

## Volume 1, Sermon 21

**Note:** If you arrived here by Internet search, know that this series of sermons is about "The Whole Christ". Click on the up-left Logo to see the SiteMap where, among other things, this particular series began and continues. I pray you will be blessed as I am.

### Word Truth

Earlier in this series on the Whole Christ I had begun a sermon in the afterglow, if you will, of the previous sermon such that I assumed the topic of the next sermon. I thought I was nearly finished with it when a sense of uneasiness I had been feeling strengthened and, though it was interesting to me at the time, apparently it was not unto the Lord. Thus, I deleted it; a lesson I should have already learned.

Then after the last sermon (Sermon 20) I was sure I would be considering more of Jesus in the Gospels ... perhaps some of his outstanding words or teachings that clearly reveal him as Christ the Son of God. Thus, I had set up Sermon 21 with passages needed for the work to begin, but spring had sprung and much work around our place was demanding my attention. After-winter-cleanup demanded my time for quite some days, which allowed me to clear my aging mind with fresh air and much sweat. I had made the same mistake as admitted above.

My Bible study is for myself ... and if the Lord gets me into something that may end up on this website then I am simply to work and let it come as it is supposed to come. The outside work came to a pause and my study increased. If you are reading this on the website, below is the result.

The words, Word and Truth (intermixed), is where I am to begin, but not knowing how to proceed I did a search through the Bible on both words together ... verses containing both words. The result is the series of verses below. I will be filling in some background for each along with some comments.

Nonetheless, the verses *together in themselves* compose our Bible's Standard Theme.

### In Old Testament -

**1Kings 2:1-4 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he (King David) charged Solomon his son, saying, I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man (i.e. 'eesh'); And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself: ... That the LORD may continue *his word* which he spake concerning me (as king of Israel), saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me *in truth* with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man ('eesh') on the throne of Israel.**

This is interesting: If the words not in the original text were to be left out, then the words remaining would be more than this promise to Solomon ... instead it is to all the people of Israel. In other words, **'If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man (of David's lineage) on the throne of Israel** (i.e. all the tribes together as one kingdom).

The original words are **'children heed the way, walk before (or 'facing') truth, heart, soul; fail (i.e. 'not cutoff) man (i.e. 'eesh' a human male) throne Israel.**

King David said it unto soon-to-be King Solomon, who obeyed but without **'truth, heart, soul'**. Thus, Solomon was the last king of the united tribes of Israel.

Neither Israel's kings nor the people of Israel walked fully in this manner before the Lord their God. God's Plan of the Ages included the very **'Son of God'** to be **'begotten'** as, among other things, the **'lamb slain before the foundation of the world'**. Indeed, even as he was **'creator'** of all things for the Father ... he also was the **'lamb'**.

Now we turn to a better man (*'eesh, a male human'*) than King Solomon. You can pick up the story in -

### Elijah

**17:17,18 And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house,**

fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man ('eesh') of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?

17:19-21 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?

And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.

Here we see a human ('eesh') working as a 'son of man' for the Lord ... even as later *in the form of* an 'eesh' the Lord would descend to work similarly and greatly for the Father ... as the 'son of man'.

17:22-24 And the LORD heard (i.e. 'heeded') the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth. And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man ('eesh') of God, ...

... and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.

Here is the Bible's first mention ... with *these words together* ... of this very high theme: *the Word of the Lord is Truth*.

**Esther** (read the book of Esther to capture the essence and importance of God's promise to Israelites.)

9:24 Because Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had devised against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is, the lot, to consume them, and to destroy them; ...

9:25 ... But when Esther came before the king, he (the king) commanded by letters that his (Haman's) wicked device, which he devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.

9:26 Wherefore they called these days Purim after the name of Pur. Therefore for all the words of this letter, and of that which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come unto them (Israelites),

9:27 The Jews ordained, and took upon them(selves), and upon their seed, and upon all such as joined themselves unto them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their appointed time every year;

9:28 And that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and that these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them perish from their seed (i.e. lineage).

All Israelites, captive off their soil and living in scattered communities in the provinces under this mighty king, were effected by the decree of this Purim. However, the Israelites who particularly walked faithfully before the Lord in remembrance of the Mosaic Law and priesthood, that strove as best they could to honor their calling as the chosen people of God (even unto much persecution and the slaughter of family and friends), were called '**Jews**'.

