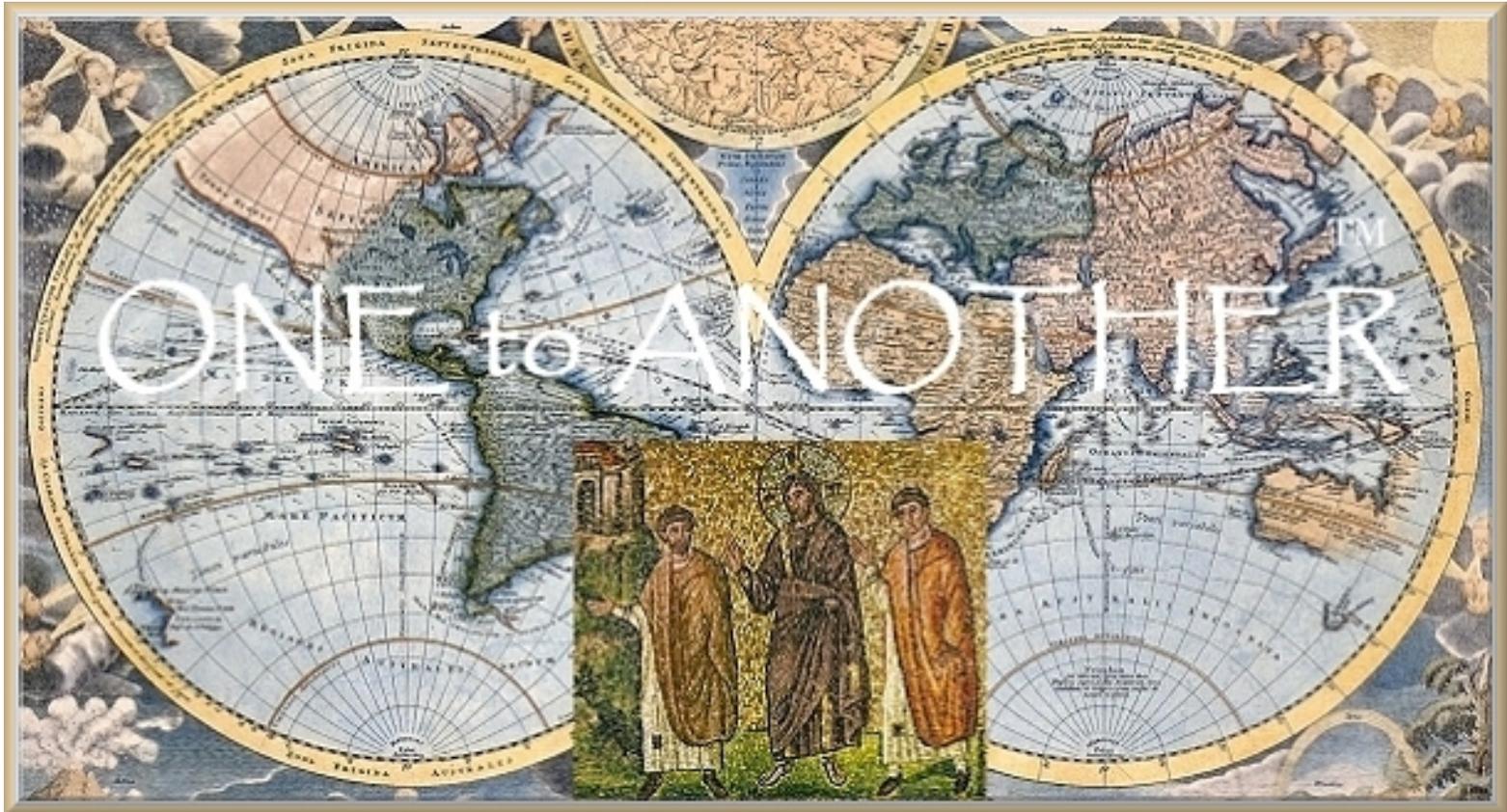


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While staying with them for the evening meal, *"He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. They said ONE to ANOTHER, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us'"* (Luke 24:30-32 NASV)?

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[1] Randy Alcorn, *Heaven* (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.), 118.

