

Red Letter Edition

What did Jesus Say?

On Truth (*Conclusion*)



The Bible is a trustworthy book.

Isaiah 46:10 *"Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure."*

I got my answer; I held out for Truth and it came. I accepted it. I have since found no reason to doubt what I found nor has Scripture shown it to be false. I believe it is so and own it as teachable doctrine.

Problem:

If we are to seek, find and hold Truth if we are to truly love the Truth and hold it in righteousness, what are we expected to do when we encounter false doctrine? What are we going to do with Palm Sunday? Good Friday? Easter? Where did they originate if they have no roots in the Scriptures?

Palm Sunday is based on an erroneous calculation of Easter. If Christ died on Friday, the calculation works. It goes like this, John's gospel places the date of His Bethany visitation at six days before Passover. The next day He rode into Jerusalem. They assume Passover was on Friday, six days before that would be Saturday, the next day would be Sunday. Now that we know that Passover that year was on Thursday, one day earlier than thought, we now know it actually was (John 12) [1] Sabbath that Jesus rode into Jerusalem. This doctrine's roots are in Catholicism, and is based on incorrect assumptions and for the expressed purpose of Sunday celebrations. So much for Palm Sunday.

Good Friday was just a calculation based on the confusion of weekly Sabbath and a High Sabbath day. They assumed the Sabbath mentioned as the next day, was a Saturday, and therefore deduced He died on Friday. We found that not to be the case at all. Again, rooted in Catholicism and error.

Easter is another matter altogether. If our Lord was in the grave for exactly three day and nights as He said, He did not rise on Sunday morning at all. He rose on Sabbath evening just before dark, as he was buried just before dark on Wednesday evening. Remember the angel told Mary early [2] (John 20) that First Day morning, "He is not here." Why do Christians feel justified in standing outside and waiting for the sun to rise on Easter? He did not rise at sunrise at all, as a matter of fact, this old custom predated Christ [3] (Ezekiel 8). We must search out these rituals so that we are not an offense to God. We cannot ignore Biblical facts and expect His blessings.

One will find the "facts" of the resurrection hard to discern from the Gospel accounts, but one thing is for sure, the way it is celebrated now is error. Even the fact that it is celebrated at all is dubious as were never told to do so. The actions, based in paganism, neither mandated nor suggested is the antithesis of the life led by the Truth that will make us free.

Here are the questions I asked myself.

- Where did this rising on Sunday come?
- Should we celebrate it?
- What does Truth dictate that we should do?
- Am I really dedicated to Truth?
- Is my dedication to Truth going to force me to give up long and dearly held traditions? [4]
- Should I put my hand to this turning plow that is headed down the field I planted and is just starting to bud?[5]

A brief tour of Church history will reveal to the seeker that Easter is rooted in worship of the Sun. An untrue story of a resurrection of Nimrod – a lie. Some may say that it is not that way today and so it is not to be shunned and avoided as pagan. And that, in spirit, we worship God and that makes it all right. I would be willing to agree if the Lord said we are to worship in spirit only. But, as you know He said, *"Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."* John 4:22-24. Also in 1 John 2:21b, *"... no lie is of the truth."* John 8:44 (abridged), *"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He ... abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. ... he is a liar, and the father of it."*

Easter is steeped in the worship of Ashtaroth the Goddess of the Zidonians. She was specifically a god of the Amorites that was on the other side of Jordan. Rooted in Babylonian culture, she has continued to this day, known as Istar, Ishtar, Ashtaroth, The Queen of heaven, Mother of God, and after her was Easter named.

Emperor Constantine worshipped the sun and after his "conversion to Christianity" he incorporated the two into one. Changing the day of rest from Sabbath to the Venerable Day of the Sun, (Sunday) and combining the Pasach and the resurrection of the Sun God to create Easter was two of his greatest accomplishments.

Conclusion:

The dedication to Truth has taken us down a path we may not have wanted to travel. Or perhaps you see opening before you the way for which you have longed to worship God in the freedom and freshness of Truth. Why do we insist on celebration invented by us and reject the feast days that He provided[6]? The story in the Bible of Jeroboam is a prime example of worship of the true God in an untrue manner. Worship devised and directed of man is never good, nor is it Truth.

1 Kings 12:32-33, *"And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, ... and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made. So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel..."*

The right day, the right God (although graven images were used), the right sacrifices, but, JEROBOAM chose the month.

Funny thing about Truth. It's all or nothing.

As David so painfully learned in Perez Uzzah [7], you **do God's work God's way**.