All such Israelites, not just of the tribe of Judah, were called '**Jews**' because of their love and hunger for the Eternal Promise of a new temple, priesthood, and high priest in the holy city of Jerusalem with the coming Messiah.

Likewise it is supposed to be for those who claim the name 'Jesus'. Yet, far too many of us view 'Jesus' as separated from 'Christ' the Lamb and Creator of all ... the very Majestic One that has stood and is standing between God the Father and every 'eesh' including you and me.

It is so easy when not persecuted to view 'Jesus' as an 'eesh' (which we can somewhat understand) as we call on him to answer our prayers. Yet, it is '**Christ the Messiah**' before and during and after God's Plan of the Ages **Who** descended at the **Will** of the Father.

Jesus was not an 'eesh' to suffer, bleed, die, and rise again. Always he was and is and shall be the '**Only Begotten of the Father**' and the '**very Lord God of Israel**' to those who accept and honor him within a "Messiah-centered walk before the Father". Even though all the Israelites received the decree of the Purim, it was '**the Jews**' that set the Decree of the Days of Purim as a memorial unto

their Lord God of Israel.

Today so many 'Jews' and followers of 'Christ' suffer similarly as did the Israelites in this story.  
**9:29-31 Then Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all authority, to confirm this second letter of Purim. And he (the king) sent the letters unto all the Jews, to the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, with words of peace and truth, ...**

These 'words of peace and truth' arrived to God's people by means of 'Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen' along with a king so moved by God as to follow the inspired advice of these two 'Jews' who in his society were normally considered as low-class non-citizens (i.e. not of the king's race). These two 'Jews' had been placed where God wanted them and they had obeyed even in the face of possible death.

**... To confirm these *days of Purim* in their times appointed, according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had enjoined them, and as they had decreed for themselves and for their seed, the matters of the fastings and their cry.**

**9:32 And the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was written in the book.**

Purim normally is presented in the Bible as the English word 'lot'. It was a device given by God to Israel's priesthood for the people to know His will in a matter. Thus, if God had not already spoken to Moses or Aaron or through prophesy to a certain person then the high priest (early on it was Aaron and his sons) could use the purim 'lot' to determine '*a yes or a no*'.

Ah, but if God knew that His people were more interested in their own thoughts of 'yes or no' then the purim would not work and the people would get themselves into trouble. Yet, when the people looked to God rightly in '*the fear of the Lord*' then He was available to give them an answer ... whereupon He expected them to fully accept His answer.

The Work of God in this story was not by means of the '**purim**' because these great many Israelites were in captivity and had no priesthood or a high priest. Through all the ages of the Law many Christians think that the priesthood was functioning; but without a temple (with its innermost holy places) there could be no functioning priests ... even as it has been sixty-five years after Christ's death on the cross until the present.

Nevertheless, this Work of God to the people seemed very similar to the use of the '**purim**' and so they used the term in referring to their *promise to God*: Every year for two days they would *honor Him who had worked such a wonder for them*.

## **Psalms**

**33:1-3 Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright. Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings. Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.**

**33:4 For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.**

**33:5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.**

**33:6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. (And) He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.**

**33:8,9 Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.**

Regarding earth and toward earth and mankind, all is in and by means of God's Word ... which toward earth and mankind *the Word is Truth*. Man's attempts to comprehend is feeble at best. We can only accept and allow ... which *the Faith of Heaven* makes possible to those of us who accept It and allow It.

**138:1,2 [A Psalm of David.] I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee. I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.**

**138:3 In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.**

**138:4-6 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth. Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD: for great is the glory of the LORD. Though the LORD**

be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

138:7,8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me. The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

The Lord by means of King David tells us a Secret: '**for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name**'. Mankind chooses to believe or disbelieve in His Name and/or the Name of His Son; even so, mankind is swallowed up within the Word. From the time of creation, whether birth, death, and all things affecting us, we cannot get away from the Word. In every sense of the word, the Word is Truth and Truth is the Word. For better or worse we are Immersed in the Word of Truth.

### Ecclesiastes

12:10,11 The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth. The words of the (truly) wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which (words of truth) are given from (only) one shepherd.

12:12-14 And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of (mankind's) making many books there is no end; and (mankind's) much study is a weariness of the flesh. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work (including mankind's books and studies) into judgment, (along) with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Indeed, '**the conclusion of the whole matter (is) Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.**' This is another way of saying 'Love the Lord your God, and your neighbor as yourself'.