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Biblical Counseling

How Can Man Understand Himself?

by David M. Tyler, Ph.D.*



Man will never understand himself apart from God who created him. To deny God and then attempt to gain knowledge of man, as psychology professes to do, is an attempt to do the impossible. It is impossible because God made man with meaning and purpose.

Psychology ignores man's real meaning and purpose and presupposes a false meaning and purpose. The result is man's behavior, disturbing moods and uncomfortable feelings are confusing and difficult to explain; hence the reason there are hundreds of conflicting theories of psychology.

The knowledge to understand man is found in God's Word. Paul wrote, "*Knowledge according to the image of the One who created him*" (Colossians 3:10). It is knowledge within the context of the One who created man with meaning and purpose. To lift man out of that context would make true knowledge about man unknowable.

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His text messages, and He
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Fresh from the Desert

by James B. Solberg, D.D.*



Chukat - Numbers 20:1, 2: Then the children of Israel, the whole congregation, came into the Wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people stayed in Kadesh; and Miriam died there and was buried there. Now there was no water for the congregation; so they gathered together against Moses and Aaron.

Jewish Rabbis and Sages have pondered the Torah for more than three millennium and often ask some questions that would never occur to most Christians, not even to most Christian pastors or teachers. One such question they ask is "Why are these two verses together? Is there a meaning hidden in the close connection?" In this specific case, the Rabbis conclude that there is a connection between the death of Miriam and the lack of water. This leads to the further question, where did the Israelites find water through all their wanderings in the desert?

Based on all this, the Rabbis have formed a theory that when God brought forth water from a rock as recorded in Exodus chapter 17, he created a perpetual spring that followed the children of Israel through the desert and continued to provide water. This spring is known as "the well of Miriam," and is connected with her, because it stopped giving water when she died.

Now, to modern Western Christians this may all seem fanciful speculation, but it does help us to understand an unusual verse in 1 Corinthians 4:10. The rabbinically trained Paul writes: "*and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.*" Almost certainly Paul is referencing this



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So, after second service, he heads to the church coffee bar, smiles a lot, and waves. Of course, he's noticed a lot of other people smiling and waving too. So, he figured why make a fuss when most folk won't hear him anyway?

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rabbinic teaching that there was a rock providing water that followed the children of Israel through the wilderness.

There is much we can learn from the Rabbis and Sages. We won't agree with all of it, but in 1 Corinthians and many other places we see Paul using rabbinic teaching to make a point. And finally, the Bible is fascinating to study, and has a depth and series of connections none of us will ever exhaust.

Prayer: Lord, give us a love for your Word and open our understanding to see and explore the truth it contains. Amen.

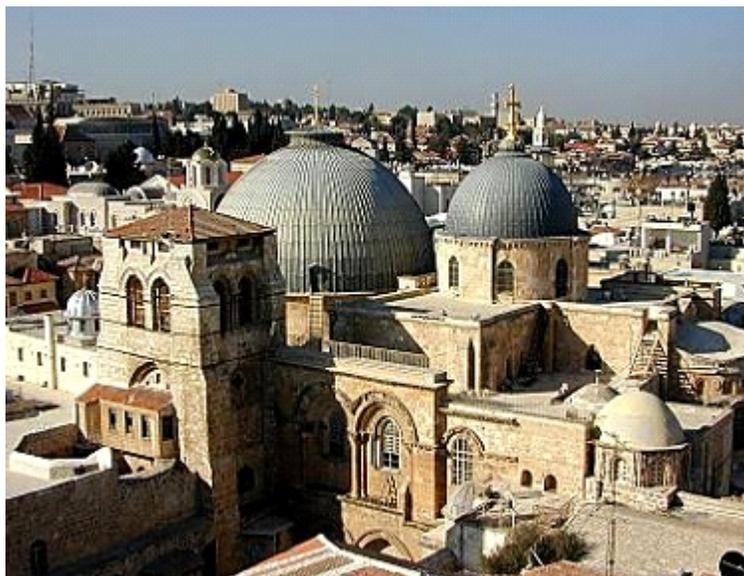
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Places in the Land

Church of the Holy Sepulcher

Excerpt from the ISRAEL Tour Journal



OLD CITY - Jerusalem, Israel - Among the most ancient churches in the world, the church of the Holy Sepulcher was consecrated on September 13, 335 A.D. Although it is difficult for the modern western mind to recognize, this one church contains the traditional site of both Jesus' crucifixion, and his burial and resurrection.

