



Why We Can't Understand the Gospels

Pt. 2

Jn. 5; Acts 2-3

- He came at that exact time to fulfill God's Prophetic Program that would provide for Israel's NATIONAL salvation, unto everlasting life in their everlasting Kingdom.
 - a. Matthew and Luke show that Christ came at the exact time to fulfill what the prophets said, esp. Daniel and his Time Schedule.
 - b. John explains that He came to fulfill His HOUR, the appointed time according to Daniel's Time Schedule (Jn. 2: ; 13:1; 17:1).
 - c. And Paul reiterates this in Gal. 4:4: Jesus Christ came in the fullness of time to bring Israel into their sonship position. Christ's 1st Coming was to confirm God's promises to Israel's fathers that He would save Israel and through her the Gentile nations (Rom. 15:8-12).

DANIEL'S TIME SCHEDULE WHEN WE GET TO CHRIST'S 1ST COMING:

483 YEARS COMPLETED

ENTER THE KINGDOM

490 YEARS

A=Christ's earthly ministry

B=gap—Cross and 1 yr. extension of grace and mercy to Israel
—ministry of the 12 and the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Lk. 13:8)

C=7 yr. Tribulation Period

Depending on where you are in the Christ's ministry, Within a very short amount of time Israel would be established in her long-prophesied Kingdom.

THIS IS WHAT THE GOSPELS ARE PRIMARILY ABOUT.

- 2. Let's look at some examples that show how the false teachings and assumptions of most of historic Christianity get us to throw away God's Word, replace it with the traditions of men, all the while we think we are spiritual in doing so thereby making God's Word of no effect (Mk. 7:13).
 - a. Lk. 1:14-17—Finally, AT THAT TIME, God was sending Someone to confirm all God's promises to Israel's patriarchal fathers by beginning to fulfill them (Rom. 15:8).
 - b. Lk. 1:30-33—Finally, AT THAT TIME, The King of Israel has arrived, who will reign on David's throne in Jerusalem in Israel's long-promised physical Kingdom on Earth as promised to Israel's Fathers—Jesus=Israel's JEHOVAH (LORD) YOUR (Israel's) SAVIOR—the LORD YOUR SALVATION.

- c. Lk. 1:46-56—Finally, AT THAT TIME, God sent Someone who could fulfill the Davidic Covenant to Israel so believing Israel can be "SAVED" from and through the coming wrath of the Tribulation Period and be ushered into the Kingdom of Righteousness and Peace and made into God's ruling NATION on the Earth in accord with God's promises to Abraham.
- d. Lk. 1:68-79—Finally, Christ's coming AT THAT TIME was to manifest God's Righteousness in destroying His enemies and saving His friends, providing for Israel's NATIONAL salvation by removing believing Israel from the nation's enormous debt of sins (Acts 2:37-42).

- e. Lk. 2:25-32, 38: Acts 3:12-26—Christ's coming AT THAT TIME was to bring Israel into her NATIONAL salvation--the consolation of Israel—the reflectors of God's Glory making the Nation a light to the Gentiles. Simeon—CONSOLATION of Israel—Anna REDEMPTION of Israel=SALVATION of Israel.
- 3. In short, all these people were looking for salvation but NOT individual personal salvation (they already had that!) but to participate in Israel's NATIONAL salvation. Christ's 1st at that time to prepare Israel and provide for her NATIONAL salvation in fulfillment of all God's promises to Israel, so He could rule the Gentile nations through them thereby re-establishing His Glory on the Earth.
 - --If you want to know the full manifestation of all that is involved in God saving individual sinners from their personal sins, you need to go to Paul (Rom. 3-4).

- 4. Why God gave signs to Israel:
 - a. God gave signs to His Nation of Israel in response to Moses's concern: They will not believe me—who I am and what I say. They will say the LORD hasn't appeared to you! (Ex. 4:1-9).
 - b. The signs weren't given to Israel to generate belief *in God* (that is assumed!).
 - --They were given to generate belief <u>in Moses being God's</u>

 <u>appointed and true worker and spokesman</u>, which would lead them to follow God by following Moses to national redemption, deliverance and salvation into Promised Land.
 - --When Moses held up the rod (like a sign), God parted the sea, brought water from a rock and conquered enemy armies, they were to believe in Moses as God's sent one and spokesman, who will lead them safely into the Promised Land.