

Red Letter Edition

What did Jesus Say?

When Messiah Comes (Part One)

As you know, I have been to God's Learning Channel (GLC) in Texas, for several days recording and helping out any way I could (your preacher can double as a plumber, an electrician, or just about anything else) and I must say it was a nice diversion. The Coopers and the GLC staff are understanding of my new limitations and were a joy to visit.



During a recording session, (as it often does) a previously discussed topic will present and apply itself to the subject of my present thoughts. This Scripture repeatedly came to mind...

"The woman saith unto him ...our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. ..."

Then, as if to avoid any unnecessary controversy she breaks off the lesson that she is receiving from Jesus and ... *"The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things."*

Jesus, who had to be amused at this point, *"saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he."*

Her apparent concern was that her worship would be pleasing to the Eternal. She well knew how to please the local religious leadership. This is evident in her words, *"Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; (or in this way)."*

She was also aware of other kindred and historical doctrines and made it clear, *"and ye (the Jews) say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship..."*

But then, it appears... that still small voice, the one who teaches us and guides us right-ward when we are bound left and guides us left when we list starboard. It was the same voice that taunted the perfectly law-compliant Jewish man to ask the Savior, *"What lack I yet?"* But, dare this Samaritan woman ask? Dare she probe past the ancient boundaries of the Sages? The persistent voice bids her to say on.

"Say on!"

She remains silent.

Jesus knows the question for which He waits. He longs to hear it. And just as with us... It does not seem to come. For a million bad reasons, perhaps... yet... it does not come.

Maybe as well as we know the question, we fear the answer. After all, does anyone really want to know the answer from the mouth of our Holy God, *"What do I yet lack?"*

Humankind has invented for himself an "honorable" evasion. Though it seems lofty and noble, intrepid and progressive, our reluctance is actually based in cowardice and hypocrisy. Worse yet, it provides us a way to continue today in the ignorance of yesterday.

The way the Samaritan woman prefaced her statement to Jesus, "...when Messiah comes..." created an interruption which is very similar to the interruptions we make today (songs, prayers, poems) which while made to facilitate communication actually defeat the work of the Holy Ghost, namely, to take us from our immature state of mere "Salvation" toward perfection. Reference Hebrews 6:1.* Modern worship distracts with pretty words and music quietly teaching that there are many things we will never know "til we walk with Him in glory..." or, "God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform" or some other such emasculate philosophy to take us away from what the voice in us is coaxing us to investigate the insistent, internal poser, "What lack I yet?"

Our intention is to set the answer to the question as far out into the future as possible - so we don't have to deal with it today.

In our lady's case, she saw immediately that the answer would require her to change from her family's present view. Therefore, the "lack of Messiah" scapegoat was utilized.

Oh we have many of these goats we offer to avoid what the voice within is saying quietly.

"We cannot understand until we see Him face to face!"

"We have no Temple!"

"We are not in the Land!"

"We have no Priesthood among us!"

"If we had the original manuscripts..."

"We'll understand it better by and by...!"

Is this just a first century version of "Don't ask... Don't tell"?

Do we really believe in our Messiah's plan to "Go Away" as He said...or not?

Is it really expedient for us that He go away ... or not?

Why do we cry for His presence - if it is His absence that betters, behooves and improves us?

Perhaps we don't want to know what He has to say.

So much for the way pseudo-Messianic and the progressive Christian's use scapegoats to continue in their own way. How do 21st century Jews handle their fear of judgment while staring into the face of Truth Himself? Well, their cop-out today is so similar to the words of the Samaritan woman they don't even need editing. "[Today's Jews] saith unto him, I know that when Messiah cometh, he will tell us all things."

Mind you, this was said as Messiah was attempting to answer her concern.

"Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. ...God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

Both of my examples of modern and historic excuses could have wonderful and comforting effects for both Jew and Gentile if it were not for one historical occurrence.

Jesus *has* come.

What, or more perfectly, WHO are you waiting for to answer all of your silly questions?

By virtue of our insistence to wait for The Messiah [in the flesh], we condemn ourselves at every turn. Jesus expressly made impossible the usage of such a scapegoat when He answered her.

We may say, *"Oh well, perhaps when we die.... Oh perhaps when Jesus comes back. Oh well, perhaps when Messiah reigns... blah, blah, blah"*

All the while Jesus is saying over our excuses, *"I that speak unto thee am he."*

Why do we wait to inquire into our own perfection? We cannot say honestly that *"One day Messiah will explain."* Unless, of course, you do indeed think He created us and dropped us off like a bucket of chicken and will return someday to check on us.

We may NOT use His physical absence for an excuse.

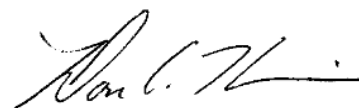
No, we may not.

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Not if we believe He speaks and teaches, leads and guides us today.

Do you?

Friendly,



P.S. These thoughts are further considered in "The Questions of Jesus" book, [**"Why go ye about to kill me?"**](#) (Click to listen)

*Hebrews 6:1, "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God".

TRI Happenings . . .