As such, the basilica of the Holy Sepulcher is today regarded as one of the holiest spots on earth by Christians of many denominations. The church has been built, destroyed,

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rebuilt, and remodeled many times over the centuries.

Most of the current structure we see today dates to the Crusaders, and was completed in 1149; however, the main dome was rebuilt in the 1800's. Not only has the church gone through many changes, but the natural stone inside has been largely destroyed or modified.

Much of the original stone surrounding the site of Jesus' tomb was quarried out to make room for the surrounding church, and for many centuries well-intentioned pilgrims would chip off a piece of stone to bring home as a souvenir. Thus, what remains bears little visible resemblance to the original first century site.

Perhaps surprisingly, modern archaeology provides good support that this area, in fact, could have been an abandoned stone quarry in the first century, a site where a cracked or marred pillar of un-quarried stone could have been used for crucifixion; and where nearby, the wealthy may have had tombs carved into the surrounding hillside.

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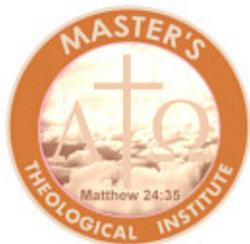
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Lessons From the Land

by Charles R. Page, II, Ph.D.*

Byzantine Monastery Memorializing Jesus' Healing of the Demoniac



The ruins of Kursi, a Byzantine Monastery memorializing two of Jesus' miracles, are located approximately 3 ½ miles (6 km) north of Kibbutz En Gev, on the eastern shore of the Kinneret. The monastery dates to the 5th century CE. During the Persian invasions in the 7th century CE, the monastery was destroyed.

The two miracles memorialized here are the casting of the legion of demons into swine, and the feeding of the 4,000. Preserved in what remains of the mosaic floor of the church are depictions of baskets of bread and fish fins suggesting that the second miracle of the fish and loaves reported in Mark 8 is also remembered here.

The baskets found in the mosaic floor here are baskets with handles (Greek "spuris"). The same word (spuris) is found also in the report of the second miracle of the fish and loaves found in Mark 8. The type of baskets used in the report found in Mark 6 are called "kophinios" in Greek.

The monastery was discovered by accident when a new road was being constructed here. The discovery of a paved street led to the initial excavations from 1971-1974. Soon after the reconstruction work was completed the site became a part of the Israeli National Parks system.

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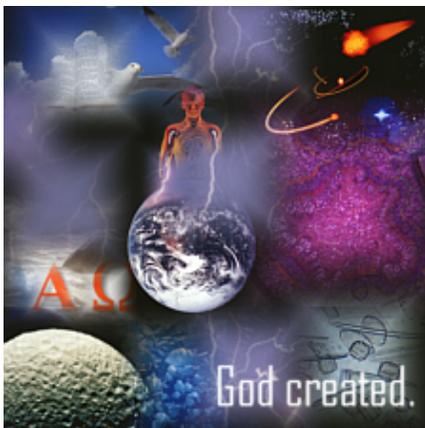
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O.T. Hebrew Word Study

by Rev. Rebecca J. Brimmer*



mashiach - The Hebrew word for "messiah" is *mashiach* (••••) and means "anointed one." This word comes from the root word *mashach* (•••), which means "to anoint, smear (with oil), or consecrate." It's associated with the ancient Israeli custom of pouring oil on the head of a person being appointed to a position of authority. *Mashiach* appears 39 times in the Older Testament, although the word "messiah" only appears twice in most English translations. The remaining 37 times, the word is translated "anointed one."

The Greek word is *Christos*, translated into English as "Christ." The word literally means "anointed one," just as *mashiach* does in Hebrew. When Christians say Jesus Christ, most think they are saying His name, perhaps like our own first and last names. However, "Christ" is His title, which, when spoken with His name, is an affirmation of faith: Jesus the anointed one or Jesus the Messiah.

