

LUKE: THE SON OF MAN, THE SAVIOR HAS
COME, WEEK 21

TITLE: THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS, PART III

TEXT: LUKE 4:5-8

INTRODUCTION: (1) ERWIN LUTZER, IN HIS **BOOK, "THE SERPENT OF PARADISE" MAKES AN** INTERESTING PROPOSITION FOR US TO CONSIDER.

*** HE SAID AND I QUOTE, "FOR A MOMENT LET'S TRY TO ENTER THE MIND OF SATAN." AND** LUTZER WILL ATTEMPT TO DO THAT BY ASKING SOME QUESTIONS AND MAKING SOME STATEMENTS.

**** THE FIRST QUESTION IS: WHAT IF YOU HAD A HATEFUL PASSION TO DECEIVE EVERYONE WHO INHABITS PLANET EARTH? WELL SATAN DOES.**

*** WHAT IF YOU HAD THE ABILITY TO INJECT THOUGHTS INTO THE MINDS OF SOME PEOPLE WHICH THEY THINK ARE THEIR OWN?

**** ANOTHER THOUGHT IS, YOU ARE CONSUMED WITH A DESIRE TO BE WORSHIPPED.

(2) BUT YOU CAN'T REVEAL YOUR EVIL NATURE TO THE HUMAN RACE AND EXPECT TO BE ACCEPTED.

* SO YOU SET UP A RIVAL RELIGION THAT MAKES SENSE TO MAN, BUT YOU CONTROL IT BACKSTAGE.

** YOUR GOAL IS TO CONVINCe HUMANS BEHIND THE SCENES THAT THEY ARE EXPERIENCING GOD, WHEN IN FACT THEY ARE ACTUALLY IN CONTACT WITH YOU, SATAN HIMSELF.

*** BEING WORSHIPPED UNDER A DISGUISE IS BETTER THAN NOT BEING WORSHIPPED AT ALL, **IS SATAN'S LOGIC.**

(3) LUTZER GOES ON TO SAY, "AND SO IT WAS IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN THE ROOTS OF OCCULT RELIGION BEGAN.

* SATAN DID NOT TRY TO DISPROVE THE EXISTENCE OF GOD IN HIS TEMPTATION OF ADAM AND EVE.

** HIS GOAL WAS NOT TO MAKE ADAM AND EVE ATHEISTS; RATHER, HIS GOAL WAS TO PERSUADE THEM TO WORSHIP ANOTHER GOD.

*** TO PUT IT BRIEFLY, SATAN WAS COMPETING WITH **GOD FOR THE ALLEGIANCE OF MEN.** (END QUOTE)

(4) NOW NOTHING HAS CHANGED SINCE THE **GARDEN OF EDEN AS FAR AS SATAN'S** PURPOSES ARE CONCERNED.

* HIS SUPREME PURPOSE AND DESIRE IS TO BE **WORSHIPPED. AND HE'LL GET IT ANY WAY HE CAN,** WHETHER IT BE THROUGH THE OCCULT - DIRECTLY, OR INDIRECTLY THROUGH FALSE RELIGION, DECEIVING PEOPLE INTO THINKING THEY ARE WORSHIPPING GOD WHEN IN REALITY THEY ARE WORSHIPPING HIM! FOR THROUGH FALSE RELIGION AND OTHER WORKS RELIGIONS, SATAN IS WORSHIPPED.

** AND IN OUR PASSAGE TODAY THAT PURPOSE IS REVEALED. FOR WHEN SATAN TOLD CHRIST THAT HE COULD HAVE THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD IN EXCHANGE FOR ONE ACT OF WORSHIP, HE REVEALED HIS DEEPEST DESIRE - WORSHIP.

*** THE DEVIL YEARNS FOR THOSE MOMENTS WHEN HE IS IN THE CENTER, THE OBJECT OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT WORSHIP AND LASHING OUT AT THE ONE WHO IS ONLY FIT TO BE WORSHIPPED, THE ALL-MIGHTY.

**** BELOVED, THE DEVIL IN A SENSE HAS EXCHANGED A FUTURE IN THE HOTTEST FIRES OF HELL FOR A MOMENT OF WORSHIP!

(5) AND IN LUKE 4:5-8, HE COMES IN A BRAZEN BOLD WAY, THE DEVIL DROPS HIS MASK, AND HAVING FAILED MISERABLY IN HIS FIRST ATTEMPT TO GET THE SAVIOR TO SIN, COMES A SECOND TIME IN ANOTHER DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE HIS PURPOSE.

