MIRACULOUS POWERS ARE AT WORK IN HIM."
- (A) WHY DID HE THINK THAT JESUS HAD SUCH GREAT POWER?
- (I) HE HAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD
- (B) WE CALL IT RESURRECTION POWER!
- (I) Philip. 3:10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,
- (2) WHAT BROUGHT ALL THIS ABOUT?
- (A) NOW HEROD HAD ARRESTED JOHN AND BOUND HIM AND PUT HIM IN PRISON BECAUSE OF HERODIAS, HIS BROTHER PHILIP'S WIFE
- (B) FOR JOHN HAD BEEN SAYING TO HIM: "IT IS NOT LAWFUL FOR YOU TO HAVE HER."
- (I) IS IT THE ROLE OF A PROPHET TO REVEAL SIN? HOW ABOUT THE CHURCH?
- (3) WHY DID HEROD PUT UP WITH THIS?
- (A) HEROD WANTED TO KILL JOHN, BUT HE WAS AFRAID OF THE PEOPLE, BECAUSE THEY CONSIDERED HIM A PROPHET
- (4) WHY DID HEROD KILL JOHN?
- (A) ON HEROD'S BIRTHDAY THE DAUGHTER OF HERODIAS DANCED FOR THEM AND PLEASED HEROD SO MUCH [7] THAT HE PROMISED WITH AN OATH TO GIVE HER WHATEVER SHE ASKED.
- (B) [8] PROMPTED BY HER MOTHER, SHE SAID, "GIVE ME HERE ON A PLATTER THE HEAD OF JOHN THE BAPTIST."
- (C) [9] THE KING WAS DISTRESSED, BUT BECAUSE OF HIS OATHS AND HIS DINNER GUESTS, HE ORDERED THAT HER REQUEST BE GRANTED

- (D) [10] AND HAD JOHN BEHEADED IN THE PRISON. [11] HIS HEAD WAS BROUGHT IN ON A PLATTER AND GIVEN TO THE GIRL, WHO CARRIED IT TO HER MOTHER. [12]
- (E) JOHN'S DISCIPLES CAME AND TOOK HIS BODY AND BURIED IT. THEN THEY WENT AND TOLD JESUS.
 - (I) JESUS HERE SEES THE POWER OF EVIL.
 - 1) OR MAYBE YOU THINK THAT WHAT JUST HAPPENED TO JOHN JUST HAPPENED BY CIRCUMSTANCE?

2. THE REACTION OF JESUS

- A. MATTHEW 14:[13] WHEN JESUS HEARD WHAT HAD HAPPENED, HE WITHDREW BY BOAT PRIVATELY TO A SOLITARY PLACE. HEARING OF THIS, THE CROWDS FOLLOWED HIM ON FOOT FROM THE TOWNS. [14] WHEN JESUS LANDED AND SAW A LARGE CROWD, HE HAD COMPASSION ON THEM AND HEALED THEIR SICK.
 - I. JESUS HEARS WHAT HAS HAPPENED.
 - II. HE WANTS TO TALK TO THE FATHER ABOUT THIS.
 - (1) HE WENT ALONE.
 - III. THE CROWDS HEAR ABOUT WHERE HE IS.
 - (1) HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
 - (A) **THEY ASKED!**
 - IV. WHAT DO THEY DO THEN?
 - (1) **SEEK!**
 - (A) , THE CROWDS FOLLOWED HIM ON FOOT FROM THE TOWNS.
 - V. WHAT DID THEY ACCOMPLISH?
 - (1) THEY CAME TO A PLACE WHERE THEY COULD **KNOCK** AT THE DOOR TO THE KINGDOM.
 - (A) THEY CAME TO JESUS
 - VI. WHAT WAS THE RESULT?
 - (1) HE HAD COMPASSION ON THEM AND HEALED THEIR SICK.
 - (A) POWER OVER SICKNESS.

