

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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“THAT SAME JESUS”

(A Refutation of Muslim Doctrine)

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Some time ago in a Bible study with a Muslim, it was explained to me that Muslims do not believe that Jesus died on the cross--the world just thought he did! They believe that Jesus was just a prophet and not God. Asking him who then died for our sins, he replied “no one.” They do not believe that anyone had to die to atone for sins.

Before me is a little booklet entitled “*Jesus In the Qur’an*” by Sulaiman Mufassir, published by **The Muslim Students Association of the United States and Canada**. In this booklet, the Qur’an is quoted often. It denies that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Something of interest is to note how the Qur’an contradicts itself with reference to the death of Christ. On page four the book says:

After the child (Jesus--B.B.) was born she brought him to her (Mary’s--B.B.) people. They accused her of being unchaste. In reply, she made a sign to the infant, whereupon they said they could not coverse with an infant in the cradle! But the infant answered them as follows: ‘He spoke: Behold! I am the servant of God. He hath given me the Scripture and hath appointed me a prophet. He hath made me blessed wheresoever I may be, and hath enjoined upon me prayer and alms-giving so long as I remain alive. And (hath made me) dutiful toward my mother, and hath not made me arrogant unblest. Peace be on me the day I was born, and the day I die, and the Day I shall be raised alive!’ Such was Jesus, the son of Mary; (this is) a statement of truth concerning which they doubt (19:30-34).

Note carefully that the Qur’an has Jesus speaking from the cradle saying he would die and would be raised alive! Then on page six of the same...

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

**VISITORS,
WELCOME!**

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

5:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for
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...book under the title “Jesus Was Not Put To Death On The Cross”; it continues--

Muslims believe that Jesus was not crucified. It was the intention of his enemies to put him to death on the cross but God saved him from their plot. The Qur’anic text bears it out thus: ‘And because of their saying: We slew the Messiah Jesus, son of Mary, Allah’s messenger.’ They slew him not, nor crucified him, but it appeared so unto them; and behold! those who disagree concerning it are in doubt thereof; they have not knowledge thereof save pursuit of conjecture; they slew him not for certain. But God took him up unto Himself. God is ever Might, Wise (4:157-158).

In the earlier quote, they have Jesus saying he would die and be raised alive. But then they contradict themselves by saying that Jesus was not crucified and raised alive; “But God took him up unto himself.” Thus, they contradict not only the Bible but also themselves as well. Such, however, is the way with error.

The Bible answered the error of the Qur’an before it ever appeared! Many times the Bible speaks of the “*same*” Jesus. A study of these passages is devastating to the Muslim doctrine of Jesus Christ. Note the following:

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The **SAME** was in the beginning with God” (John 1:1-3). “And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth” (John 1:14).*

Note: The “*same*” Word was in the beginning, was with God and was God (a fact that the Muslims deny!), and was made flesh and dwelt among us.

*“And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending and remaining on him, the **SAME** is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost” (John 1:33).*

*“And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the **SAME** baptizeth, and all men come to him” (John 3:26).*

*“He answered them, he that made me whole, the **SAME** said unto me, take up thy bed, and walk” (John 5:11).*

*“He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the **SAME** is true, and no unrighteousness is in him” (John 7:18).*

*“Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus said unto them, Even the **SAME** that I said unto you from the beginning” (John 8:25).*

*“Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this **SAME JESUS**, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven” (Acts 1:11).*

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“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made **THAT SAME JESUS**, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:36). **Note:** Jesus was crucified, and it is the same Jesus that was crucified that God hath made both Lord and Christ. He is Lord and Christ contrary to Muslim doctrine!

“For there is no difference between the Jew and Greek: for **THE SAME LORD** over all is rich unto all that call upon him” (Romans 10:12). **Note:** Jesus is the universal Lord and thus the Muslims must submit to Him as must all others.

“Now there are diversities of administrations, but the **SAME LORD**” (1 Corinthians 12:5).