*Did you send your **RSVP** for this event?*

- What: TRI Spring Fellowship Meeting
- When: Friday, March 30, 2018 (6:00 - 9:00 pm MT)
- Where: El Pinto Restaurant, 10500 4th St. NW, Albuquerque, NM (Individual meal purchase required.)

RSVP

What happens when Scripture is fulfilled? We'll examine the principles of the Scriptures to



*determine what Jesus expected His disciples to do 'next year' and the year after that, throughout time to this year - **Remembering Pesach!***
RSVP - Space is limited.

More TRI Happenings . . .



"...the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth..." John 4

During the month of March, God's Learning Channel (GLC) is playing two special presentations by Think Red Ink Ministries (TRI). These programs are not listed individually in the GLC schedule. They will run in the Light of the Southwest (LOTS) time slot. Don discusses the subject of *"Keeping a Christian Passover"* and *"Worshiping in Spirit and Truth."*

These programs contain topics such as *acceptable service* and *reasonable duty* of mature Christian believers. *These programs are only available through GLC.* You can support Think Red Ink Ministries and GLC by ordering your copy through the GLC Bookstore (866) 846-5200. Be sure to give your "thanks" to God's Learning Channel (GLC) and [Al, Tommie and Amy Cooper](#) for the opportunity to share this message.

How to watch? These programs will not be aired on [ThinkRedInk.tv](#). However, you can watch GLC via your [computer or smart phone](#); you can watch GLC on your television (if you receive GLC satellite transmission or cable), or you can watch via your ROKU device (search for GLC in the ROKU channel window). Also this program will be available at the GLC website, "On Demand," until next Wednesday night (02/21) at 8 pm CT under the programs tab at [GLCTV.tv](#).

ThINKers'

Thoughts!

We watched your light of the southwest interview today. It was wonderful. So glad you are back on GLC, can only be a blessing for them if they will be open to the truth. We have a small group that meets in our home each erev Shabbat for study, food and fellowship. We are truly blessed with good friends with like minded belief. We miss your 1st day teaching as that is when we're out running errands. Nice to know we can watch you on GLC. Take care my friend, we'll be watching.

~ ThINKer in TX

I like to watch GLC on Sabbath and during the week in the evening between 7 pm and 9 pm eastern time. I start tax season tomorrow. I will not always be able to log in to chat in the morning. I will as much as possible because I enjoy seeing others and knowing they are listening too. I would like to know the schedule when Don will be on GLC. (GLC Schedule:)

~ ThINKer in FL

I just watched "Pit Confession" and it is an excellent video. The poem "Mature" at the end is perfect. I remember that kid, my own version of him. I miss him. My family and I love TRI, we listen sometimes but we recommend it frequently. We hope it grows and you're there when my grandchildren are searching for truth!!

~ ThINKer in MO

Best Regards. Thank you, sir [for the "Matter of Life and Death" DVD). I will send in a donation just been traveling. Your ministry has been such a blessing to me over the last couple of years and one I want to support. I even did my PHD dissertation on the questions Jesus asked in the Gospel of Mark and their value for spiritual leadership development for law enforcement chaplains. I would love to get down there one day to the Feast of Tabernacles and see you...

~ ThINKer in WA

I'm hoping for a full house one of these days soon. But that may be selfish on my part. God may be doing something much bigger and better behind the scenes. I wouldn't be surprised. I pray for us all, that we, by grace become the persons who can be trusted with the riches of the Kingdom of our God and King.

~ ThINKer in OR

Thank you for the update on the [Matter of Life and Death] DVD, I do not know how soon I can order another DVD, but I found one I would love to have "Creator's Calender" when I am eligible to order. Oh wow, I am so looking forward to digging into these 2 teachings. Thanks and Shalom

~ ThINKer in FL

So sorry that eye sight problems persist and that some of TRI Ministries had to be discontinued. Thankful the TRI.tv continues and that GLC has begun airing your problems. Thank you for including your interview in the last newsletter. It was the message of TRI Ministries in a nutshell. So hope your eyesight improves. Peace.

~ ThINKer in TX

Just saw you on GLC. Much of what Don is currently teaching on GLC I'd already heard from [other] teachings, so it isn't an entirely new way of thinking to me, but I prefer the way Don teaches by sharing the Biblical/grammatical references.

~ ThINKer in ID

What a pleasant surprise when I went to the Post Office to get my mail and to receive an unsolicited package from Think Red Ink... It was through hearing you read from [The Questions of Jesus] book on Troy Reno's online radio station (KDSH-FM) some eight or nine years ago that I first heard about TRI and pursued further to know about you and your ministry. Your well written examinations and insights into the questions raised while Jesus was here on this earth, have given me much material for thought and meditation. This is a book with long-term value and I will prize it for the rest of my life... Thanks again. Shalom.

