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Mark 3:33, "And he answered them, saying, *Who is my mother, or my brethren?*"

"Who is my mother?"

Let's look at the first time the incorruptible seed of God conceived life. ...The story of the birth of Christ is not given to us to make a celebration or a day of giving gifts. It is given as a glimpse of the marvelous work of God as He joins us, in this life. It is a picture of the birth that is to occur in all of us.



Emmanuel - meaning God with US!

When the angel appeared and made his salutation to Mary, his greeting contained a declaration of favor: "...*Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.*" The awareness of being favored accorded to those who are visited by the Holy Spirit, is nearly absent today.

Somewhere among the dialogue of "whosoever will" and indiscriminate "Jesus Loves You" bumper stickers, we have laid aside the glorious doctrine of election and adulterated the sovereignty of our God.

We have come to expect our God to promptly answer when we call, but when the Creator of the universe visits you, it is a wonderful day, and you are highly favored "...*for thou hast found favour with God.*" (Luke 1) "*[We] were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*" (John 1:13)

"Christmas" Has Hidden the Story of the New Birth

Then the angel explained to Mary what was about to happen: "*And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.*" (Luke 1:35)

We see here that the "holy thing" is Christ. After questioning the impossibility of

such a proposal and being assured that it would be as God said, Mary submitted to the will of God and surrendered herself totally to Him. *"And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her."* (Luke 1:38)

In this story we can begin to see a parallel to the experience we call being born again. We see the overshadowing or visitation, the expectation of an impossibility, the questioning within, and finally the submission to the higher One. When we reach this point of submission we have the seed of God implanted in us.

This seed has within it the DNA structure of *a new you* in Christ. As Mary was to carry Christ within her for the next nine months and then give birth, it is our responsibility to care for and nurture that seed to birth and finally, maturity.

Paul spoke of this mystery. *"To whom God would make known ... this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you..."* (Colossians 1:27) In Ephesians 4:15, Paul spoke also of our growing up into Christ, *"But speaking the truth in love, [we] may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."*

As you submit to God in this process of the new birth, He places His seed within you. The new birth is not an instantaneous one that takes place the second you pray a "sinner's prayer" as is commonly taught today. First, there is a visitation, a yielding, and then a pregnancy, which you are expected to nurture and care for, till it comes to the time of birth. If you do not cherish the new Seed of Christ you could miscarry, and lose this "holy thing" within.

The doctrine of instantaneous "new birth on demand" is faulty and misleading.

There are scores of people still struggling with sin and trying to reconcile their present wretched lives with their past experience of being "born again." When, in reality, their visitation only planted a seed that they must bring to the birth by responsible and caring behavior.



Remember that the Scripture says, *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God."* (John 1:12) We have been given the "power to become" just as a woman impregnated has been given the potential to bring forth life.

The care and nurture necessary to bring about this new birth successfully is to be guided by Christ, to be a disciple, and carrying ones own "cross" - to do the will of the Father. In fact, being a disciple is living under the discipline that creates the proper environment for the new birth. No one can successfully bring new life into an environment hostile to the nature of the life conceived in them. You cannot force the lips of Christ in us, to tell lies, nor force His hands to strike, His mouth to curse or His heart to worship idols and yet expect this holy Seed to thrive.

You must first learn to obey His Commandments and do His will to successfully bring about a live birth of the Seed within. Luke 14:27, *"And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple."* You must DO the will of God to care for, and not miscarry, the seed within. After you have been "mother" to this holy life within you, it is then that you are born into the family of Christ, and have become brothers and sisters of His.

Second, after prenatal development, comes the birth, and "mothering" of this new "Christ in you" and is a matter of feeding, protecting and maturing. As Peter says, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby..." (1 Peter 2:2) Being born again consists of the Spirit and Life of Christ being born in you. *"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."* (John 3:7) *"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."* (1 Peter 1:23)

On this particular day when Jesus was teaching and ministering to His followers, His mother Mary and His brothers were standing outside the place and were calling to Him. For what cause He was ignoring them, is unknown. Whether it was for this lesson alone or for other reasons, we don't know. The crowd told him that His mother and brothers were outside and wanted to see Him, and Jesus asked a profound thing. *"Who is my mother?"*

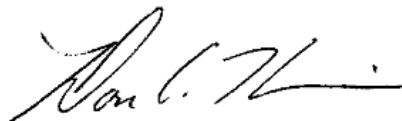
As you consider the holy child that you are carrying and birthing as raising the seed of God, "Christ in you," you may now see new depth to the question of Christ, *"Who is my Mother?"*

This is a question you need not answer, as the answer is given quickly afterward,

"And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples said, *"Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of God my Father the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother."*

Do your utmost, dear friends, to achieve this worthy life "Christ in you."

