

278 WAS JESUS THE CHRIST?

TEXT: Jn. 20:30-31.

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Christ is the Greek CHRISTOS meaning the anointed or the Messiah.
- B. Many do not believe that this Jesus was the Christ.
- C. We need to examine the evidence to see if this be the case.

BODY: PROOF THAT JESUS WAS THE CHRIST.

I. PROPHECIES FULFILLED BY CHRIST.

- A. Ordinarily a person's biography is written after he has lived; Christ's story was written generations before his birth.
- B. There are over 300 prophecies about Jesus in the O.T.
 - 1. The place of his birth- Micah 5:2.
 - 2. His mother would be a virgin- Isa. 7:14.
 - 3. His character-Ministry and death- Isa. 53:
 - 4. His death by Crucifixion before such was practiced- Ps. 22:16-18.
 - 5. His resurrection- Ps. 16:10.

II. MIRACLES CHRIST PERFORMED.

- A. Notice Matt. 11:1-6 a fulfillment of Isa. 35:3-9.
- B. Nicodemus- John 3:2. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

C. Jesus performed some 26 miracles as recorded in the Bible we know that he did others also- Jn. 21:25.

D. His miracles showed he had power over, time, space, elements, nature, illnesses and death.

E. His works alone were enough to make one believe- Jn. 14:8-11.

F. His Miracles were performed:

1. In the cities surrounded by a mob in the presence of all.

2. His Miracles were constant and varied.

3. If His miracles were fake then when Judas betrayed Him what more damaging thing could he have done than to expose Him as a fake or an imposture.

III. CHRIST CHARACTER.

A. No one could find fault with His manner of life. He was humble, forgiving, patient and morally pure. No one ever accused Him of any immoral impurity.

B. Jesus was a perfectly righteous man who never had an evil thought, never spoke an untrue word, never committed a single act of sin, even as he faced death on the Cross- Lk. 23:34.

C. He never refused to help a single person who came to him seeking assistance. Never set a fee for his services.

IV. HIS TEACHINGS PROOF THAT HE WAS THE CHRIST.

A. Sermon on the mount Matt. 5-7 Matt. 7:28-29.

B. Even the guards who came to get Him saw this.

1. John 7:45-46.

2. Jn. 18:4-6.

V. THE RESURRECTION SHOWS HIM TO BE THE CHRIST.

A. The resurrection is the center of the Christian religion.

B. Paul- 1 Cor. 15:13-18.

C. Christ Predicted His death:

1. Matt. 12:40.

2. Mk. 9:31.

D. Proof of the resurrection.

1. The great cover-up evidence- Matt. 28:11-15.

2. Empty tomb guarded by Roman Soldiers.

3. Witness after His death- 1 Cor. 15:3-8.

4. Life of Saul/Paul Acts 9:20-22.

a. Transformed "Over-Night."

b. Law of Psychology that the human mind does not change overnight.

CONCLUSION:

A. Jesus is the Christ the son of God.

B. We have more than enough evidence to prove support this fact.

C. We must confess this before men- Matt. 10:32-33.