### Isaiah

39:1 At that time Merodachbaladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he had heard that he had been sick, and was recovered. And Hezekiah was glad of them, and shewed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

We have been convinced within our churches that "testimony" for God is "telling the world how great our great God is" and "telling all that He has done so very greatly for us".

However, Mary mother of Christ Jesus '**kept all these things in her heart**' and regarding John the Baptist so did Elisabeth Mary's cousin. So, how much of one's 'testimony' is but folly in the eyes of our Lord. In fact, without the purpose, grace, and unction of the Lord in and empowering one's 'testimony', how can it achieve the purposes of heaven? Does not the world consider so much of our 'testimonies' mere "foolishness"?

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul ... and your neighbor as yourself'; this is true 'testimony' ... as the Lord would often remind us.

39:3,4 Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah (with admiration) said, They are come from a far country unto me, even from Babylon. Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.

39:5-7 Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD of hosts: Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD. And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

39:8 Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, Good is the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. ... He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days (only).

How very sad.

## Jeremiah

**26:8** Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die.

**26:9** Why hast thou prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

**26:10,11** When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house unto the house of the LORD, and sat down in the entry of the new gate of the LORD'S house. Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy to die; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears.

**26:12,13** Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city *all the words* that ye have heard. Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.

**26:14** As for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as seemeth good and meet unto you. But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for *of a truth* the LORD hath sent me unto you to speak *all these words* in your ears.

Here is Jeremiah in the holy city of Jerusalem, and some day Christ Jesus will be there among the same kind of Children of God.

**26:16** Then said the princes and all the people unto the priests and to the prophets; This man is not worthy to die: for *he hath spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God*.

Ah, but there were no 'princes and all the people' that mocked Christ Jesus (all within God's Plan of the Ages).

**Hosea 4:1** Hear *the word* of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.

**4:2** By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood.

**4:3** Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away.

**4:4** (While this to come upon you) Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people are as they that strive with the priest.

**4:5** Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother.

**4:6** My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge (i.e. 'knowing, perception, discernment'), I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

**4:7** As they were increased (more of themselves than by me), so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame.

Here the word 'knowledge' in general is the Mosaic Law and most of the people are religiously trained in it. Yet, the hearts of the people had so turned in unto themselves that their *action of application* of the Law has become twisted away from the God of Israel onto what they can get by themselves and of course get from God.

If the *application* of our 'knowledge' swerves from 'love the Lord your God and your neighbor as yourself' then, instead of walking by faith in *the truth* of such 'knowledge', the Christian has moved on to the work of manipulating God, even as we meet together in churches or groups of our liking while ignoring all other brethren.

**4:8** They (the prophets, verse 5) eat up the sin of my people, and they set their heart on their iniquity.

**4:9** And there shall be, like people, like priest: and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings.

Indeed, the Lord knew that even the priesthood would go the way of the people instead of the

people going the way of the priesthood. Similarly, like unto the people they lead, are so many spiritual leaders today.

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## In New Testament -

### John

**1:1 In the beginning was the Word (i.e. 'intelligent utterance'), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

**1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.**

**1:3 All things were made (i.e. 'became') by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.**

**1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light (i.e. 'rays of light that enlightened') of men (i.e. 'humans').**

**1:5 And the light (i.e. 'the rays') shineth (i.e. 'appeared') in darkness (i.e. concept of 'no rays of light'); and the darkness comprehended it not.**

**1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.**

**1:7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light (i.e. 'rays that enlighten'), that all men through him might believe (i.e. 'thought to be true, trustworthy').**

**1:8,9 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which (en)lighteth every man that cometh into the world.**

This statement by John was more about the Christ of heaven than about the earth-walking Christ ... because Christ not only was enlightenment within the darkness but also was life giving ... such that each human '**that cometh into the world**' had life and thus came enlightened ... such that each person (in the very fabric of his being) contained a comprehension of having become alive by this Son of God.

This then is the reason that Paul taught it clearly in Romans 1.

Therefore, any personal claim other than this comprehension is but rebellion against the Life-Giving Enlightening One.

**1:10,11 He (Christ) was (i.e. 'had been') in (i.e. 'fixed or set in') the world, and the world was made (i.e. 'became') by him, and the world knew (i.e. 'perceived knowledge') him not. He came unto his own, and his own received (i.e. 'personally accept') him not.**

By definition therefore, '**his own**' means every human '**that has come into the world**'.