3. ANOTHER DEFEAT FOR SATAN

- A. MATTHEW 14:[15] AS EVENING APPROACHED, THE DISCIPLES CAME TO HIM AND SAID, "THIS IS A REMOTE PLACE, AND IT'S ALREADY GETTING LATE. SEND THE CROWDS AWAY, SO THEY CAN GO TO THE VILLAGES AND BUY THEMSELVES SOME FOOD." [16] JESUS REPLIED, "THEY DO NOT NEED TO GO AWAY. YOU GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT." [17] "WE HAVE HERE ONLY FIVE LOAVES OF BREAD AND TWO FISH," THEY ANSWERED. [18] "BRING THEM HERE TO ME," HE SAID. [19] AND HE DIRECTED THE PEOPLE TO SIT DOWN ON THE GRASS. TAKING THE FIVE LOAVES AND THE TWO FISH AND LOOKING UP TO HEAVEN, HE GAVE THANKS AND BROKE THE LOAVES. THEN HE GAVE THEM TO THE DISCIPLES, AND THE DISCIPLES GAVE THEM TO THE PEOPLE. [20] THEY ALL ATE AND WERE SATISFIED, AND THE DISCIPLES PICKED UP TWELVE BASKETFULS OF BROKEN PIECES THAT WERE LEFT OVER. [21] THE NUMBER OF THOSE WHO ATE WAS ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND MEN, BESIDES WOMEN AND CHILDREN.
 - I. THE POWER OF THE KINGDOM.
 - II. AS EVENING APPROACHED, THE DISCIPLES CAME TO HIM AND SAID,
 - III. "THIS IS A REMOTE PLACE, AND IT'S ALREADY GETTING LATE.

- IV. SEND THE CROWDS AWAY,
 - (1) SO THEY CAN GO TO THE VILLAGES AND BUY THEMSELVES SOME FOOD
- V. JESUS HAD DEMONSTRATED THAT HE COULD HEAL THEIR SICK.
- VI. BUT THE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS FELT LIKE THAT WAS ALL HE COULD DO FOR THE PEOPLE.
 - (1) I LIKEN THIS TO THOSE WHO TO DAY WHO SAY THAT JESUS CAN SAVE, BUT NO MORE.
- VII. NOW WE WILL LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW THE KINGDOM WORKS.
- VIII. "THEY DO NOT NEED TO GO AWAY. YOU GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT.
 - (1) SOME ONE HAS A NEED. JESUS SAYS TO THOSE IN THE KINGDOM, YOU DO NOT NEED TO SEND THEM AWAY. YOU TAKE CARE OF THE NEED!
- IX. HERE WE NEED TO PAY CLOSE ATTENTION!
 - (1) JESUS IS SAYING, "YOU HAVE ENOUGH TO TAKE CARE OF THE NEED"
 - (A) PETER AND JOHN LEARNED THE LESSON!
 - (i) Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."
 - (2) WE HAVE HERE ONLY FIVE LOAVES OF BREAD AND TWO FISH," THEY ANSWERED.
 - (A) FIVE = THE GRACE OF GOD.
 - (B) THREE = COMPLETENESS OR DIVINE PERFECTION
 - (3) HEAR WHAT JESUS HAS TO SAY!
 - (A) "BRING THEM HERE TO ME,"
- X. NOW WE MUST SEE WHAT JESUS DOES!
 - (1) Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.
 - (i) Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
 - (B) WHEN JESUS FEEDS THE 5,000 HE IS TEACHING US WHAT THIS MEANS.
 - (2) Genesis 1:3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.
 - (a) CALLED INTO EXISTENCE WHAT WAS NOT THERE.
 - (3) Genesis 1:6 And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water."
 - (a) CALLED INTO EXISTENCE WHAT WAS NOT THERE.
 - (4) Genesis 1:9 And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so.
 - (A) CALLED INTO EXISTENCE WHAT WAS THERE BUT NOT SEEN.
 - (5) Matthew 9:21-22 She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed." [22] Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that moment.
 - (A) CHANGED WHAT WAS, TO WHAT SHE WANTED IT TO BE!
 - (6) I COULD SHOW YOU SIGHT TO THE BLIND, HEARING TO THE DEAF. BUT THEY ALL SHOW ONE THING.
 - (A) THEY DO NOT DENY WHAT IS THERE, BUT THEY CALL INTO EXISTENCE THAT WHICH IS NOT SEEN.
 - (i) CERTAIN OF WHAT WE DO NOT SEE.
 - (7) HE CALLED INTO EXISTENCE FOOD FOR 5,000.
 - (A) TAKING THE FIVE LOAVES AND THE TWO FISH AND LOOKING UP TO HEAVEN, HE GAVE THANKS AND BROKE THE LOAVES. THEN HE GAVE THEM TO THE

DISCIPLES, AND THE DISCIPLES GAVE THEM TO THE PEOPLE

(i) WHAT DID JESUS DO?