“For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the **SAME** was mighty in me toward the Gentiles” (Galatians 2:8).

“He that descended is the **SAME** also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things” (Ephesians 4:10).

“And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art **THE SAME**, and thy years shall not fail” (Hebrews 1:12).

“Jesus Christ, **THE SAME** yesterday, and to day, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8).

“Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, **THE SAME** is made the head of the corner...” (1 Peter 2:7).

The same Jesus (Word) that was in the beginning, was with God, and was God, that was made flesh and dwelt among us, that worked miracles, and was crucified and rose from the dead the third day, which was made both Lord and Christ, is one day coming again. Muslims and all others must believe in this Jesus lest they died in their sins (John 8:24). Truly, Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life and no man cometh to the Father except by him (John 14:6)!

Sermon Review

BEFORE THE BEATITUDES

(Matthew 5:1, 2)

We should be interested in hearing the Sermon on the Mount because the Preacher is...

- I. JESUS, THE ONE WITH ALL AUTHORITY.
- II. JESUS, THE GREAT PROPHET.
- III. JESUS, THE MASTER TEACHER.

WE HAVE A LIVING HOPE

(1 Peter 1:3, 4)

We have a LIVING HOPE because we have...

- I. GOD'S MERCY.
- II. A RISEN MESSIAH.
- III. THE MASTER'S INHERITANCE.

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Elizabeth Baker is scheduled to have surgery January 12 for a recurring problem.

Cali Bayless--Sunday, she was sick with a viral intestinal infection.

Wiley Tuggle--Sunday, he had gout in one of his feet Sunday.

Helen Bowman fell. She did not break anything, but she is sore from the fall.

Tim II, Rachel, & Titus Wilkes--Tim will begin full-time mission work soon. The Coldwater elders will oversee his work. Tim, Rachel & Titus need our prayers as they get started and seek support for this work.

For the Bible studies and correspondence courses that are on-going, and the students & administrators of the studies.

Tim & Lynn Wilkes are safe in Hawaii and the Fishers of Men classes are going well. Let us pray for their safety and the success of this great work.

Family & Friends

Brianna Edwards may have a brain tumor. She is the 12-year daughter of a co-worker of Ginger Bayless.

David Angel (Clifton's father)--he is recovering well from surgery thus far.

Joe Culbreath--several serious health issues.

James Angel--His cancer is in remission. He may still have a tumor.

Dunn Family; Steve Angel; Doyce "Doc" Hunt; Dave Leonard, Sr.

Let us not forget to pray for the works being done through Fishers of Men and the Far East Missions.

January Birthdays

1/5 Cash Jackson	1/10 Elizabeth Baker
1/6 Mindy Moore	1/25 Jeffrey Ferrell
1/7 Tucker Johnson	1/30 Stephanie Bayless
1/9 Claire Easley	

CONGRATS BIBLE-BOWLERS!

Junior High Team won the banner!
Elementary Team consisted of only Kara Johnson this time and she got all of her answers correct, which took her into the tie-breaker.
Keep it up, and we hope more will be involved next time!

Get Involved!

Ice Skating @ Memphis Zoo
January 22--\$6 per person + parking

Nesbit Lectureship -- January 28-30
1 Corinthians 1 - 8

Sunday Night for the Savior
February 6 after PM Services.
Bring Contacts and Finger Foods!

Bible Bowl--February 12
10:30AM at the Looxahoma building.
STUDY Matthew 13-15!

Privileged to Serve

Wednesday, January 12

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	Jerry Davis
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Johnny Bayless

Sunday, January 16

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Adam Sowell
Announcements	Billy Bland
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jim Jackson
Assist	Jeremy Moore
	Shane Staten
	Jeffrey Ferrell

Opening Prayer	Jared Brown
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Jason Bayless

Evening

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Caleb Baker
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jeffrey Ferrell
	Johnny Bayless
Closing Prayer	Ron Johnson