And, every person that '**receives him not**' in fact implies that every person can receive him.

**1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power (i.e. 'a force to do, strengthened ability') to become (same Greek word, future tense, as in verse 3, 11) the sons of God, even to them that believe (i.e. 'thought to be true, thus trustworthy') on his name: ...**

**... Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God (alone).**

Each and every human coming into the world is as in verse 9. Ah, but each coming into God's family is born only by God alone ... '**not of blood or will of flesh or will of man**'.

Marvelously, in other words, even as God the Father had created His Only Begotten Son, also He creates His children by means of a '**force** (or a push or help) **to accept**' that is worked within the person '**to receive**' being '**born**' into the Family.

To repeat: It simply happens by God as a human simply permits it to happen.

**1:14 And the Word was (i.e. 'had been') made (i.e. 'became') flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full (i.e. 'filled up', a heaven-sent cup) of grace and truth.**

'**The Word became flesh**', and that '**flesh**' contained '**glory as of the only begotten of the Father**'.

Fallen humans (even though alive and thus somewhat enlightened by Christ) can choose to walk in the darkness that surrounds them, their inward eyes diverted, ignoring this enlightenment of Christ. And thus they cannot '**see**' their darkened condition ... which otherwise would scare them

toward God.

In such a condition, then, the human is blind to '**the glory**' within and around Christ our Lord Jesus.

So, is God not a rewarder to them that sincerely seek Him? The answer of God's Word is 'yes', but it all turns on '*sincerity*'. As with Eve in the garden of Eden, she knew the glory of God by His visitations, but she was enticed (by the devil) of a "possibility of increased glory" for herself simply by eating of the forbidden '**tree of knowledge of good and evil**'. It has always been the same for Eve's children ... that they (we) seek self-glory even more than the glory of the One That Creates.

The solution to this dilemma for each human coming into the world is this: for the Lord to momentarily *energize the enlightenment* within to see that he or she is a child of the world and not yet a child born into the family of God. Therefore, the choice: a) fearfully (i.e. sincerely) consider what the Lord is inwardly revealing or b) continue staring into his or her familiar darkness.

The Apostle John tells us that each human comes into the fallen world with '*life and enlightenment*'.

Our Loving and Creating God is Faithful to honor that which He has placed in each of His creations. Therefore, He sees to it at some time(s) and some place(s) that each has a momentary energizing of his or her enlightenment ... a chance to clearly see his or her condition with God.

So..... how attached is the human to his or her environment when '**rays of light**' momentarily enlighten? Will darkness be turned to light? The family of the world is eternally at odds with the family of God.

**1:15,16 John (the Baptist) bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fulness have all we received,** (i.e. those empowered of heaven to 'see, with help to accept) **and (also) grace for grace.**

**1:17,18 For the law was given by Moses, but *grace and truth* came by Jesus Christ. No man (having come into the world) hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he (Christ) hath declared him (such that God may be experienced by means of *the enlightenment* offered up by the Son through his blood).**

The Apostle Paul tells us that the Righteous Law *shows* men their sin (falling short), but the Son *enlightens* '**grace and truth**' in the midst of one's darkness.

**17:13,14 And now come I (Christ) to thee (the Father); and these things I speak (*your word*) in the world, that they might have my joy (of '**grace and truth**') fulfilled in themselves. I have given them *thy word*; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.**

**17:15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.**

**17:16 They (i.e. his disciples - these apostles) are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.**

**17:17 Sanctify them through *thy truth*: thy *word is truth*.**

**17:18,19 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through *the truth*.**

Jesus Christ speaks the Word of the Father. Yet Christ ... the Only Begotten ... *is the Word ... is the Truth*.

Amid all the Apostle John's repetition of Who and What is Christ, I trust that every passage from the Old Testament listed above has come into focus.

You and I dear reader are little sheep that mostly think about our loving Shepherd as our "savior and helper". Yet, seldom do we gaze up at our Shepherd King long enough to see *the glory of heaven within, around, and upon him*.

Holy Father draw our little heads and hearts up enough, from time to time, that we stand in amazement at such glory .... the Glory which the Apostle John declares unto us about our Lord Jesus.