1) HE BROKE FIVE LOAVES AND PUT IT INTO THE HANDS OF HIS FOLLOWERS WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN TWELVE.

(ii) NOW WHAT DID THEY DO?

1) THEY TOOK WHAT JESUS GAVE THEM AND BROKE IT AND GAVE TO 5,000 PLUS.

A) THEY MULTIPLIED THE BLESSINGS OF GOD THAT WAS PUT INTO THEIR HANDS.

4. AGAIN THE POWER OF THE KINGDOM IS SHOWN

A. MATTHEW 14:[22] IMMEDIATELY JESUS MADE THE DISCIPLES GET INTO THE BOAT AND GO ON AHEAD OF HIM TO THE OTHER SIDE, WHILE HE DISMISSED THE CROWD. [23] AFTER HE HAD DISMISSED THEM, HE WENT UP ON A MOUNTAIN SIDE BY HIMSELF TO PRAY. WHEN EVENING CAME, HE WAS THERE ALONE, [24] BUT THE BOAT WAS ALREADY A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE FROM LAND, BUFFETED BY THE WAVES BECAUSE THE WIND WAS AGAINST IT. [25] DURING THE FOURTH WATCH OF THE NIGHT JESUS WENT OUT TO THEM, WALKING ON THE LAKE. [26] WHEN THE DISCIPLES SAW HIM WALKING ON THE LAKE, THEY WERE TERRIFIED. "IT'S A GHOST," THEY SAID, AND CRIED OUT IN FEAR. [27] BUT JESUS IMMEDIATELY SAID TO THEM: "TAKE COURAGE! IT IS I. DON'T BE AFRAID." [28] "LORD, IF IT'S YOU," PETER REPLIED, "TELL ME TO COME TO YOU ON THE WATER." [29] "COME," HE SAID. THEN PETER GOT DOWN OUT OF THE BOAT, WALKED ON THE WATER AND CAME TOWARD JESUS. [30] BUT WHEN HE SAW THE WIND, HE WAS AFRAID AND, BEGINNING TO SINK, CRIED OUT, "LORD, SAVE ME!" [31] IMMEDIATELY JESUS REACHED OUT HIS HAND AND CAUGHT HIM. "YOU OF LITTLE FAITH," HE SAID, "WHY DID YOU DOUBT?" [32] AND WHEN THEY CLIMBED INTO THE BOAT, THE WIND DIED DOWN. [33] THEN THOSE WHO WERE IN THE BOAT WORSHIPED HIM, SAYING, "TRULY YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD."

I. ALL THIS FOLLOWED THE KILLING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST.

(1) ISAIAH 59:19 SO SHALL THEY FEAR THE NAME OF THE LORD FROM THE WEST, AND HIS GLORY FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN. WHEN THE ENEMY SHALL COME IN LIKE A FLOOD, THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD SHALL LIFT UP A STANDARD AGAINST HIM.

(A) THE FOLLOWERS OF JOHN WERE PROBABLY SAYING, "CAN GOD EVEN PROTECT HIS FOLLOWERS?"

(i) WHAT JESUS IS ABOUT, SHOWING THAT GOD IS FAR GREATER THAN SATAN. SOMETHING THAT WE OFTEN DO NOT CONFESS.

II. IN THE PREVIOUS SCRIPTURE WE SEE THAT FAITH CALLS INTO EXISTENCE THINGS THAT ARE NOT SEEN. HERE WE READ THE ENTIRE PORTION OF SCRIPTURE AND FIND GODS RELATIONSHIP TO THINGS SEEN.

III. FIRST, THIS IS ALL SET UP BY JESUS.

IV. HE IS WITH HIS FATHER ON THE MOUNTAIN.

V. HIS FOLLOWERS ARE IN A BOAT STRUGGLING AGAINST THE WIND.

(1) THIS IS SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN SEE. THE STRUGGLE.

VI. NOW IN THE STRUGGLE JESUS COMES TO THEM.

VII. DURING THE FOURTH WATCH OF THE NIGHT JESUS WENT OUT TO THEM

(1) WHAT ARE THE THINGS THAT THIS TELLS US?

(A) 4 = MATERIAL COMPLETENESS

(i) HERE WE WILL SEE JESUS WITH A BACK DROP OF MATERIAL THINGS.