The word "Christos" appears 569 times in 530 verses in the Newer Testament. In almost every instance, it refers to one person-Yeshua. As Christians, we understand this to reveal His unique role as Messiah, King, Savior, and Son of God.

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N.T. Greek Word Study

by Gary Crossland, M.Th., Th.D.*

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mathetes - This is one of the most important Greek words in the New Testament, since it was Jesus' name for us (used about 225 times in the Gospels alone). The common translation for *mathetes* is *disciple*, and the most-accurate translation is *student*.

It is remarkable that while the most popular moniker for Christ's followers today is "Christian", the three occurrences of this word in the New Testament are all sourced back to its use by non believers (including Peter's use of the term in 1 PT 4:16, which is a reflection of what the persecutors called Jesus' disciples).

In *The Great Commission*, the Lord admonishes us to refer to new converts as "students" (*mathetes*). This understanding triggers the notion that the worldwide church should actually be viewed as a global seminary, and that each one of us is, first and foremost, a *student*.

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Creation Speaks

by Gary K. Fair, M.Min., D.P.Th.*



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After enduring a long, cold and wet winter, signs of Spring now appearing bring encouragement all across much of the country. Record low temperatures, heavier and more frequent snowfalls, and gray gloomy days tend to dampen and darken our spirits.

The signs of Spring - the return of the robin, the daffodils, with their bright yellow blooms bursting though the recently frozen earth, warmer temperatures, and brighter days - all reveal the promises are fulfilled. Each year, as we enter the winter season we know that Spring will come. We can rely on it because we, along with generations before us, have enjoyed that transition.

The reality is that the promise of the changing of the seasons, like all enduring promises, is not one offered by man, but by Almighty God. What He has said, He will bring to pass. His promises are truthful and reliable. Joshua 21:45 says, *"Not one of the Lord's good promises to the house of Israel failed; every one was fulfilled"* (NIV). He makes good His promises, even unto eternal life.

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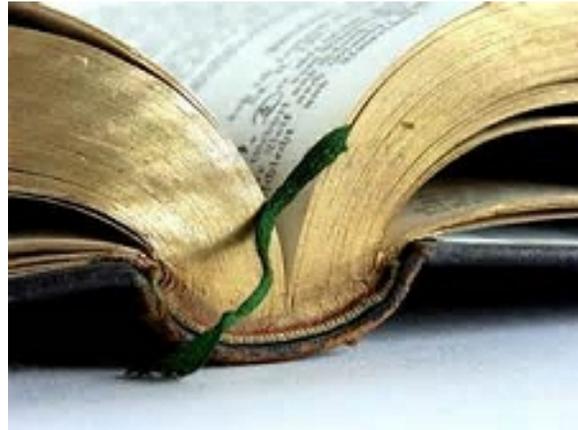


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Biblical Inerrancy

A Misunderstood Power of the Bible by Dennis D. Frey, Th.D.*



Anyone of the hundreds of students having taken my course on Biblical Inspiration, Translation and Hermeneutics will tell you that I am almost fanatical when it comes to connecting the land of the Bible with the content of the Bible.

I fully believe that until one has at least a basic understanding of the Land of Israel, it is nearly impossible to understand many of the wonderful truths of the God of Israel, and His wider message to us.

So, what I am about to suggest may seem like a total contradiction of everything that I have taught concerning Biblical inerrancy, the critical importance of proper exegesis, honest hermeneutics, and my decided dislike for paraphrase and dynamic equivalent translations.

I have become more and more convinced that a misunderstood power of the Bible is its encoded capacity to withstand translation, culture, and even misinterpretation. What do I mean?

I mean to say that God was fully aware that the Bible would be handed down to generation after generation long detached from the land, the culture, the language, and even a knowledge of the life and times of the men who gave us the autographs. Even so, He did not leave His Word totally vulnerable.

I believe He encoded His Word with a kind of default DNA

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that even when it is poorly understood, it still has the capacity to be as quick and powerful as any two-edged sword. I believe He so inspired it that both the most learned and the most ignorant could find within its pages the light of life and eternal truth.

