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Prophecies, Events, and Examples of Jesus Christ Exposing and Slaying the Wicked by His Wisdom and Glorious Speech

Why this Bible study tonight?

I will glorify Jesus the Son of God every way I can, and we have long rejoiced in this ability of His without a real study.

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: Isaiah 11:1-3

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, <u>and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked</u>. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. Isaiah 11:4-5

We will glorify Jesus the Son of God!

Do you see by the glorious prophecy we just read that God gave Jesus special faculties and power of speech?

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We enjoy Elihu the son of Barachel for his wisdom and sharp tongue against Job and three friends, but our Jesus is far greater!

They were amazed, they answered no more: they left off speaking. When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, and answered no more;) I said, I will answer also my part, I also will shew mine opinion. Job 32:15-17

WARNING!

We will use much Bible tonight, so set heart and mind to love it.

Why this Bible study tonight?

I will oppose the other Jesus in every way I can, for Paul warned of another Jesus, and this measure draws a very large difference.

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him. II Corinthians 11:3-4

We will oppose another Jesus!

The Jesus of the Bible spoke in parables and used His wisdom and speech very differently from the world's Jesus.

Why this Bible study tonight?

To learn how to think critically of Bible verses that have great wisdom and judgment hid from most readers. When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

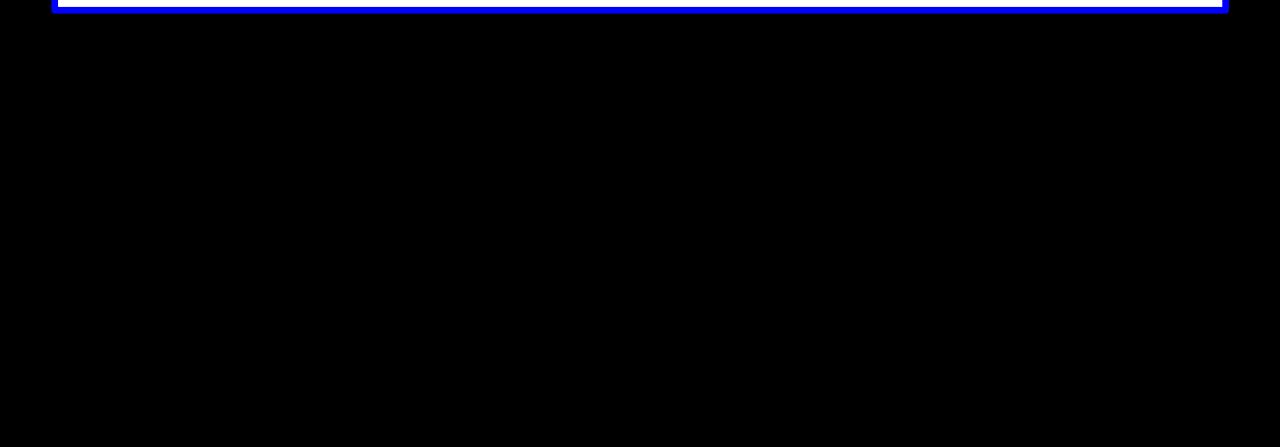
We will exalt every word of God!

Our Lord was the greatest Prince that ever walked this earth, and we do not want to miss the glory and power of His speech.

Why this Bible study tonight?

To build your faith and trust in the Prince of the kings of the earth that this Judge does not miss or excuse any evildoers.

A greyhound; an he goat also; and a king, against whom there is no rising up. Proverbs 30:31



Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. Jeremiah 23:5

We will trust Him against all enemies!

Sane men desire/dream of a perfect ruler that by wisdom and judgment protects the upright and exposes/punishes the wicked.

Why this Bible study tonight?

To remind you that Christ's pastors, following Him, may not have effeminate or refined pulpit manners like most today.

Preach the word;

be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. Il Timothy 4:2-4 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee. Titus 2:15

We want a Bible church and ministry!

A faithful pastor will not modify doctrine or intensity to pander to any hearers and will press all gospel claims with boldness.

Why this Bible study tonight?

To remind you to be attentive and responsive to the written and preached word, lest He judge you like the Pharisees. Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have. Luke 8:18

He may blind or harden any foolish!

We never want to ignore or neglect His efforts to teach us, or He can use the same just judgment to take truth away from us.

Why this Bible study tonight?

To remind you that fools and scorners do not deserve the Lord's truth, and Jesus perfectly applied Solomon's rules. Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him. Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit. Proverbs 26:4-5

Truth is a rare privilege, not a right.

Disrespect, disregard, arrogance, or scorn disqualify a person from attention or instruction, thus Jesus and Paul.

How should you respond to tonight? What I have prayed for and worked for!

- 1. I love the Lord Jesus Christ of the Bible!
- 2. I will vigilantly oppose another Jesus!
 - 3. I will read my Bible more carefully!
 - 4. I will trust my King in all trouble!
 - 5. I want a bold pastor and Bible!
 - 6. Speak Lord, I will hear thee!
 - 7. Fools and scorners lose!

Is "snake bait" too harsh?

Meaning, that Jesus said provocative things to expose the profane and rabid hearts of the Jews, who were like snakes. Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? Matthew 23:33 Serpent. A reptile of the group *ophidia*; <u>a snake</u>.

Viper. In general use, any venomous, dangerous, or repulsive <u>snake or serpent</u>.