Friendly,



*Excerpt *"Who is my mother?"* taken from "The Questions of Jesus" by Don C Harris.

From Don's Desk. . .



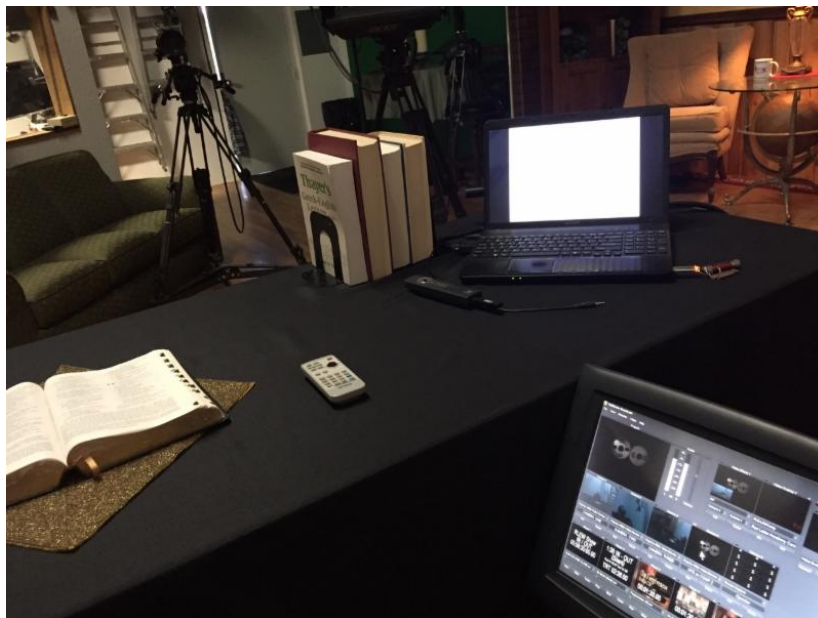
Think Red Ink Presents: Red Letter Academy

"When you get the red letters right, it all makes sense!"

Think Red Ink Ministries is moving forward. The photo above is the new RED LETTER ACADEMY television set! Before the camera rolls, the set, the wiring for camera switches, power point projector mounted, the lighting adjusted and focused, the camera balance set, the script, the power-points, the speakers, the planning and then...

LIGHTS, CAMERA AND ACTION! . . .

This is Don's view from the new Red Letter Academy desk. You can see the "Rest of the Week" set to the right, look into the window of the video production studio, and in the distance to the right you can also see the TRI green-screen set which will be used in future programming.



Other news:

- *New Listen Line phone number: (605) 562-8074.*
- *The TRI Radio App Upgrade is almost ready - perhaps by years' end.*
- *It's great to be LIVE again from TRI Pie Town new audio/video studios! Join us on the App, the Listen Line or in the chat room. The daily "Red Letter Edition-Weekday" program at 6 am MT (M-F) and "Red Letter Edition - Live!" program*



THIS MONTH'S FEATURE:

"A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH" *Red Letter Edition*
- LIVE! DVD (12/10/17)

"What happens when we die? Seven days of clarity - that which we cannot see or will not see while we live. Don covers this topic from the Red Ink and the book (Esdras) which was removed from the King James 1611 Bible. If you missed the show and you

would like a copy of this insightful DVD - Click the image and request your copy! If there's no form, send an email to Info@ThinkRedInk.com. Thanks to those who make this distribution possible.

ThINKers' *Thoughts!*

Great show brother. I am really enjoying this series. I really like the scenario you used concerning the neighborhood group and how they acted in "the name of Jesus". That is such a good way to explain what "in the name of Jesus" means. I have heard you explain it before, but this explanation really "put pants on the scripture", as you say. When will the christian world wake up and realize that it's not about rules and symbolic gestures but about how we treat our brother. Maybe they will, if they keep tuning in to your show. Please keep up the great work.