One of my Bible College professors, the late Dr. G.B. Williamson often said to us that *"The Scriptures are like a great body of water in which an elephant may roll, yet a lamb may safely wade."* That truth brings increasing comfort to my feeble attempts at teaching and preaching.

It also connects in some wonderful way to the words of Isaiah - *"And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein"* (35:8 KJV).

I shall with all certainty continue to teach the critical importance of proper Biblical exegesis (II Timothy 2:15), but I will do so with the comfort that even when we may not fully understand, there is enough residual power in the Bible to outshine the darkness - in those I teach, and in their teacher.

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Life Issues

DR. & MRS. WILLKIE - GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN
Right to Life Pioneers & Founders

February 27, 2015 by [Bradley Mattes](#)



I'll never forget that phone call. It was Dr. Willke on the other end asking me to move from Sacramento, California, to Cincinnati. Jack (as he preferred to be called), was stepping down as president of the National Right to Life Committee and was concerned there weren't enough pro-life resources being directed into pro-life education - the foundation on which political and legislative victories are made.

He wanted to start a new organization called Life Issues Institute and was asking if I would join him in getting it up and running. I contemplated my answer for only an hour or two before calling him back with an affirmative. However, I had one reservation. Dr. Willke had been a mentor to me and I had placed him on a pedestal. Would working side-by-side expose his warts and knock him off? After nearly 24 years it never did.

Bradley Madtes is CEO, and Executive Director of the [Life Issues Institute](#). He is a graduate of Master's Intl. School of Divinity, and a member of the Adjunct Faculty.

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Graduate of the Month

Mr. Isaac Ntambo, M.A.
Lusaka, Zambia



After many years as a devoted Lay Pastor, I came to a spiritual plateau, and it became evident that I needed formal Christian education in order for me to be effective and eventually ascend into full time ministry. I browsed many Bible Schools and nearly exhausted the web, when The Lord led me to Masters.

The academic benefits of studying at Masters are immense. I found the faculty highly knowledgeable, and actually interacting with a number of them has been greatly beneficial and assuring of the high quality education at Masters.

My exegetical abilities, to the glory of God, have greatly improved as evidenced by testimonies and demand for sermon copies. Learning with Masters has been a gem in my Christian Life, Ministry and Education. My relationship with Masters knows no end.

I have since had an unmatched spiritual and academic journey, culminating into a closer walk with God. The study

tours and on site seminars were a source of never before spiritual invigoration and ministry vision renewal.

My wife and I have subsequently founded Jesus 24 Ministries, a work based on deeds of kindness. We have availed 10 acres of farmland for a School for Children with Autism, a vision that was renewed as a result of a visit to a school and rehabilitation centre for children bomb victims in Samaria.

Editor's Note: Mr. Ntambo is a 2014 graduate having earned the Master of Arts in Judeo-Christian Synergism, and is a current Ph.D. student

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Poetry & Prose

Life's Beckoning Journey by Dr. Garen Evans*



Life's pathway provides many forks in the road.
That seems quite clear enough,

But when trying to decide which way to go,
Making that decision can be quite tough.

What matters is whether you are willing to take the risk - To
do something new without knowing the final result;

It matters whether you are true to God and self
And not just living a life guided by mindless default.

Others have walked the worn path and followed its ruts, But
if you want to find all that life truly has in store

Seek to find a path of useful service each day,
Use your gifts to help others become more.

Never having gone down that path before
Should neither a hindrance nor terror be;

Answering the summons that comes today
Can help to shape a better humanity.

~

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World Circle of Prayer



The time of Lent, and Resurrection Sunday provides each of us an opportunity for renewal. How we approach this journey alongside our savior Jesus Christ is unique and personal. For some of us it is a time of introspection and contemplation, for others it is a time of internal struggles and a need to seek repentance. For all of us we are given the blessing of cleansing and hope.

This month's ancient prayer is from the Gelasian Sacramentary, 5th century

"Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord, that by the observance of this Lent we may advance in the knowledge of the mystery of Christ, and show forth his mind in conduct worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Misty Jesse, D.Min., Ph.D.
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