* SATAN CUTS TO THE CHASE, DROPS HIS PRETENSE AND MAKES ANOTHER EFFORT TO CORRUPT JESUS.

** AND IN DOING THAT HE FINALLY REVEALS HIS SUPREME PURPOSE: TO INDUCE JESUS CHRIST TO WORSHIP HIM.

*** FOR IN THE FIRST TEMPTATION, SATAN SUGGESTED WHAT JESUS OUGHT TO DO FOR HIMSELF, TURN STONES INTO BREAD.

(6) BUT NOW IN HIS SECOND TEMPTATION HE SUGGESTS WHAT HE COULD DO FOR JESUS, IN EXCHANGE FOR WHAT JESUS COULD DO FOR HIM, WORSHIP HIM.

*** AND THAT'S WHAT WE'LL BE STUDYING TODAY** AS WE COME TO THE SECOND TEMPTATION OF CHRIST **WHICH I'VE TITLED, "THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS, PART III."**

**** AND WE'LL LOOK AT** 2 THINGS IN OUR STUDY TODAY, NO. 1 THE REQUEST OF THE DEVIL FOR CHRIST TO WORSHIP HIM IN EXCHANGE FOR THE KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD, VV. 5-7 AND NO. 2 THE RESPONSE OF JESUS TO THIS TEMPTATION, V. 8.

***** SO WE'LL LOOK AT THE REQUEST** AND THE RESPONSE IN OUR STUDY OF THE SECOND TEMPTATION OF JESUS.

**** AND WITHOUT FURTHER INTRODUCTION,
LET'S START TO LOOK AT OUR FIRST POINT
TODAY, THE REQUEST BY THE DEVIL, LOOK AT V.
5 PLEASE.

I. THE REQUEST, (READ V. 5)

A. NOW IN V. 5, JESUS IS TAKEN TO A
DIFFERENT LOCATION. FOR THE TEMPTATIONS
STARTED IN THE WILDERNESS IN TEMPTATION
NO. 1 AND NOW TO A VERY HIGH PLACE AND
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW'S ACCOUNT, A HIGH
MOUNTAIN.

*** NOW IT DOESN'T SAY WHAT MOUNTAIN** IN
MATTHEW 4 AND HOW CHRIST WAS TAKEN
THERE, AND I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE THE TIME
TO SPECULATE TODAY HOW SATAN
TRANSPORTED CHRIST OR WHAT MOUNTAIN IT
WAS.

** BUT WE DO KNOW THAT IT WAS A VERY HIGH MOUNTAIN. AND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS MOUNTAIN LIES IN THE FACT THAT THIS LOCATION GAVE A VAST VIEW OF THE EARTH, FOR HERE IN OUR PASSAGE, IN LUKE 4, SATAN SHOWED JESUS ALL THE KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD IN A MOMENT OF TIME, VERY QUICKLY.

*** BUT UNDERSTAND THAT THE VIEW THAT JESUS WAS GIVEN EXTENDED FAR BEYOND WHAT PHYSICAL VISION, NORMAL EYESIGHT COULD PERCEIVE FROM ANY VANTAGE POINT, NO MATTER HOW HIGH THE MOUNTAIN WAS.

**** FOR EVEN IF IT WAS MT. EVEREST, THE HIGHEST PEAK ON THE EARTH, NOT ALL OF THE KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD COULD HAVE BEEN SEEN WITH THE NATURAL EYE, FROM ONE POINT.

1. SO BY SOME SUPERNATURAL ACCOMMODATION THE DEVIL SHOWED JESUS ALL THE KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD AND THEIR GLORY, ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 4.

* **AND WE DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS BY SOME** KIND OF VISION OR OTHER SUPERNATURAL ACT, BUT CHRIST IS GIVEN A VIEW OF THE SPLENDOR **OF THE EARTH "IN A MOMENT OF TIME"** ACCORDING TO LUKE 4:5.

** SO ALL SET BEFORE HIM FROM A HIGH MOUNTAIN. AND THE FOCUS IS NOT THE HIGH MOUNTAIN, THE HIGH PLACE, BUT ON THE KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD THAT WOULD BE OFFERED TO CHRIST IN V. 6. LOOK AT V. 6 PLEASE.

