

JESUS CHRIST  
JEHOVAH'S KING  
MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM

1. SIGN OF THE TIME

A. MATTHEW 16:1-28 THE PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES CAME TO JESUS AND TESTED HIM BY ASKING HIM TO SHOW THEM A SIGN FROM HEAVEN. [2] HE REPLIED, "WHEN EVENING COMES, YOU SAY, 'IT WILL BE FAIR WEATHER, FOR THE SKY IS RED,' [3] AND IN THE MORNING, 'TODAY IT WILL BE STORMY, FOR THE SKY IS RED AND OVERCAST.' YOU KNOW HOW TO INTERPRET THE APPEARANCE OF THE SKY, BUT YOU CANNOT INTERPRET THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES. [4] A WICKED AND ADULTEROUS GENERATION LOOKS FOR A MIRACULOUS SIGN, BUT NONE WILL BE GIVEN IT EXCEPT THE SIGN OF JONAH." JESUS THEN LEFT THEM AND WENT AWAY. [5] WHEN THEY WENT ACROSS THE LAKE, THE DISCIPLES FORGOT TO TAKE BREAD.

I. WHAT DID THE SADDUCEES WANT?

- (1) Matthew 2:16 When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.
- (2) Mark 14:1 Now the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some sly way to arrest Jesus and kill him.
- (3) Luke 22:1 Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching,

II. WHAT DID JESUS HAVE TO SAY TO THE SADDUCEES?

- (1) THE SADDUCEES HAD SAID THEY WANTED TO SEE A SIGN FROM HEAVEN?
  - (A) SPIRITUAL HEAVEN.
- (2) JESUS SAYS YOU CAN DETERMINE THE THINGS THAT ARE ABOUT TO HAPPEN BY INTERPRETING THE SIGNS FROM HEAVEN. [EARTHLY]

III. BUT YOU CAN NOT TELL WHAT IS HAPPENING BY INTERPRETING THE SIGNS OF THE TIME.

- (1) WHAT WERE THE SIGNS OF THE TIME?
  - (A) THE MINISTRY OF JESUS!

IV. WHAT DID JESUS SAY WAS ABOUT TO HAPPEN?

- (1) THE SIGN OF JONAH!

2. THE YEAST OF THE TIME

A. MATTHEW 16:[6] "BE CAREFUL," JESUS SAID TO THEM. "BE ON YOUR GUARD AGAINST THE YEAST OF THE PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES." [7] THEY DISCUSSED THIS AMONG THEMSELVES AND SAID, "IT IS BECAUSE WE DIDN'T BRING ANY BREAD." [8] AWARE OF THEIR DISCUSSION, JESUS ASKED, "YOU OF LITTLE FAITH, WHY ARE YOU TALKING AMONG YOURSELVES ABOUT HAVING NO BREAD? [9] DO YOU STILL NOT UNDERSTAND? DON'T YOU REMEMBER THE FIVE LOAVES FOR THE FIVE THOUSAND, AND HOW MANY BASKETFULS YOU GATHERED? [10] OR THE SEVEN LOAVES FOR THE FOUR THOUSAND, AND HOW MANY BASKETFULS YOU GATHERED? [11] HOW IS IT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT I WAS NOT TALKING TO YOU ABOUT BREAD? BUT BE ON YOUR GUARD AGAINST THE YEAST OF THE PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES." [12] THEN THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT HE WAS NOT TELLING THEM TO GUARD AGAINST THE YEAST USED IN BREAD, BUT AGAINST THE TEACHING OF THE PHARISEES AND SADDUCEES.

I. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: JESUS THE OFF-SPRING OF MARY'S SELF CONSCIOUS COMMUNION

- WITH GOD. CHRIST IS INCORPOREAL, SPIRITUAL, THE DIVINE IDEA OF GOD. MARY'S CONCEPTION OF HIM WAS FROM HER OWN SPIRITUALITY, JESUS CHRIST IS NOT GOD.
- II. UNITY: JESUS IS THE [I] IN MAN, THE SELF.. THE DIVINE -IDEA. REVEAL YOURSELF TO YOURSELF BY AFFIRMING I AM THE CHRIST.
  - III. SPIRITUALISM: CHRIST IS NOT THE SON OF GOD. ANY JUST AND PERFECT BEING IS CHRIST. NOTHING MORE THAN A MEDIUM OF A HIGH ORDER. NOT DIVINE EXCEPT IN THE SENSE THAT WE ARE ALL DIVINE.
  - IV. JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES OR RUSSELLISM: JESUS CHRIST WAS A MAN - NEITHER MORE NOR LESS, NONE OTHER THAN THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL. GOD CREATED HIM, IS DEAD, FOREVER DEAD. SUFFERED EVERLASTING DESTRUCTION. NOT RESURRECTED BODILY.
  - V. BAHÁ'ISM: JESUS CHRIST IS ONLY ONE OF MANY MANIFESTATIONS OF GOD.. ONE OF MANY MESSIAHS. HIS SUFFERINGS WERE NO MORE THAN THOSE OF OTHER PROPHETS.
3. WITH THE ABOVE UNDERSTANDING, WHAT WAS JESUS NOW AFTER?
- A. MATTHEW 16:[13] WHEN JESUS CAME TO THE REGION OF CAESAREA PHILIPPI, HE ASKED HIS DISCIPLES, "WHO DO PEOPLE SAY THE SON OF MAN IS?" [14] THEY REPLIED, "SOME SAY JOHN THE BAPTIST; OTHERS SAY ELIJAH; AND STILL OTHERS, JEREMIAH OR ONE OF THE PROPHETS." [15] "BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?" HE ASKED. "WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?" [16] SIMON PETER ANSWERED, "YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD."
  - I. LET US LOOK AT WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE.
    - (1) JESUS TEACHES AND DEMONSTRATES FAITH.
    - (2) HE ARE TAUGHT BY PAUL ABOUT FAITH.
      - (A) SIMON COULD HAVE HAD HEAD KNOWLEDGE OF THE ABOVE TRUTH.
      - (B) BUT WHAT WAS JESUS WANTING FROM HIM?
4. FIRST MENTION OF THE KINGDOM ON EARTH
- A. MATTHEW 16:[17] JESUS REPLIED, "BLESSED ARE YOU, SIMON SON OF JONAH, FOR THIS WAS NOT REVEALED TO YOU BY MAN, BUT BY MY FATHER IN HEAVEN. [18] AND I TELL YOU THAT YOU ARE PETER, AND ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH, AND THE GATES OF HADES WILL NOT OVERCOME IT.
  - I. NOW WITH THIS TRUTH COMES THE NEXT GREAT TRUTH.
    - (1) WHAT ARE WE TOLD ABOUT THIS CHURCH?
5. THE GIVING OF THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM
- A. MATTHEW 16:[19] I WILL GIVE YOU THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN; WHATEVER YOU BIND ON EARTH WILL BE BOUND IN HEAVEN, AND WHATEVER YOU LOOSE ON EARTH WILL BE LOOSED IN HEAVEN." [20] THEN HE WARNED HIS DISCIPLES NOT TO TELL ANYONE THAT HE WAS THE CHRIST.
  - I. MATTHEW 17:20 HE REPLIED, "BECAUSE YOU HAVE SO LITTLE FAITH. I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, IF YOU HAVE FAITH AS SMALL AS A MUSTARD SEED, YOU CAN SAY TO THIS MOUNTAIN, 'MOVE FROM HERE TO THERE' AND IT WILL MOVE. NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU."
  - II. MATTHEW 21:22 IF YOU BELIEVE, YOU WILL RECEIVE WHATEVER YOU ASK FOR IN PRAYER."
  - III. MARK 9:23 " 'IF YOU CAN'?" SAID JESUS. "EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE FOR HIM WHO BELIEVES."
  - IV. LUKE 24:49 I AM GOING TO SEND YOU WHAT MY FATHER HAS PROMISED; BUT STAY IN THE CITY UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN CLOTHED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH."
  - V. JOHN 14:12 I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, ANYONE WHO HAS FAITH IN ME WILL DO WHAT I HAVE BEEN DOING. HE WILL DO EVEN GREATER THINGS THAN THESE, BECAUSE I AM

GOING TO THE FATHER.

- VI. JOHN 15:5 "I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES. IF A MAN REMAINS IN ME AND I IN HIM, HE WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT; APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING.
- VII. JOHN 16:20 I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, YOU WILL WEEP AND MOURN WHILE THE WORLD REJOICES. YOU WILL GRIEVE, BUT YOUR GRIEF WILL TURN TO JOY.
- VIII. JOHN 16:23 IN THAT DAY YOU WILL NO LONGER ASK ME ANYTHING. I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, MY FATHER WILL GIVE YOU WHATEVER YOU ASK IN MY NAME.
- IX. ACTS 1:8 BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES ON YOU; AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH."
- X. 1 COR. 12:7-11 NOW TO EACH ONE THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT IS GIVEN FOR THE COMMON GOOD. [8] TO ONE THERE IS GIVEN THROUGH THE SPIRIT THE MESSAGE OF WISDOM, TO ANOTHER THE MESSAGE OF KNOWLEDGE BY MEANS OF THE SAME SPIRIT, [9] TO ANOTHER FAITH BY THE SAME SPIRIT, TO ANOTHER GIFTS OF HEALING BY THAT ONE SPIRIT, [10] TO ANOTHER MIRACULOUS POWERS, TO ANOTHER PROPHECY, TO ANOTHER DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN SPIRITS, TO ANOTHER SPEAKING IN DIFFERENT KINDS OF TONGUES, AND TO STILL ANOTHER THE INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES. [11] ALL THESE ARE THE WORK OF ONE AND THE SAME SPIRIT, AND HE GIVES THEM TO EACH ONE, JUST AS HE DETERMINES.