- (B) WE ARE TOLD THAT IT IS VERY WINDY.
 - (I) SO WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE A HEAVY CLOUD COVER.
 - 1) SO WE KNOW THAT IN THAT BOAT IT IS VERY DARK.
- (C) WE KNOW THAT JESUS IN THIS VERY BLACK SITUATION WENT OUT TO THEM.
- (2) JESUS IS WALKING ON THE LAKE.
 - (A) NATURAL OR MATERIAL LAW IS SET ASIDE.
- (3) WHEN THE DISCIPLES SAW HIM WALKING ON THE LAKE, THEY WERE TERRIFIED.
 - "IT'S A GHOST," THEY SAID, AND CRIED OUT IN FEAR
 - (A) IN THE BOAT THEY WOULD HAVE HAD A LIGHT. THEY WOULD HAVE NEEDED THAT BECAUSE WITH OUT IT THEY WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEE THEIR OWN HAND.
 - (I) WHEN YOU PUT A LIGHT IN THE BOAT ON SUCH A NIGHT AS THIS YOU CAN NOT SEE ANY FURTHER THAN THE POWER OF THE LIGHT.
 - (B) BUT THEY SAY JESUS WALKING ON THE LAKE.
 - (I) HOW DID THEY DO THIS.
 - 1) ONLY ONE WAY. HE WAS AGLOW WITH THE GLORY OF THE FATHER.
 - (C) SO WHAT DID THEY DO?
 - (I) THEY WERE TERRIFIED. "IT'S A GHOST," THEY SAID, AND CRIED OUT IN FEAR
 - 1) WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE THOUGHT?
- (4) WHAT DOES JESUS DO?
 - (A) BUT JESUS IMMEDIATELY SAID TO THEM: "TAKE COURAGE! IT IS I. DON'T BE AFRAID.
- (5) NOW, NOW WHAT HAPPENS?
 - (A) "LORD, IF IT'S YOU," PETER REPLIED, "TELL ME TO COME TO YOU ON THE WATER."
 - (I) THINK ABOUT THIS? WHAT IS PETER SAYING? JESUS IF THAT IS YOU, AND YOU TELL ME TO DO SOMETHING, I CAN DO ANYTHING YOU DO!!!!!!
- (6) WHAT DOES JESUS IMPLY?
 - (A) "COME," HE SAID. THEN PETER GOT DOWN OUT OF THE BOAT, WALKED ON THE WATER AND CAME TOWARD JESUS
 - (I) JESUS SAYS, PETER YOU CAN DO WHAT I ASK YOU TO DO, COME.
 - (II) PETER WALKS ON THE WATER TOWARDS JESUS.
- (7) BUT LOOK WHAT HAPPENS!
 - (A) BUT WHEN HE SAW THE WIND, HE WAS AFRAID AND, BEGINNING TO SINK, CRIED OUT, "LORD, SAVE ME!"
 - (I) HE TOOK HIS EYES OFF OF JESUS AND LOOKED AT THE CIRCUMSTANCES HE WAS IN.
 - 1) HE BEGIN TO SINK.
 - (II) WHAT DID HE DO THEN?
 - 1) HE ASK FOR JESUS TO SAVE HIM.
 - A) HE DID NOT ASK FOR JESUS TO STRENGTHEN HIS BELIEF, HE DID NOT ASK JESUS TO HELP HIM TO WALK ON WATER. HE WANTED JESUS TO REACH OUT AND TOUCH HIM.
 - (B) WHAT DID JESUS DO?
 - (I) IMMEDIATELY JESUS REACHED OUT HIS HAND AND CAUGHT HIM. "YOU OF LITTLE FAITH," HE SAID, "WHY DID YOU DOUBT?"
 - 1) JESUS CAUGHT HIM AND SPOKE TO HIM, HERE IN THE WATER.

- 2) . "YOU OF LITTLE FAITH," HE SAID, "WHY DID YOU DOUBT?"
 - A) WHAT DID HE DOUBT?
 - i) IF JESUS ASKS YOU TO DO SOMETHING, WILL HE GIVE YOU THE POWER TO DO IT?
 - ii) WHAT CAN YOU NOT DO, IF JESUS ASK YOU TO DO IT?
- 3) Philip. 4:12-13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

VIII. WHAT EFFECT DID THIS HAVE ON ALL OF THOSE WITH JESUS?

- (1) AND WHEN THEY CLIMBED INTO THE BOAT, THE WIND DIED DOWN. [33] THEN THOSE WHO WERE IN THE BOAT WORSHIPED HIM, SAYING, "TRULY YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD."

