JESUS

THE REDEEMER

Many Jesuses Are Preached...

But Only One Jesus Is The Redeemer!

Which One Do You Know?

"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 (Isaiah 52:1-2)."

In a modern world of society and pride, the trend of most people's belief is based upon how a thing looks in their own eyes and whether or not it meets certain specifications so that one might follow it and not be embarrassed by its visible looks.

JESUS, THE ANOINTED

Jesus, The Anointed, God's only begotten Son was born of woman and grew up among the people as a tender child. He played with the other children and was tutored in his home. He had several brothers and sisters, and a father, by the law of the Word, from the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Yet, we hear Him say on an occasion one day that the foxes have holes, the birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head (Matthew 8:20).

Again, less than three years after this statement, we find another circumstance existing in which none of His sisters or brothers believed on Jesus. Not any doctors of the law or even His father seemed to be willing to follow Him after He made that great declaration in the synagogue, quoting Isaiah, that the Spirit of the Lord was upon Him to preach the gospel to the poor and so on. At that time, His family, mother, brothers, and sisters, were all together in the synagogue.

Again, at the cross of Calvary, we find that a serious circumstance existed. His mother was compelled to go home with one of the disciples to live the rest of her life in order to have a home. Could you tell me what happened to her other sons and daughters? I wonder if this prophecy in Psalm 69:8 has anything to do with her circumstance. Let us read, "I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children.

When we turn on our radio or television, or pick up a newspaper or some magazine, on many occasions the name of Jesus is heard and read. Since there are many men called Jesus by name, of which one are they speaking? Is it the Jesus of the Bible who walked the shores of Galilee and performed miracles, who was forsaken by his brother sand sisters, and whom society would not accept? Or, is it some modern Jesus on whom society can believe without being embarrassed or ashamed of his circumstance or appearance?

Think of Jesus...walking down the streets into the city of Jerusalem over to the beautiful temple. The religions of society of the modern day would have spoken words of this nature: "There goes the old babbler. Even his home is broken. He and his mother are not allowed to live with their family. He tells the world that he is their Savior, ha, ha, ha." Then, we hear these sayings: "He says he is the Teacher, yet we have seen him bibbing wine. He is called Master, yet he eats all the time and is a glutton.

Yet, the Scriptures have defended Jesus in that they have said that His skin cleaved to His bones and He reeled in weakness when He walked because of much fasting. There was no beauty or dignity about Him that would please society, nor was He a handsome man to follow. And, so went the trend of the people.

Not many of the mighty men believed on Him, nor did all of the poor, for His circumstances were embarrassing, but that which could not be beheld by the natural eye. He was the Truth and had no beauty of appearance. Was not this also the case of Solomon and Moses and of all the Anointeds on the face of the earth?

THE 20TH CENTURY JESUS THAT IS PREACHED

He was called Jesus, the Christ, and the people, seemingly not knowing the interpretation of the word, Christ, and its meaning, did err, not knowing the Scriptures. Does their Jesus correspond with the Scriptures used above, or with the Jesus that hung on Calvary? Today, they can only describe Him by painting a picture in the minds of the people of how they think He looked, so that one would not be embarrassed to say, "I'm following Jesus." Instead of painting him with the sackcloth which He wore, they put upon Him beautiful white and purple robes which He only wore for just a few minutes, and then only in mockery. The Scripture says that He made His raiment sackcloth.

Then, we see the picture painted of Him and His wonderful family with Joseph and Mary adorned in beautiful apparel with a baby lying in the manger of a stable. Is this picture a true conception of Jesus of Nazareth? The Scriptures do not bear out such a circumstance of beauty. He was not born in a stable, beautiful and adorned. He was born and laid in a manger, not in a stable, even though He was born of poor circumstance. The cow stall is a pagan imagination and is promoted by Catholicism.

If you could have lived in their day, do you think that you would have seen Jesus and His twelve disciples as they have been painted at the Lord's Supper? There was no such adorned group of men existing with Jesus, the Christ. If there was, why were they called the off scouring of the earth? Why weren't they accepted as the doctors of the law and men of great appearance? "Jesus is the professor in purple," so they say. No, No, No, a thousand times. No! The world has been deceived and is still deceived. You might say that has nothing to do with it, but since the name, Jesus, Itself, must have a principle to make it powerful, then it would have to be a Jesus applied to the Scriptures of the Bible in order to be speaking of the correct Jesus, the Anointed of His day.

The world again has come face-to-face with the same circumstances in the finishing up of the work of God and the making ready for the return of this Jesus. This Jesus, Anointed (Christ), God's only begotten Son, is to return for a church without spot or wrinkle, but men and women again have refused to receive whom God has sent. They have refused to recognize the Anointed of the last days basing it on the same circumstances that they did in denying the first Anointed, God's Son. He did not look handsome enough. He did not have a degree, nor did He come from a school of great honor. He was very common and poor, bearing a scandal on his life that really did not exist, only in that of the eye of conception.

Today, we have presented to the world The Church of God -- Christ's Body! But, we hear these words: "Surely not from that source." Then we hear them ask these questions: "Who is the head of it? Where was he schooled? Does he have any defects? Is he a handsome looking man? How does he dress? Statements are made: "Oh, he is poor, and mostly poor people follow him. This is too embarrassing for men to follow. They tell me he is partially blind and that he is sometimes sick. He is very weak at times, and I have seen him use a walking stick." So goes the trend of the world, erring again, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.

Which Jesus do you follow in Salvation? Which Christ are you following in the Revelation of God's Word? Remember, Jesus is also Christ. There is one Jesus, but two Anointed Ones (Christs) and many, many false Christs.