B. READ V. 6. NOW THE DEVIL OFFERS JESUS THE KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD HERE IN V. 6, **I WILL GIVE YOU ALL THIS DOMAIN AND IT'S** GLORY. I WILL GIVE YOU ALL THIS POWER, ALL THIS AUTHORITY.

* BUT THE QUESTION COMES UP HERE, DID SATAN REALLY HAVE THE RIGHT TO OFFER CHRIST THE WORLD, THE KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD?

**** FOR SATAN SAYS: "FOR IT HAS BEEN HANDED OVER TO ME AND I GIVE IT TO WHOMEVER I WISH." SO WAS SATAN LYING OR DID HE HAVE THAT AUTHORITY?**

*** WELL, THEOLOGIANS ARE DIVIDED ON THAT QUESTION. SOME INSIST THAT THE WORLD BELONGS TO GOD AND THE DEVIL ONLY PRETENDS TO OWN IT. IT WAS NOT HIS TO GIVE AWAY. **SATAN'S** TITLE DEED TO PLANET EARTH IS COUNTERFEIT.

**** **YET OTHERS SAY, SINCE SATAN'S FALL, AND THE FALL IN THE GARDEN BY MAN, GOD HAS DELEGATED THE LEADERSHIP OF THE WORLD TO SATAN, AS THE GOD OF THIS WORLD, THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD, TERMS USED IN SCRIPTURE TO DESCRIBE SATAN.**

1. IN FACT, SATAN HAS A LIMITED, DERIVED AUTHORITY. FOR ONCE SIN ENTERED THE WORLD, IT APPEARS HE GAINED POWER OVER THE KINGDOMS OF MEN.

* FOR JESUS WOULD CALL HIM THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD IN JOHN 12:31; JOHN 14:30; AND JOHN 16:11, SO 3 TIMES JESUS USES THIS DESIGNATIONS.

** THEN PAUL CALLED THE DEVIL THE PRINCE AND POWER OF THE AIR IN EPHESIANS 2:2, AND THE GOD OF THIS WORLD IN II CORINTHIANS 4:4.

***** HOWEVER, SATAN'S RULE OF THIS WORLD, IS ONLY FOR A LIMITED TIME, AND IT IS ONLY BY GOD'S PERMISSION FOR GOD'S PURPOSES. AND EVEN WHAT POWER HE HAS IS CONTROLLED BY GOD'S WILL FOR SATAN IS STILL UNDER GOD'S SOVEREIGN CONTROL. SATAN HAS DELEGATED LIMITED POWER. BUT HE DOES HAVE POWER.**

****** SO IT APPEARS THAT THE DEVIL BY GOD'S SOVEREIGN DECISION HAS BEEN GIVEN POWER OVER THE WORLD. AND NOTICE THAT JESUS DOESN'T DISPUTE SATAN ABOUT HIS ABILITY TO MAKE THE OFFER HE DOES, HE DOESN'T CORRECT HIM.**

- SO IT APPEARS TO ME THAT THIS WAS A LEGITIMATE OFFER BY THE DEVIL. BUT WHAT MUST CHRIST DO TO GET THIS OFFER, THIS DEAL? WHAT MUST JESUS DO IN RETURN? WELL LOOK AT V. 7 PLEASE.

C. READ V. 7. NOW JESUS IS OFFERED DOMINION OVER THE WORLD BY SATAN FOR A SINGLE ACT OF WORSHIP, THE KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD ARE OFFERED FOR THE PRICE OF JUST ONE GENUFLECTION. A PRETTY GOOD DEAL, HAH?

**** NOT REALLY. FOR ALL OF THE DEVIL'S DEALS ARE BAD DEALS. THERE IS NO REAL SUBSTANCE TO THEM, THEY ARE FILLED WITH FINE PRINT, AND WHEN YOU SIGN A CONTRACT WITH HIM, YOU ALWAYS GET TAKEN AND SWINDLED!**

*** BELOVED, THE DEVIL IS A LIAR BUT A GREAT SALESMAN, HE CAN SELL ICE TO ESKIMOS, BUT HIS ICE ALWAYS MELTS QUICKLY. ALL OF HIS DEALS ARE CORRUPT, YOU GET TAKEN TO THE CLEANERS ALL THE TIME.

1. AND HERE'S SATAN'S DEAL WITH CHRIST, AS GOD'S OWN PROCLAIMED KING OF KINGS, JESUS HAD A DIVINE RIGHT TO ALL KINGDOMS AND IT WAS TO THAT RIGHT THAT SATAN APPEALED IN THIS TEMPTATION.