5. JESUS HEALS ALL

A. MATTHEW 14:[34] WHEN THEY HAD CROSSED OVER, THEY LANDED AT GENNESARET. [35] AND WHEN THE MEN OF THAT PLACE RECOGNIZED JESUS, THEY SENT WORD TO ALL THE SURROUNDING COUNTRY. PEOPLE BROUGHT ALL THEIR SICK TO HIM [36] AND BEGGED HIM TO LET THE SICK JUST TOUCH THE EDGE OF HIS CLOAK, AND ALL WHO TOUCHED HIM WERE HEALED.

I. AND WHEN THEY LANDED AGAIN IN THIS GENTILE REGION, WHAT HAPPENED?

II. IF THEY COULD TOUCH JESUS THEY WOULD BE HEALED.

- (1) WHO DECIDED THIS?

III. WE SHOULD HAVE LEARNED A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THE KINGDOM.

- (1) ROMANS 10:1-12 BROTHERS, MY HEART'S DESIRE AND PRAYER TO GOD FOR THE ISRAELITES IS THAT THEY MAY BE SAVED. [2] FOR I CAN TESTIFY ABOUT THEM THAT **THEY ARE ZEALOUS FOR GOD, BUT THEIR ZEAL IS NOT BASED ON KNOWLEDGE.** [3] **SINCE THEY DID NOT KNOW THE RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT COMES FROM GOD AND SOUGHT TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN, THEY DID NOT SUBMIT TO GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS.** [4] CHRIST IS THE END OF THE LAW SO THAT THERE MAY BE RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES. [5] MOSES DESCRIBES IN THIS WAY THE RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT IS BY THE LAW: "THE MAN WHO DOES THESE THINGS WILL LIVE BY THEM." [6] BUT THE RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT IS BY FAITH SAYS: "DO NOT SAY IN YOUR HEART, 'WHO WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?'" (THAT IS, TO BRING CHRIST DOWN) [7] "OR 'WHO WILL DESCEND INTO THE DEEP?'" (THAT IS, TO BRING CHRIST UP FROM THE DEAD). [8] BUT WHAT DOES IT SAY? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU; IT IS IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART," THAT IS, THE WORD OF FAITH WE ARE PROCLAIMING: [9] THAT IF YOU CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH, "JESUS IS LORD," AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE SAVED. [10] FOR IT IS WITH YOUR HEART THAT YOU BELIEVE AND ARE JUSTIFIED, AND IT IS WITH YOUR MOUTH THAT YOU CONFESS AND ARE SAVED. [11] AS THE SCRIPTURE SAYS, "**ANYONE WHO TRUSTS IN HIM WILL NEVER BE PUT TO SHAME.**" [12] FOR THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JEW AND GENTILE--THE SAME LORD IS LORD OF ALL AND RICHLY BLESSES ALL WHO CALL ON HIM,

IV. WHAT DID ALL THESE PEOPLE DO?

- (1) **ANYONE WHO TRUSTS IN HIM WILL NEVER BE PUT TO SHAME."**

- (2) THE SAME LORD IS LORD OF ALL AND RICHLY BLESSES ALL WHO CALL ON HIM,

V. WHAT ARE WE WARNED AGAINST?

- (1) **THEY ARE ZEALOUS FOR GOD, BUT THEIR ZEAL IS NOT BASED ON KNOWLEDGE. [3] SINCE THEY DID NOT KNOW THE RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT COMES FROM GOD AND SOUGHT TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN, THEY DID NOT SUBMIT TO GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS.**
 - (2) [4] CHRIST IS THE END OF THE LAW SO THAT THERE MAY BE RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES. [5] MOSES DESCRIBES IN THIS WAY THE RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT IS BY THE LAW:
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- VI. WHAT ARE WE ASKED TO DO?
- (1) COL. 3:1-2 SINCE, THEN, YOU HAVE BEEN RAISED WITH CHRIST, SET YOUR HEARTS ON THINGS ABOVE, WHERE CHRIST IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD. [2] SET YOUR MINDS ON THINGS ABOVE, NOT ON EARTHLY THINGS.
 - (A) WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE SAVED?
 - (i) Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
 - (B) HE IS AS CLOSE!!!!
 - (i) Romans 10:9-10 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.
 - (ii) Ephesians. 4:29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.
 - (iii) Col. 3:8 But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

vii.