How can we say to God, "I worship you, my way.?"

"Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain," Jude 1:11

What is the way of Cain if it is not worshiping God Your way?

We must be honest and say that not only have we forsaken His holy days, we have replaced them with our holidays.

"Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:14-16

Friendly,

Don C. Harris

[1] John 12:1 Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

John 12:12-13 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.

[2] John 20:1, "The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark . . ."

[3] Ezekiel 8:15-16, "Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these. And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD'S house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east." *Note: if the sun was in the East, it was rising.*

[4] Matthew 15:6b, " Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. "

Mark 7:13, "Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye."

[5] Luke 9:62, "And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

[6] Deuteronomy 11:16, "Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;"

Joshua 24:14, "Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD."

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[7] 2 Samuel 6:1-19

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Red Letter Academy - Mary's Christ-math *A Special Presentation from the Archives*



Hey, Don...

TEXAS THINKER: I am listening on GLC.

REPLY FROM DON: Thanks! Great to hear from you. I hope you will share your support for the program with Amy and the folks at GLC. Let me know if there is anything you need.

INTERNET THINKER: I'm writing because I tuned into your show last night. I was sleeping but woke up to hear you talking. At the end, you invited your listeners to write in. I felt inspired to take a picture of the tv screen with your information on it so that I could respond to your invitation to write to you.

During your telecast, you were talking about Paul, the apostle. You were telling how he was bold and forward thinking when bringing the Gospel to the Gentiles. It made me think about something. I want you to be bold and forward thinking. I have information for you that will require you to act in the same way that you were petitioning your listeners to act... with hope and boldness to accept new information.

God has spoken to us in this day. At the request of a 14 year old boy in the early 1800's, God appeared with His Son, Jesus Christ, to a young boy named Joseph Smith in a grove of trees in upstate New York. ... The story is found here in this Proclamation of the Restoration sent out this year... It is my prayer that you will take the steps needed into hearing Him.

REPLY FROM DON: You may be surprised to learn that I have read the Book of Mormon. Also on my bookcase are copies of "Pearl of Great Price", "Doctrine and Covenants" and many other books. I do hear from my Lord Jesus directly and encourage my listeners to do so as well. As a matter of fact, God told me the same thing he told Joseph Smith, "Listen to my word [Jesus]. Keep my commandments and I will teach you. No denominational dogma needed."

I always encourage Mormons to listen to God themselves. DO what Joseph Smith did. Seek God alone under a tree; work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. Don't be stuck under Joseph Smith. God speaks to us today, 2020! I've always wondered why Joseph Smith (so close to the truth) did not receive the revelation (or proclaim it so) that outside of keeping the Ten Commandments (all of them); mankind will not see God in any friendly way.

God cannot honor a man who does not keep His commandments, or abrogates any one of them. I know Joseph Smith struggled with language to transmit his revelation, as do I. I look forward to finding these things out. The main thing is that you and I personally are not at odds. My primary issue with the Mormon Church is governmental and not spiritual. When Joseph Smith asked Jesus, "Which church should I attend? Jesus said, "None of them." I agree with Jesus. Why did Joseph Smith then go and build a church that was an amalgamation of all the corrupt churches in the earth? Remember, "...one is our teacher, even Christ, and all of you are brethren."? In essence, Joseph Smith enhanced the hierarchal structure that Jesus Christ renounced.

NEW MEXICO THINKER: Thank you so much for your program. I watch it on channel 32.1 KAZQ in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I have learned so much, especially about the rapture. I was always wondering if the rapture was true since I've heard so many preachers teach on their beliefs on this subject.

Another doctrine that I am a little confused on is the Trinity. I was raised Catholic and brought up believing in the Trinity but I'm not so sure this is true anymore. Please enlighten me. Thank you so much, I've never heard anyone teach like you do, so very very different.

REPLY FROM DON: There is no reason to believe in the Trinity, except for being Catholic. The Catholics invented it. The godhead is simply the Father and the Son. Thank you for writing to me.

NEW MEXICO THINKER: Please send "On Sabbath", I have been trying to request the book as Don Harris said on his TV program. "On Sabbath" was the book I was trying to get, but have been unable to.

REPLY FROM DON: Your book will go out in the mail next week. Also, TRI has a mobile app called "TRI Radio" that you can download for free if you have a Smartphone. You may also watch TRI programs at www.thinkredink.tv Thank you for your support and interest.