~ ThINKer in AZ

I know we all have our issues, with that I long for your improvement so you may keep doing what you do to point us toward truth. In a previous letter you were telling me about Galaxy 19 Satellite, how do I obtain the receiver and dish? As always thank you for any and all material I receive from you. From the dial up radio shows, to the DVDs, to the letters, it is amazing the knowledge and direction I intake from your insight. Thank you for sending me the "A Matter of Life and Death" DVD. My question, as one of the Disciples asked, who can enter "Heaven"? There are a lot of people banking on one verse: John 3:16. I know a great deal more coes with it, still your DVD gives me much to think about. YHVH's greatest blessing upon you. Yours in Christ.

~ ThINKer in VA

REPLY FROM DON: Contact GLC to see if they still sell dishes and how that's done - connectivity into the future best to be internet. For example, if you have

internet a \$100 ROKU device will give you access to hundreds of channels including GLC (and one day TRI). I'm reluctant to tell anybody to join the never ending crevass of technology however it does look like the future of communications.

In consideration of"...*My question...*"*who then can enter 'Heaven'?*" Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

... I am one who raises sheep. I just thought you might like to know, they do resist being sheared and they do not go to slaughter quietly. When one properly restrains them they do stop fighting, but they do not always stay that way. Far from it. Concerning slaughter, when they smell blood they do become fearful which will cause them to avoid you with great vigor. Fact is when they realize what's going on in both situations they are not such peaceful quiet surrendering animals as people are led to believe.

Sheep can be led quietly and peacefully to the slaughter. As was Jesus. They can also be easily led to the shearing. But much as Jesus they anguish and struggle with the process internally (not being of an angry or violent nature) they suffer it being done to them. Our sheep are of a more primitive breed, Shetland sheep from the Shetland Isles. They are smaller and able to survive in very harsh conditions. They are sweet little guys. We enjoy them greatly. Shetlands are gentle peaceful animals, very trusting, submissive and provide wool for warmth, milk and meat for food. They also provide a wonderful weed eating service as well as abundant amounts of fertilizer that can be used to grow more food for them and us. Their bones can be ground down for blood meal to be used as another form of fertilizer. They are fertile and produce several new lambs per year. Up to 6. We learned this the hard way. Experience. We started with 6 one year and ended up with 29 twelve months later. Just thought I would share our experience with sheep. They don't bite. LOL. Blessings dear brother in Christ,

~ ThINKer in ID

REPLY FROM DON: I chuckled all through you email. It was delightful. I'll never preach this that don't think of you. Sorry for the delay. Since my blindness email is difficult.

In the series [Law in Order] you made reference to Billy Graham and John Wayne (I think) and then you said: "you know the rest of the story ". Mr Don, I DON'T KNOW THE REST OF THE STORY. Please what is the end of the story???

~ ThINKer in Nigeria

REPLY FROM DON: Wow. I'm having a hard time remembering. If I think of it I'll send it your way.

(NOTE: Are there any ThINKers out there who can help me remember this reference? If so, send me an email. Thanks. Don)

I'm still working on what Grace is. When I'm late on a bill, I get a 10 day Grace period to pay up. If I get hold of money on second day, it's best to pay at that time even though I

still have 8 days grace. After 10 days, grace period is over. God gave torah to mankind through a chosen people. Where's the temple and priestly teachers? Until Jesus comes back, we're under Grace because we don't have torah teachers instructing us on feast and what not. If however, someone comes to the understanding of Sabbath, feast, during Grace period, then it's best to follow at that time. The more man ignorantly sins, the more Grace is given. The more man ignorantly practices replacement theology, the more grace is given. Until Grace period is over and man learns torah. Anyway, I'm still working on Grace meaning. Thanks.

~ ThINKer in TX

REPLY FROM DON: The Biblical meaning of grace is bigger than "extra time to make things right" (as I'm sure you know). God gave the Law (the Ten Commandments) so He could dwell with men and communicate with them. The inability of men to keep the commandments led to the "interrupter plan of the temple and Levitical priesthood". When Jesus came, he brought "capital G" grace the power for men to become "Sons of God." Jesus perfectly fulfilled the Passover and the office of the High Priest. His words, "If you keep the commandments, my Father and I will come into you and lead and guide you into all Truth [from the inside]. No outside priest or temple is required.

Let's try to not think so much about forgiveness, favor, and mercy when we think about grace. I understand that the grace bestowed upon us for salvation contains all these attributes but none of them fully describe the grace that the Lord Jesus brought to us. As a matter of fact, Jesus wanted to provide to us, the same grace that was given to Him. What need would Jesus have to be forgiven, to be provided long-suffering, or mercy; for that matter, unmerited favor in general? The power of God (grace) was unavailable to man without justification. Jesus came to give us this justification, so that we could enjoy the grace of God.

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Romans 3

Indeed, when we get the red letters right, it all makes sense.

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

Many ThINKers have the same questions you do ... thINK of it as your ministry!

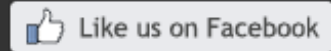
THIS MONTH'S FEATURE: "On Leaven - RLA Echoes"

"As often as ye do this..." As often as we do what? Just what has Yeshua done? What are we to do? Are we to carry on the SAME Passover Commandment in the Scriptures that the Jews have for so many years? Have changes been made to Torah? Just what is the obligation of those who intend to honor Torah AND it's fulfillment in Messiah?

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