*** THE TEMPTATION IS, "JESUS" YOU'RE THE SON OF GOD, WHY SHOULD YOU HAVE TO WAIT FOR WHAT IS ALREADY RIGHTFULLY YOURS? YOUR TIME TO RULE ON THE EARTH, TO BE KING OF THE EARTH. WHY WAIT?**

**** HE SUGGESTED TO JESUS, "YOU DESERVE TO HAVE IT NOW. WHY DO YOU SUBMIT AS A SERVANT NOW WHEN YOU COULD REIGN AS A KING NOW?**

***** THE RATIONALIZATION IS - JESUS: I AM ONLY OFFERING YOU WHAT YOUR FATHER HAS ALREADY PROMISED. HE WAS OFFERING A SHORTCUT TO THE KINGDOM, MOVING UP THE TIMETABLE. HE WAS OFFERING JESUS THE CROWN WITHOUT THE CROSS, GLORY WITHOUT THE PAIN, HE WAS OFFERING THE EASY WAY, A PAINLESS SHORTCUT, THE POPULAR PATH.**

**** BUT THE DEVIL WAS OFFERING THE WORLD TO JESUS ON HIS OWN CORRUPT TERMS NOT **GOD'S.**

2. AND THAT WHICH THE FATHER PROMISED TO THE SON BECAUSE OF HIS RIGHTEOUS OBEDIENCE IN BECOMING THE SUFFERING SERVANT, THE DEVIL OFFERED IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS UNRIGHTEOUS OBEDIENCE.

*** GOD'S PLAN IN TESTING THE SON WAS TO PROVE THE SON'S WORTHINESS TO INHERIT AND RULE THE WORLD.**

**** BUT THE DEVIL'S PLAN WAS DON'T WAIT, YOU CAN HAVE IT ALL NOW. INSTEAD OF ENDURING THE LONG, BITTER, HUMILIATING, AND PAINFUL ROAD TO THE CROSS, AND THE EVEN LONGER WAIT IN HEAVEN FOR GOD'S TIME TO BE COMPLETED, FOR CHRIST'S KINGDOM TO COME - JESUS YOU CAN RULE THE WORLD NOW!**

*** AND IN APPLICATION, SATAN ALWAYS COMES AT US IN THAT WAY. HE OFFERS THE QUICK FIX, THE EASY WAY, THE WHY WAIT REASONING.

**** HE SUGGESTS THAT THE WORLD OF BUSINESS, THE WORLD OF POLITICS, THE WORLD OF FAME, OR THE WORLD OF WHATEVER OUR HEART DESIRES CAN BE OURS NOW - IF ONLY...!

3. WE CAN GET WHAT WE WANT; WE CAN FULFILL OUR DESIRES, OUR LUSTS AND OUR FANTASIES; WE CAN BE SOMEBODY. ALL WE MUST DO TO GET THOSE THINGS OF THE WORLD IS TO GO AFTER THEM IN THE WAY OF THE WORLD - **WHICH IS SATAN'S WAY**, INSTANT GRATIFICATION.

*** AND HERE'S THE TEMPTATION FOR US, WHY** WAIT FOR HEAVENLY REWARD, WHEN YOU CAN HAVE WHAT YOU WANT NOW? TAKE THE SHORTCUT, TAKE THE EASY WAY, YOU WORK HARD, YOU DESERVE WHAT YOU WANT.

** AND BELOVED SATAN IS A COUNTERFEITER. HE OFFERS WHAT SEEMS, APPEARS TO BE THE SAME AS WHAT GOD OFFERS, AND HIS PRICE IS ALWAYS CHEAPER ON THE SURFACE, BUT MORE EXPENSIVE IN THE LONG RUN.

*** SATAN OFFERS PROSPERITY. HE SAYS, JUST TURN YOUR HEAD A LITTLE AT QUESTIONABLE PRACTICES. **GIVE IN WHEN IT'S ADVANTAGEOUS; DON'T BE A PRUDE; YOU CAN ENJOY SEX BEFORE YOU GET MARRIED; FOLLOW THE CROWD, EVERYBODY'S DOING IT, WHY NOT YOU.** FOLLOW YOUR HEART! NO, FOLLOW THE WORD! MATTHEW 15:19, PROVERBS 4:23, PROVERBS 28:26, JEREMIAH 17:9, PROVERBS 3:5&6. GOD NEVER LEADS CONTRARY TO HIS WORD.