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Meaning, that Jesus said provocative things to expose the profane and rabid hearts of the Jews, who were like snakes. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. John 8:44

Is "snake bait" too harsh?

I trow not.

How Often Did Jesus Use Such Words?

Jesus/John each called Jews "vipers" twice. Jesus used "serpent" as a name once. This count excludes noun usage.

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We already read a great prophecy.

Isaiah 11:4

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Isaiah 11:4

How about a few more.

Isaiah 49:2 Isaiah 50:7-8 Isaiah 61:1-2 Luke 2:34-35 Hebrews 4:12

Not a prophecy

And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me; Isaiah 49:2

For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me. Isaiah 50:7-8

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; Isaiah 61:1-2

And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. Luke 2:34-35

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

These prophecies should thrill you.

More could be raised, but these are ones that specifically foretell His discernment, spirit, wisdom, and verbal judgment.

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Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk. Matthew 22:15

And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions. Matthew 22:46 And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him. Luke 13:17

And they could not answer him again to these things. Luke 14:6

And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Matthew 7:28-29

His enemies could not resist Him.

Even on trial, when He chose not to speak, they could not get their false witnesses to agree in order to condemn Him.

Seated in heaven He shared His gifts.

Look at Stephen the deacon in Acts 6:10, They were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake!

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Did Jesus know His words offended?

Of course He did, but we will emphasize examples where the offence is quite intentional by content or context.

Example #1

In His hometown of Nazareth, as He began His ministry, He said He would do no miracles due to their rejection.

But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian. Luke 4:25-27

What effect did His words have?

These proud rebels went from admiring His gracious speech to trying to kill Him. And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?...

... And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. Luke 4:22-29

Example #2

Pharisees out of Jerusalem picked on the disciples for not washing their hands before eating, violating tradition.

And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand: Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man. Matthew 15:10-11

His disciples thought Jesus offensive.

Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying? But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch. Matthew 15:12-14

Example #3

When Jesus had a large crowd that had followed Him to hear Him, why did He drive them away with cannibalism? He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him....

... Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? John 6:56-60

What did Jesus do when told?

Jesus responded by adding offence! He got rid of a crowd of pretenders, who really only wanted Him for free food (5000). He then asked if the twelve wanted to bail.

Example #4

On trial for His life, Jesus finally answered when Caiaphas swore Him to speak, but then He added a little extra for them.

But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. Matthew 26:63-65

Example #5

When the Jews demanded a sign to prove His authority, He told them to destroy the temple, and He would rebuild it in 3 days!

Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body. John 2:18-21

Even the apostles missed this one!

This is one of the cases that the apostles missed the intent of His speech until after His resurrection ... in 3 days! When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said. John 2:22

Example #6

When a man with the palsy was lowered through a roof, why did Jesus forgive him his sins? And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. Matthew 9:2

What effect do you think this had?

The scribes sitting there immediately accused Him of blasphemy in their hearts.

And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? Matthew 9:3-4

Example #7

When the Jews accused Him of having a devil, Jesus responded with Abraham.Did it win friends and influence people?

Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. John 8:56-58

What effect do you think this had?

They immediately took up stones to cast at him, but Jesus hid himself and escaped out of the temple through them! Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by. John 8:59

Example #8

There are many examples of Jesus healing on the Sabbath Day, when He knew that such events would provoke great fury. Many more examples can be added. And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand. And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him. And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth. Mark 3:1-3

And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace. And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other. And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him. Mark 3:4-6

And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. Luke 13:10-13

And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day. The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from from the stall, and lead him away to watering? Luke 13:14-16

Sabbath Examples Can Be Multiplied

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Example #9

Jesus healed the impotent man at the pool of Bethesda on the Sabbath, but then He went further by claiming God His Father!

And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day. But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God. John 5:16-18

Let us always exalt Father and Son.

God has providentially shown us the Father and Son in I John like we have not fully seen before.

Example #10

When questioned about His authority to teach the Jews, He would not answer but to ask His own question stumping them!

And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority? And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things. Matthew 21:23-24

The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him? But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet. And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things. Matthew 21:25-27

What a glorious Lord and Savior!

You should see the fulfillment of the prophecies about His wisdom and speech and love Him even more.

Other Examples

- Matthew 21:33-46 ... Parable of Householder that Pharisees knew was about them.
- Luke 11:14-23 ... Accused Jesus of Beelzebub, but He turned it on their own exorcists.
- Luke 7:36-50 ... At dinner with Simon the Pharisee, Jesus exalted a sinner far over him.
- John 9:1-41 ... Jesus healed the man born blind, leading to offence by him and the Lord.
- Matthew 16:1-4 ... For a sign from heaven, He called them hypocrites and used weather.

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Tonight's Study Was About Enemies

He slew the wicked with the breath of His lips, but He has the greatest words of comfort, peace, and joy for His own.

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Tongue of the Learned

God also gave Jesus Christ the Tongue of the Learned to Know how to Speak a Word In Season to Him that is Weary The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned. Isaiah 50:4

Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. Luke 7:12-15

When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, And said, *Where have ye laid him?* They said unto him, Lord, come and see. Jesus wept. John 11:33-35

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. John 14:1-3

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. John 16:33 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more. John 8:9-11

For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. Hebrews 2:11-13

His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. Matthew 25:21,23 (repeated)

He Is Our Loving Lord and Protector

He will slay the wicked and our enemies in various ways at various times, but He has wonderful words for each of us. Glory!

For Further Study

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