~ ThINKer in TX

Thank you for the refreshing and encouraging words in the TRI news concerning Thanksgiving. As I have prayed and sought YAH concerning this time of year I have been very impressed that this is a time to Praise Him and be Thankful for all the things that YAH has given me. Family, friends and the awesome provision that He is always blessing my life with throughout the year. I was very blessed to see someone else voice the same as my heart felt concerning this "holiday". As my heart comes from a time of Praise and Worship from the Feast time it seems YAH is saying to me now go and remember all that I have giving you and enjoy the blessings I have given you from my heart. Have a blessed and wonderful time of "Thanksgiving" as we give thanks to the awesome and wonderful works of our Father YAH.

~ ThINKer in TX

Just a short note to let you know that we requested "The Creator's Calendar" online. We decided to [mail] a donation instead of using PayPal. We had "The Creator's Calendar" DVD before but think we loaned it to someone and never got it back. We think it explains things nicely. We have someone new coming to our home fellowship and want them to see it. We pray that Yahovah blesses you and keeps you.

~ ThINKer from TX

Greetings from the Ozark plateau! The new number for the listen line works great! (NOTE: New Listen Line number is (605) 562-8074) It's clearer and cleaner sounding, still phone line quality but a great improvement! I hope other listeners have the same results. It is a good change. I love listening to your show when time can be had. Been pretty busy, funny how we run about over the same ground all the time. I'm reminded; I was going to post TRI's new listen line number on my Facebook timeline. I like your style! Hope all is well for you and anybody connected with The Red Letter Edition and TRI. The message you preach has cleared a lot of fog. Thank you. Keep up this great work, I know you love it!

~ ThINKer in MO

Thanks for your patience you were wonderful. The show [interview on "The Truth Will Set You Free"] came out pretty nice... It is nice listening to someone who has a passion for God. I really enjoyed all you had to say. I pray you blessings always.

~ ThINKer in OH

No Greater Love

Before I was born, He knew I would fail.
He gave His life to redeem me from Hell.
The cost of redemption was too great for me,
But His selfless nature allowed it to be.
All we like sheep have gone astray.
We have turned each one to his own way.
The price to pay should be banishment forever,
But His grace wouldn't allow our ties to sever.
The thorns were driven deep into his skull,
From the agonizing torture there was no lull.
The whip cut and tore leaving raw meat.
The fist through the shroud relentlessly beat.
Beyond belief He endured each and every strike,
But now they brought out two steel spikes.
His tendons were ripped as His flesh was torn.
Why was He so committed to endure their scorn?
12 legions of angels was He able to call,
Instead, for my sake, He gave His all.
Suddenly His cross slammed into the ground.
His agonized scream was heard all around.

His visage was marred more than any man.
But He knew in advance the Master's plan.
His pain and suffering we'll truly not know,
But His Love was sufficient, this seed to sow.
Humiliated, tortured, and condemned to die,
These words He spoke before His last sigh.
"Father forgive them, they know not what they do."
He sacrificed Himself for me and for you.
Resurrected by the Father, He arose from the grave.
The first born of many, many more He would save.
At the right hand of the Father does he now plead.
For our sakes, by His blood, does He ever intercede.

~ Thinker in TX

THE NIGHT BEFORE TRUMPETS

'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE TRUMPETS WHEN ALL THRU THE TENT
WE WAITED AND WATCHED, OUR LIVES NEARLY SPENT.
WHEN JUST AS WE NEEDED SO BADLY TO HEAR
THE WORD CAME AND SPOKE, SO PERFECTLY CLEAR.

"REMEMBER THE LESSONS THAT BROUGHT YOU THIS FAR
I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE, YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE.
MY SISTER, WISDOM, NOW YOUR SISTER TOO,
MY SPIRIT GUIDING, RESIDING IN YOU."

"THESE TRUSTY STEEDS WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP,
THROUGH THE DARKNESS IS THICK, THE WAY NARROW AND STEEP.
HEAR AS I CALL TO THEM, HOLD TIGHT THE REINS,
THE MORNING IS DAWNING FOR US WHO REMAIN."