**** AND **SATAN'S** BASIC ARGUMENT IS ALWAYS A FORM OF THE IDEA THAT THE END JUSTIFIES THE MEANS - PRAGMATISM.

4. BUT WHEN WE SET OUR HEARTS ON THE TEMPORARY, ON MONEY, PRESTIGE, POPULARITY, POWER OR SELFISH HAPPINESS, WE ARE DOING EXACTLY WHAT SATAN WANTED JESUS TO DO - PUT SELF FIRST AND GOD SECOND, THIRD OR FOURTH.

* BUT UNDERSTAND THAT SELF-**WILL IS SATAN'S WILL!!** AND IS THEREFORE BY DEFINITION THE **OPPOSITE OF GOD'S WILL, WHICH IS FOR US TO "SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS,"** MATTHEW 6:33.

** **AND TO YIELD TO SATAN'S WILL IS IN A SENSE A MEANS TO WORSHIP HIM, TO GIVE YOUR HOMAGE TO HIM, TO BOW DOWN TO HIM RATHER THAN TO THE LORD.**

*** **AND THAT'S ALL HE WANTED FROM JESUS, JUST SOME WORSHIP, BUT FOR JESUS TO HAVE GIVEN IN TO THAT REQUEST WOULD HAVE DERAILED THE PLAN OF REDEMPTION IN GOING TO THE CROSS.**

**** THE CROWN FOR JESUS WOULD COME AFTER THE CROSS, AND SUFFERING AND DEATH **WERE A PART OF GOD'S PLAN THAT JESUS HAD CHOSEN TO OBEY AS GOD THE SON.**

5. IN ADDITION, JESUS WOULD HAVE TO DENOUNCE HIS LOYALTY TO THE FATHER IN ORDER TO WORSHIP SATAN. SO THE PLAN OF REDEMPTION, SALVATION WOULD HAVE BEEN DERAILED IF JESUS WOULD HAVE BOWED THE KNEE TO SATAN. AND OF COURSE HE WOULD **NEVER HAVE DONE THAT, AS WE'LL SEE IN V. 8.**

* AND THANKFULLY JESUS DID NOT YIELD TO THIS TEMPTATION. FOR LOOK AT V. 8 PLEASE **WHERE WE'LL SEE OUR 2'ND** AND LAST POINT THE RESPONSE. LOOK AT V. 8 PLEASE.

II. THE RESPONSE, (READ V. 8)

A. NOW JESUS RESPONDS TO THIS TEMPTATION JUST THE WAY HE DID WITH THE FIRST ONE. HE **RESPONDS BY SAYING, "IT IS WRITTEN."**

* JESUS AGAIN USES THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD, EPHESIANS 6:17.

** AND NOTICE THERE IS NO DISCUSSION WITH SATAN, NO ARGUING, NO DEBATING, NO QUOTE **"BINDING SATAN," BUT "IT IS WRITTEN."**

*** JESUS AFFIRMS THE AUTHORITY AND POWER OF THE WORD OF GOD BY QUOTING IT AGAIN AND BY USING IT TO OVERCOME TEMPTATION.

**** AND THE SPECIFIC VERSE THAT JESUS **QUOTED AND SAID "IT IS WRITTEN" FROM WAS** DEUTERONOMY 6:13 WHICH SAYS:

1. DEUTERONOMY 6:13 - "YOU SHALL FEAR ONLY THE LORD YOUR GOD; AND YOU SHALL WORSHIP HIM AND SWEAR BY HIS NAME."

* AND ONLY THE LORD GOD IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP, NEVER SATAN OR ANYONE OR ANYTHING ELSE!

** YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY! SO GET BEHIND ME SATAN, GET OUT OF THE WAY, YOU WILL NEVER BE WORTHY OF WORSHIP. YOU ARE A CREATURE AND NOT THE CREATOR.

*** AND THE GREEK WORD FOR WORSHIP IS PROSKUNEO AND LIT. MEANS TO BOW AND KISS THE HAND IN A TOKEN OF REVERENCE, TO FALL ON YOUR KNEES, TO PROSTRATE YOURSELF IN HOMAGE, TO BOW.