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**Christ of the Gospels, our Lord Jesus, is -**

**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.**

**14:33 Then they (the twelve disciples) that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.**

**17:2 And was transfigured before them (Peter, James, and John) : and his face did shine (i.e. 'give forth light') as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light (i.e. 'rays').**

**24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.**

**26:63 But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.**

By Jesus' words and deeds they knew he was ... yet by their standing (thus understanding) they knew he simply could not be.

**27:40 And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest [it] in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.**

**27:43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.**

Their understanding could not grasp that God would not save His only begotten Son. Indeed, to them the very Son of God would have the power himself to come down.

**28:3 His countenance was like lightning (i.e. 'gleam', as a heavenly light upon him), and his raiment white as snow:**

**Mark**

**13:31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.**

**Luke**

**21:33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.**

**9:20 He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answering said, The Christ of God.**

**11:20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.**

**23:35 And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided [him], saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.**

**John**

**1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light (i.e. 'rays', that enlighten) of men.**

**1:9 [That] was the true Light ('Rays'), which (en)lighteth (i.e. 'illuminate') every man that cometh into the world.**

**1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**

(much of what follows Jesus said of himself -)

**5:18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.**

**6:33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.**

**8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light ('rays') of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light ('rays') of life.**

**8:40,42,54 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God:**

**9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light ('rays') of the world.**

**10:33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and**



because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

10:36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

12:46 *I am come a light* ('rays') into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

13:3,31,32 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him.

14:6 Jesus saith unto him (Thomas), I am *the way, the truth, and the life*: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

19:7 The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.

20:17,28,31 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and [to] my God, and your God. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

What do you think was in the hearts of the victorious chief priests and Pharisees?

**Matthew 27:62,63** Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate (the sabbath of Jerusalem's rejoicing festival), Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After (i.e. 'with' meaning 'on', not 'after') three days I will rise again.

Jesus rose at the dawn of the third day from the tomb that the chief priests and Pharisees had sealed.

**27:64-66** Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

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Dear reader, as you can see, 'light' and 'life' have been merged into the manifold Theme of 'word' and 'truth'.

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**The Christ of the Epistles, our Lord Jesus is -**

**2Corinthians**

**4:1,2** Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, ...

... not walking in craftiness, nor handling *the word* of God deceitfully (i.e the pushing forward of church or man's doctrines); but by *manifestation of the truth* (so as) commending ourselves to every man's *conscience in the sight of God*.

Dear reader, we little sheep too much 'handle the word of God' seeking to benefit our churches or to emphasize certain teachings. Therefore, too little do we experience such 'manifestations' of 'the truth' unto us and among God's people.

Are our motives of ourselves or of the Lord? This why I put forward *the Word of Truth* ... not trusting anyone to believe my beliefs and convictions, but to look past my words to *the Word*. If my conclusions are off base or miss *the mark of Truth*, then at least in front of you dear reader is *the Word*.

**4:3.4** But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light (i.e. 'enlightenment') of the glorious gospel

of Christ, who is the image (i.e. 'a likeness seen or viewed') of God, should shine (i.e. be 'rays') unto them.

4:5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

6:1,2 We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (For he saith, I have heard thee in *a time accepted*, ... and in *the day of salvation* have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

6:3-6 Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed: But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

6:7-10 By *the word of truth*, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

6:11 O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged.

### Ephesians

1:1,2 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard *the word of truth*, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

### Colossians

1:12 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus our brother, To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1:5,6 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in *the word of the truth* of the gospel; Which is come *unto you, as it is in all the world*; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the *day ye heard* of it, and knew the grace of God *in truth*:

### Thessalonians

2:11,12 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children, That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in *truth, the word of God*, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

### 2Timothy

2:11-13 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

2:14,15 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. ...

... Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing *the word of truth*.

### James

1:16,17 Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and

cometh down from the Father of lights ('rays'), with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

1:18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

### 1John

3:18,19 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

3:23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

### Revelation

3:14,15 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness (Word of Truth), the (very) beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

Who is speaking? The Lord Christ Jesus ... .. the very 'beginning of God the Father's creation'.

Therefore: John 1:4 'In him was life; and the life was the light of men' ... and also

Revelation 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

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Psalms 138:1,2 [A Psalm of David.] I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee. I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him (i.e. Thomas), I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Therefore, for me, the Apostle Thomas sums it up: John 20:28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

Sincerely, Ron