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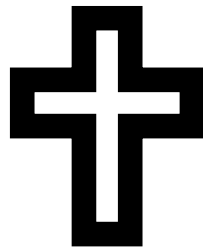
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TIME OF CHRIST – LESSON 1

John 1:11 “He came unto his own, and his own received him not...”

I. THE TIME OF CHRIST

The time that Christ walked upon Earth should have been the pinnacle of Jewish history. Never has a period of time so filled with potential been so utterly and thoroughly wasted. The very hope of Israel came unto His own, and his own rejected and crucified Him. This 33 to 34 year period of Jewish history is the hinge upon which the whole of Jewish history swings. The decision they made has not yet stopped having consequences on their descendants. Everything you will see of Jewish history this quarter has roots in what we will cover tonight...

A. The Misses of the Jews – Some people are non-observant by nature, some by choice. The Jews in the time of Christ were both...

1. They missed the fulfilled prophecies of His birth
 - a. The virgin birth
 - 1) Isaiah 7:14 – *“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”*
 - 2) Matthew 1:22 – *“Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”*
 - b. The birthplace in Bethlehem
 - 1) Micah 5:2 – *“But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.”*
 - 2) Matthew 2:1 – *“Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem”*
 - c. The name Emmanuel
 - 1) Isaiah 7:14 – *“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”*
 - 2) Matthew 1:23 – *“Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”*
 - d. The sign of a star
 - 1) Numbers 24:17 – *“I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.”*
 - 2) Matthew 2:1 – *“Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.”*
 - 3) Notice this: It does not say that this was the biggest or the brightest star, it simply says it was HIS star. Oh to be so identified with Christ!
 - e. The massacre of innocents
 - 1) Jeremiah 31:15 – *“Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not.”*
 - 2) Matthew 2:17 – *“Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, 18 In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.”*
2. They missed the fulfilled prophecies of His life
 - a. That he would hail from Nazareth
 - 1) Isaiah 11:1 – *“And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:”*
 - 2) Matthew 2:23 – *“And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.”*
 - 3) At first glance, these two verses might not seem to go together. But the Hebrew word for rod in Isaiah 11:1 is the word netzer, from which we derive the word Nazarene.
 - b. That his ministry would also be to Gentiles

- 1) Isaiah 42:6 – *“I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;”*
- 2) Matthew 4:14 – *“That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, 15 The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; 16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.”*
- c. That He would be a healer
 - 1) Isaiah 53:4 – *“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”*
 - 2) Matthew 8:16 – *“When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: 17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.”*
- d. The triumphal entry
 - 1) Zechariah 9:9 – *“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.”*
 - 2) Matthew 21:4 – *“All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, 5 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.”*
- e. The tormentors who mocked Him
 - 1) Isaiah 50:6 – *“I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.”*
 - 2) Matthew 26:67 – *“Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands,”*
 - 3) Matthew 27:26 – *“Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.”*
- f. The parting and gambling for His garments
 - 1) Psalm 22:18 – *“They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.”*
 - 2) Luke 23:34 – *“Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.*
- g. That none of his bones would be broken
 - 1) Psalm 34:20 – *“He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.”*
 - 2) John 19:33 – *“But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: 34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. 35 And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. 36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.”*
- h. That He would be buried with the rich
 - 1) Isaiah 53:9 – *“And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.*
 - 2) Matthew 27:57 – *“When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: 58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. 59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.”*
- i. His Resurrection
 - 1) Psalm 16:10 – *“For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.”*
 - 2) Matthew 28:6 – *“He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”*
- j. These are only a handful of the many prophecies Christ fulfilled in His life, and the Jews managed to miss them all!
3. They missed the fulfillment of their own traditions concerning the Messiah!
 - a. John 9:1 – *“And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. 2 And his disciples*

asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? 3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. 4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. 6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, 7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.”

- b. Honestly, have you ever wondered why Jesus used spit to heal a man? The Rabbis had a tradition, that the Messiah when he came would be so powerful that there would even be healing virtue in his spittle!
- c. Jesus was so gracious, and so desirous that His own receive Him, that he fulfilled both the prophecies of God and the expectations of man!

B. The Motives of the Jews

- 1. John 11:48 – *“If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and **nation**.”*
- 2. The Jews had two primary considerations in rejecting Christ, both of which are expressed in this verse.
 - a. Positional pride – They were afraid of losing their place, meaning their position, their opportunity for power. Sounds like those Jews were members of a lot of our churches!
 - b. National pride – They were afraid of losing their national status. We should be thrilled to be Americans, but being a Christian is of far more significance!

C. The Murder of the Jews

- 1. Acts 3:12 – *“And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? 13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. 14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; 15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.”*
- 2. So often, in our attempt to glorify God, we accidentally let the Jews off the hook, saying “They didn’t murder Him, He gave up His life!” The fact is, that both are true. They murdered Him, and He gave up His life. They could never have touched Him had He not allowed it, but He did allow it, at they are fully guilty for doing it! They used every means in their power to put Him to death, including an illegal trial at which they broke 18 of their own laws to put Him to death! (See: The Illegal Trial of Jesus, by Earl Wingo)

D. The Mistake of The Jews

- 1. Matthew 27:24 – *“When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the **blood** of this just person: see ye to it. 25 Then answered all the people, and said, His **blood** be on us, and on our children.”*
- 2. How quickly they forget – Acts 5:28 – *“Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.”*
- 3. They refused His blood in salvation, and demanded His blood in judgement. The last 2,000 years of Jewish history bear undeniable witness to one fact: they received and even now are receiving exactly what they asked for...