**** AND ONLY OUR CREATOR, SUSTAINER AND SAVIOR IS WORTHY OF THIS KIND OF RESPONSE, WE MUST VENERATE AND EXALT HIM AND HE MUST, HE MUST BE OUR FIRST LOVE, NOT THINGS, OUR MATE, OUR CHILDREN OR OUR FAMILIES, HE ALONE!

2. HE ALONE IS WORTHY TO BE OUR FIRST LOVE, OUR PRIORITY, THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE PREEMINENT.

* MAY WE NOT BE INVOLVED IN WORSHIP OF ANOTHER OR A THING FOR THAT IS IDOLATRY. WE MUST LOVE HIM AND OBEY HIM FIRST.

** WHY AGAIN? HE DIED FOR US – BELIEVER, HE SUSTAINS US, HE IS OUR CREATOR, THUS THIS KIND OF RESPONSE IS NOT IRRATIONAL OR ABSURD, BUT RATIONAL, LOGICAL, OUR REASONABLE SERVICE, QUOTE ROMANS 12:1&2.

*** AND BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WE MUST NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF THAT. AND WE CAN ONLY LOVE OUR FAMILIES AND SPOUSES AS WE SHOULD AS WE LOVE THE LORD FIRST. FOR WHAT IS THE FIRST AND GREAT COMMANDMENT IN MATTHEW 22:37&38? (QUOTE THEM)

**** BELOVED MAY WE WORSHIP AND KEEP THAT COMMANDMENT FIRST! THIS IS OUR PRIME DIRECTIVE, THE ULTIMATE PRIORITY FOR EVERY TRUE BELIEVER WHERE AS THE MAIN MANDATE FOR THE CHURCH IS THE GREAT COMMISSION. (EXPLAIN)

IN WRAP UP AND APPLICATION: **THE PHRASE "IT IS WRITTEN" IS VERY PRACTICAL.**

*** AND WE MUST NOT ONLY RESPOND WITH "IT IS WRITTEN" FOR TEMPTATION, BUT WE MUST KEEP WHAT IS WRITTEN BEFORE US AND BY PRAYER BE ON RED ALERT AND SENSITIVE TO THE PROMPTINGS OF THE SPIRIT, FOR JESUS ALSO SAID IN MATTHEW 26:41 - (QUOTE IT).**

**** AND THAT MEANS WE MUST KEEP SCRIPTURE ON THE FRONT OF OUR MINDS SO WE CAN THINK RIGHT AND NOT BELIEVE THE LIE OF TEMPTATION, AND THROUGH THE ATTITUDE OF PRAYER BE ON HIGH ALERT ALWAYS. (ILLUST. THIS WEEK). I RATIONALIZED AND BELIEVED THE LIE, FOR THE TRUTH WAS NOT ON THE FOREFRONT OF MY MIND.**

***** BUT LAST OF ALL, I REMIND YOU JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD DID NOT FOLLOW AND GIVE INTO GLORY WITHOUT GETHSEMANE.**

**** HE DID NOT CAVE IN TO GLORY WITHOUT THE CROSS, HE DID NOT FOLLOW THE POPULAR PATH, HE WAS NOT A SHORTCUT SAVIOR. THERE WAS NO COMPROMISE WITH THE DEVIL, NO CONCESSIONS, HE FOLLOWED THE HARD ROAD TO THE CROSS!

4. JESUS REFUSED TO STEP OUTSIDE OF GOD'S PLAN, HE MADE NO DEAL WITH THE DEVIL, THERE WAS NO SHORTCUT TO GLORY. HE WORSHIPPED HIS FATHER AND NOT THE DEVIL.

* AND OUR HEARTS SHOULD BE OVERFLOWING TODAY. FOR JESUS NEVER WOULD HAVE SOLVED THE PROBLEM OF OUR SIN BY TAKING THE PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE, THE EASY WAY!

** HIS MISSION, HE CAME TO SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS. ALSO QUOTE THE KEY VERSE OF LUKE, LUKE 19:10.

*** AND OUR RESPONSE SHOULD BE WORSHIP, ADULATION, PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING.

**** AND I OFTEN HEAR, WELL, TO DO WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS IS HARD, **BUT IT'S** ALWAYS BEST. **DON'T TAKE THE PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE, DON'T TAKE THE EASY WAY, DON'T BE A DEAD FISH AND GO DOWNSTREAM, DO WHAT YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER TELLS YOU TO DO.**

5. CALL PEOPLE TO CHRIST FROM LUKE 19:10 AND LUKE 5:32 AND PRAY.