INTERNET THINKER: How's things going in your neck of the woods? ...Thank you all for your service. I'm still listening. If you need a sound check or tech feedback let me know. Blessings,

REPLY FROM TRI: ...Thank you for checking in. It's nice to know someone is "out there" and listening. Have you been able to see the **Words of Jesus Series**? It's available on **GLC** in Midland, Texas.

ThINKer's Thoughts...

As always thank you for any and all materials. I hope you are doing well (*all things considered*). I have had my challenges and the Lord YHVH provides and sees me through. Job had his troubles and made it through, so he shows us what keeping the faith is about. Thank you for what you do, and shining your light. Yours in Christ.

~ ThINKer in VA

I thank God for you and the continued Ministries of TRI.

~ ThINKer in TX

I hope you remember me. I was the one who created the first phone app for TRI. Just wanted to know how you are doing. I hope that everyone is healthy and safe. ...It was good to talk with you again, great memories. I will check out the links, thanks once again... Talk again soon, take care stay safe and healthy. From all of us, shalom.

~ ThINKer in CANADA

Delighted to hear from you and a big thank you for posting Feast of Tabernacles info! Will be thinking of you. Your books along with the Scriptures and DVDs are permanent fixtures on my night stand. Much love and abundant blessings.

~ ThINKer in SA

Thank you for all the materials you send. I'm learning new things about myself, and what is, and what isn't. Thanks again.

~ ThINKer in VA

Program 19027 (Words of Jesus Series) Chapter 8: I sure did get a good laugh when you

(Don) asked "do you have a 'tape-worm'? This was said in regard to those going from assembly (church) to assembly to get 'feed'. As you expounded upon the story of the woman of Samaria at the well of Jacob. Thank you for your time.

~ ThINKer in TX

...I was in touch with you 20 years ago and I'm sorry it's been that long... I was distributing your book the Red Letter Questions to many people as you were giving them away free. I hope they resulted in some good responses to the Lord. I just reread the book again and got so much more out of it this time now that I'm 71. I just wanted to thank you for that and I have put it on Facebook again for other people to possibly order if that's still possible.

I don't know if you were still ministering but if you are I'm going to be searching as I see some old [YouTube's](#) but not sure if their current. Either way I will be listening to them and really appreciate your ministry and teaching. It really made me think. I've already learned about Hebraic roots and since gone away from that but just now concentrating on just hearing from the Holy Spirit. So your book reemphasized that and I thank you again. As it is so important for you to know that you're appreciated. May YHVH bless you mightily. Shalom and love.

~ ThINKer from Internet

I must have listened to today's topic at least 4 times, and though it is very frightening I know what you mean. Our Father is holy and I am not. God is also sovereign and saves who He wills, but I believe God looks upon those who are humble (I hope I qualify)and know that they lack. If that is so, then I still have a chance. Thanks for truth!! This is why I am a friend to this ministry. Be well!!

~ ThINKer in NM

I watched your program here in Santa Fe. It is not on any more. Will it resume soon? You have very interesting new ideas for a Christian. Thanks. (NOTE: Keep up with programs on [Think Red Ink TV.](#))

~ ThINKer in NM

Good morning and I hope this meets you well? I hope your health is getting better? My regards and appreciation to the TRI team for the wonderful work and support, even as we thank God for the 8th month of the Year. Thank you Sir.

~ From all of us in Lagos, Nigeria.

I received your Change Artist Audio CD yesterday in the mail. Thank you, I really enjoy listening to your teachings on my car cd player when I am commuting back and forth to work.

~ ThINKer in MS

A day does not go by that I don't think of you & TRI! Abundant Blessing "The Scriptures and The Questions Of Jesus" is a permanent fixture at my bedside table and a great comfort to me. Thank you for being in my life! Look forward to meeting you! Much love and abundant blessings!

~ ThINKer in SA

You have a super show. I am new to your show and the Godly thing about your study is that I am reading Matthew but just a few chapters ahead of you. The shows I have watched led up to the Sermon on the Mount. Thank you. Saw you on GLC.

~ ThINKer in TX

Thank you for sharing [the Words of Jesus Series on GLC] with me and helping me know Jesus much better. Don't give those complaints a second thought.

~ ThINKer in TX

Thank you and warm regards to all. We all love you.

~ ThINKer from Internet

Thanks for putting me on your email list. You know that I will be eternally grateful for the manner in which you challenged me to examine the origin of Dispensationalism and the pre-tribulation "rapture." That revelation was the start of my true journey in Christ.

~ ThINKer in TX

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