# What Christ Is to the World

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The world's Creator: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made."

John 1:1-3

The world's Example: "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Matthew 16:24

The world's King: "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."

Revelation 11:15

The world's Life: "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

The world's Light: "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the

world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

John 8:12

The world's Lord:
"For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him."

Romans 10:12
The world's
Love: "For God
so loved the world,
that he gave his only
begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him
should not perish, but have
everlasting life."

John 3:16

The world's Master: "Ye call me Master and Lord:

and ye say well; for so I am."

John 13:13

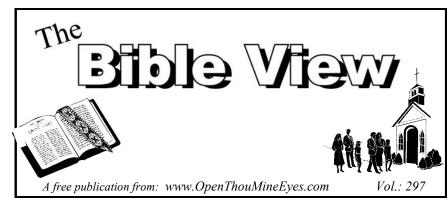
The world's Saviour: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Luke 19:10

The world's Teacher: "And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." Matthew 7:28-29

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#### Not Just a Man

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One of the many things that prove that Jesus was not an ordi-

nary man is that
His life
did not
end with
His crucifixion.
His life continued
and Luke 24 tells
some of what happened after His
death. The chapter
reveals:

- † Jesus rose from the dead and was victorious over death!
- † Angels had announced Jesus' birth and also announced that He had risen (vs. 5-6)
- † He came back after His crucifixion and was seen by many.
- † Jesus taught others when He came back.
- † Jesus had a different body, but He still remembered many things, talked, walked, and was able to discern others' feelings.
- † He still knew scripture (vs. 27).

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## The Prophesied One

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In Mark 11:1-11 the triumphal entry account, where Jesus was honored as He entered Jerusalem, is described. Prior to His riding through the streets, Jesus asked two of His disciples to get the colt of a donkey for Him to ride.

All that Christ did while on this earth was planned. His riding through the streets, prior to His death was also planned. About 487 years before the birth of Christ, the prophet Zechariah foretold of the Messiah's ride on a young donkey colt:

"Rejoice greatly, ... 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." Zech.9:9

These fulfilled prophecies were important because they showed that Jesus was not just a man, as some false religions teach. He was the promised and long-awaited Messiah that would die, so that others could live eternally. The over 300 prophecies Christ fulfilled include those

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- † He still prayed and thanked God (vs. 30).
- † He must have appeared different. He had talked and spent time with several disciples, but they did not recognize who He was until their eyes were opened and they were given understanding that it was Christ they had been talking with (vs. 31).
- † He just appeared amongst people. In several other places in the Bible, Jesus appeared in the midst of people without going through doors (vs. 36).
- † Jesus still had the marks of His crucifixion (vs. 39).
- † He was seen ascending back to Heaven (vs. 51).
- † Unfortunately there are many false religions, and their leaders that have claimed to have done many things. None, however, can claim to have done what God's only Son had done. Jesus arose from the grave! He is risen!

### Who Jesus Is

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When Jesus was falsely tried, Pilate referred to Him as "King of the Jews". The ruler did not really believe He was the King. He just referred to Jesus that way to further goad the religious leaders and religious intellectuals (Mark 15:10), that wanted Jesus dead.

The title, however, describes who Jesus really is. Here are other titles Christ is called or referred to as in the Bible. They give a better picture of who Jesus really is:

"The Christ. The Messiah. Saviour, Redeemer, Wonderful, Counselor, Faithful Witness, The Word of God, The Truth, The Light of the World, The Way, The Good Shepherd, Mediator, Deliverer, The Great High Priest. The Author and Perfector of our Faith, The Captain of our Salvation, Our Advocate, The Son of God, The Son of Man. God. The Holy One of God, Only Begotten Son, Mighty God, The Image of God, Everlasting Father, Lord, Lord of All, Lord of Glory, Lord of Lords, Blessed and Only Potentate, King of Israel, King of Kings, Ruler of the Kings of the Earth, Prince of Life. Prince of Peace. The Son of David. Root and Offspring of David, The Bright and Morning Star, Immanuel, The Second Adam. The Lamb of God, The Lion of the Tribe of Judah, The Alpha and the Omega, The First and the Last, The Beginning and the End, The Amen."

From <u>Halley's Bible Handbook</u>, pg.443, by Henry H. Halley, Zondervan Publishing House, 1962.

"Jesus used a borrowed tomb, because He did not need it for long."

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about:

- ♦ His ancestry
- ♦ His birth
- ♦ His character
- ♦ His ministry
- ♦ His dual nature. He was the Son of God, and became the human Son of Man.
- ♦ His death
- ♦ His resurrection
- His ascension and exaltation
- ♦ His second advent

(\*Points from <u>All the Messianic Prophecies of the Bible</u> by Herbert Lock-yer)

All these prophecies, Jesus' miracles, His power, and His teachings should have alerted all that Jesus was the promised One that would come to pay man's sin debt. Certainly all that was fulfilled could not possibly be written off as a "coincidence"; but it was by many, and He was ignored by others. The Saviour came and many did not recognize Him then, and many still do not

One remarked to another about Christianity, "It would be easy to start a religion like that."

The other replied, "Oh, yes. All one would have to do is to be God's only son, be crucified, and rise again after three days." Jesus said, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." John 10:9

recognize Him as Saviour today.

#### The Door



Author Unknown Door of hope for sinners poor, Here the hopeless may draw nigh;

Jesus bids them stay no more, And receives them graciously.

Door of mercy open wide, He that will may enter here; Find in Jesus' pierced side Shelter from each rising fear.

Door of pardon for the vile, Here the vilest enter in, Find the fruit of Jesus' toil Full atonement for their sin.

Door of peace, yea, peace with God,

Sinners may adore and bless— Peace, the fruit of Jesus' blood; Peace, the fruit of righteousness.

Door of heaven, there saints shall raise

Loud hosannas swelling high, And in gratitude and praise