6. THE COMING DEATH OF JESUS

- A. MATTHEW 16:[21] FROM THAT TIME ON JESUS BEGAN TO EXPLAIN TO HIS DISCIPLES THAT HE MUST GO TO JERUSALEM AND SUFFER MANY THINGS AT THE HANDS OF THE ELDERS, CHIEF PRIESTS AND TEACHERS OF THE LAW, AND THAT HE MUST BE KILLED AND ON THE THIRD DAY BE RAISED TO LIFE.
  - I. IT IS CLEAR WHAT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN.
  - II. WHO IS TOLD THIS INFORMATION?
    - (1) WHAT IS HE SAYING?
    - (2) AND HOW IS HE PRESENTING THIS INFORMATION?
  - III. WHY?

7. JESUS AND PETER REBUKE EACH OTHER, WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- A. MATTHEW 16:[22] PETER TOOK HIM ASIDE AND BEGAN TO REBUKE HIM. "NEVER, LORD!" HE SAID. "THIS SHALL NEVER HAPPEN TO YOU!" [23] JESUS TURNED AND SAID TO PETER, "GET BEHIND ME, SATAN! YOU ARE A STUMBLING BLOCK TO ME; YOU DO NOT HAVE IN MIND THE THINGS OF GOD, BUT THE THINGS OF MEN."
  - I. WHO ATTACKS THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS?
    - (1) HOW DOES HE DO THAT?
    - (2) SEE THE FIRST PART OF THE CHAPTER
  - II. CAN YOU THINK OF SEVERAL STUMBLING BLOCKS?
    - (1) WHERE DO THEY COME FROM?

8. THE TEST OF DISCIPLESHIP

- A. MATTHEW 16:[24] THEN JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "IF ANYONE WOULD COME AFTER ME, HE MUST DENY HIMSELF AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS AND FOLLOW ME. [25] FOR WHOEVER WANTS TO SAVE HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT, BUT WHOEVER LOSES HIS LIFE FOR ME WILL FIND IT."
  - I. FIND MY LIFE?
    - (1) Matthew 12:50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.
    - (2) Matthew 26:39 And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed,

saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

- (3) Matthew 26:42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.
- (4) Mark 3:35 For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.
- (5) Luke 11:2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.
- (6) Luke 22:42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.
- (7) John 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.
- (8) John 5:30 can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.
- (9) John 6:38-40 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. [39] And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. [40] And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.
- (10) Acts 18:21 But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus.
- (11) Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
- (12) Romans 15:32 That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.
- (13) 1 Cor. 4:19 But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power.
- (14) 1 Cor. 16:7 For I will not see you now by the way; but I trust to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit.
- (15) Hebrews 6:3 And this will we do, if God permit.

## II. WHAT IS MY LIFE?

### (1) TO DO THE WILL OF GOD!

#### (A) WHAT IS THE WILL OF GOD FOR TODAY?

- (i) Acts 15:13-18 When they finished, James spoke up: "Brothers, listen to me. [14] Simon has described to us how God at first showed his concern by taking from the Gentiles a people for himself. [15] The words of the prophets are in agreement with this, as it is written: [16] "'After this I will return and rebuild David's fallen tent. Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it, [17] that the remnant of men may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who bear my name, says the Lord, who does these things' [18] that have been known for ages.

## 9. A NEW IDEA - A THOUGHT TO PONDER

### A. MATTHEW 16:[26] WHAT GOOD WILL IT BE FOR A MAN IF HE GAINS THE WHOLE WORLD,

YET FORFEITS HIS SOUL? OR WHAT CAN A MAN GIVE IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS SOUL? [27] FOR THE SON OF MAN IS GOING TO COME IN HIS FATHER'S GLORY WITH HIS ANGELS, AND THEN HE WILL REWARD EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO WHAT HE HAS DONE.

I. THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS!

(1) IS MAN READY?

(A) WHAT IS MAN [NATURAL MAN] WARNED AGAINST?

(2) ARE WE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT?

(3) DO WE KNOW THE SIGNS OF THE TIME?

(4) WHAT DOES ALL THIS SAY?

(5) WILL BE COVERED IN THE 24<sup>TH</sup> AND 25<sup>TH</sup> CHAPTERS.

10. TRANSFIGURATION FORETOLD

A. MATTHEW 16:[28] I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, SOME WHO ARE STANDING HERE WILL NOT TASTE DEATH BEFORE THEY SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN HIS KINGDOM."

I. BACK TO THE THINGS THAT HAPPEN ON THE SEA WHEN PETER WALKED ON WATER

II. WHEN DID THE KINGDOM THAT JESUS SPEAKS OF START?.