ON, REPENTANCE
ON, GUIDANCE
ON, MANNA
AND FAITH

ON, PRAYER
ON, SABBATH
FORGIVENESS
AND GRACE.

TILL THE VERY LAST DAY, WHEN YASHUAH OUR KING
STANDS CLOTHED IN HIS GLORY SALVATION TO BRING...
EVERY EYE WILL HAVE SEEN AND EVERY EAR HEARD
PRAISE BE TO THE FATHER, PRAISE BE TO HIS WORD.

~ Anonymous Thinker

"Hidden Truth, in Plain Sight"

Hiding in front of your eyes in plain sight is truth,

all around us, wrong and right, day and night.
How about you? What will you do with it, "Truth," when it's in your sight?
Will you love it or leave it; it's only up to you to decide.
It's all right, you deserve this, cries your flesh each day and night.
Little do you know that you're a slave to your sin and will self-inflict your demise.
My friends, embrace the Spirit of Truth, for he will Guide you into all Truth,
Grace and Obedience, the Spirit of Truth is he who the world does not know
Due to spiritual self-negligence.

~ Thinker in NV

...Hey Don. . .

Hello, I hope you and yours are well. As always I thank you for all the material you send me. When you called the other day I was a little off-guard. I am sorry, I was expecting a telemarketer. I hope you could tell that I was greatly pleased it was you. Thank you for calling and talking with me... Like I said letting go of a parent and leader is hard. They teach and prepare us for that day when they leave us. I am thankful for every day we have together, but that day is coming for all of us. With that, you may have discussed this subject in detail but my question is: "What happens when we die?" Do we sleep with the saints or are we on one side of the other of the great gulf? I have the disk on the Resurrection, that doesn't seem to answer it for me. Love in Christ.

~ ThINKer in VA

REPLY FROM DON:

Thank you for your encouragement. Yes. I will address the topic, "What happens when we die?" on the next Red Letter Edition LIVE Sunday show. (Note: I learned in this call of the passing of a faithful friend of TRI. The unsubscribe notice from the Ezine email did not indicate the passing of my dear friend. She will be missed.)

I do hope all are well. I know Don you have had your health issues. I pray for your good health and ability to do what you do. You give insight and truth that "traditional" and "new wave" churches seem to be blind to. As always thank you for any and all materials I receive from you. Your letter came today and I see I missed your show, which I listen to on "TRI Listen Line." [NOTE: New Listen Line number is 605-562-8074.] ...This being the month for thankfulness (every day is), I thank the Father he sent his Son to give us a chance at eternal life, for this country, my family, for my good health, there are others in a lot worse shape than I am, and for great servants like yourself that do their best to steer us toward truth and understanding. As I told you when we talked, losing a patriarch like my Dad, who was a man large and in charge is very tough. ...We all have to leave this world. ("...a time to be born and a time to die...") I am very thankful for his 86 years and it was a great blessing for us that he left as peacefully as he did. ...Mom seems to be handling Dad's leaving very well... They were married for 62 years. They were expressing that love every day, setting the example for us. They were kissing like teenagers right up until his last day. ...I am thankful I have the true living God YHVH to go to. Yours in Christ,

~ThINKer from VA

REPLY FROM DON: Sorry for your loss, my friend. What an encouraging testimony your parents have provided to the world. I have made a DVD of the 12/10/17 Red Letter Edition Sunday program, "A Matter of Life and Death - Jesus and Ezras speak out" for you. [Note: This DVD will be made available to anyone who wants to know, "What happens when we die?"]

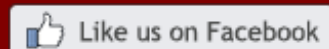
Enjoy your Thanksgiving! Here in Lagos Nigeria, we don't have a holiday as such. Anyways, happy thanksgiving to you. We are so happy to hear from you. The TRI android app is still a great companion here. I listen to it when the office wifi comes on! I have a question...Is it right to use my office' wifi to listen to TRI or any other personal things? Just to learn more. Would be expecting a response..Thanks a lot Mr Don!

~ ThINKer in Nigeria

REPLY FROM DON: Thank you. It's good to hear from you. If your office does not have policies restricting personal Wi-Fi use I can't see anything wrong with it. Glad the TRI Radio App is still working for you.

KEEP YOUR CARDS, LETTERS, COMMENTS, & QUESTIONS COMING!

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