# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

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## THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

# THE EVER PRESENT ARGUMENT OF GOD – PART 4 THE CENTRALITY OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD

The Humanity and Divinity of Jesus Christ, The Son of God, Son of Man, Savior of All Mankind

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# "THE EVER PRESENT ARGUMENT OF GOD"

This Has Become an Unscheduled "Mini-Series" That's Been Forming Out of our study in Luke's Gospel.

# we've seen the mission - purpose of Jesus Christ revealed;

He's heading for the cross - - Jesus has a divine appointment there.

while at the same time, Satan is moving in the midst of a Christ rejecting, unbiblical, man-made religion - - as manifested in the ambition of the Jewish Sanhedrin.

# They were plotting His murder, but God is preparing His sacrifice!

## John 10:17-18

"Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. :18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

## Matthew 20:28

just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life **a ransom for many**." So as Jesus Christ nears **the cross** there's a massive **collision** that's taking place - one that is necessary and defining.

# Everything, According to the Scriptures, is Right on Time.

The "**Collision**" had Been Forming but Became Public on April 6<sup>th</sup> 32 ad. when Jesus Christ Came into Jerusalem in His Triumphal Entry As we Have Seen in Luke Chapter 19.

### Zechariah 9:9

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He *is* just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.

## Psalm 118:19-24

A Psalm of Dedication Written 1,000 years before Christ, According to Jewish writings it was Sung on the Day the Temple was Dedicated.

Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, *And* I will praise the LORD. :20 This is the gate of the LORD, Through which the righteous shall enter. :21 I will praise You, For You have answered me, And have become my salvation. :22 The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. :23 This was the LORD'S doing; It *is* marvelous in our eyes. :24 This *is* the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

# And So The "Collision" Intensifies

as the forces that are at battle are invisible, spiritual forces at work. The magnitude of this spiritual battle spills over into this physical world.

## Luke 20:17-18

Then He **looked** at **them** and **said**, "What then is this that is written: 'The stone which the builders **rejected** Has become the **chief cornerstone'? :18** Whoever falls on that stone will be **broken**; but on whomever it falls, it will **grind him** to powder."

# THE EVER PRESENT ARGUMENT OF GOD. THE CENTRALITY OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD

1.) By documentation:

v.17

#### doc·u·men·ta·tion n

**1**. evidence provided or collected together as reference material. **2**. the process of providing written details and or information about something that has happened, is happening or a prophetic sense, will happen. **3**. information that is used to educate or to illuminate someone's understanding regarding the facts of an event or action.

## Dr. Luke Puts Forth "The Ever Present Argument of God This Way

### Luke 1:1-3

Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, **:2** just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, **:3** it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account,

## The Apostle John Put Forth "The Ever Present Argument of God This Way

### 1 John 1:1

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning *(Jesus Christ)* the Word of life—

## The Apostle Peter Put Forth "The Ever Present Argument of God This Way

2 Peter 1:16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. (royalty)

# THE EVER PRESENT ARGUMENT OF GOD IS THE CENTRALITY OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD by confirming the prophetic documentation about The Christ

JESUS CHRIST HAS BEEN "CONFIRMED" BY THE SCRIPTURES

# 1a.) Confirmed by the documentation of history v.17

Then He looked at them and said, "What then is this - that is written:

**looked** grk: **ejmble÷pW emblepo**, *em-blep´-o;* to fix the eyes upon. to fasten the gaze. to peer into or at or through. to discern with clarity. – "at **them** and **said**"

## "What then is this - that is written: listener, this is intense as Jesus leans into their souls!

The Documentation of

Moses, Of the **Prophets** and of The **Psalms** 

Jesus Christ Counters Their Rejection of His Authority by Going to The Authority of God's Word – The Bible!

Jesus is Saying ... "I'm taking you to the scriptures that you think you know"

### Psalm 138:2b

"...For You have magnified Your word above Your name.

## Matthew 24:35

Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

LISTEN CHRISTIAN, LISTEN CHURCH;

THE CENTRALITY OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD IS "CONFIRMED" BY THE SCRIPTURES AND DOCUMENTED IN HISTORY

## Matthew 22:41-46

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, :42 saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." :43 He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: :44 "The LORD SAID TO MY LORD, 'Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? :45 If David then calls Him "Lord,' how is He his Son?" :46 And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

Jesus Christ Reaches Back in History and Grabs Psalm 110

#### Psalm 110:1

The LORD said to my LORD, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

So, Lets Also Reach Back into History and Grab Some Scripture

THE CENTRALITY OF JESUS CHRIST How Can We know That This Jesus is the Jesus Who is The Christ?

Today in the courtroom of public opinion, the Biblical Jesus Christ **as** Revealed in the Bible is Under Attack and being condemned without a trial, without a jury, without evidence, without a thought. "People Today Won't Look at The Evidence"

"None are so blind than those who choose not to see"

# So, Let's Reach Back into History THE CENTRALITY OF JESUS CHRIST

# From the Old Testament

Isaiah 48:12

"Listen to Me, O Jacob, and Israel, My called: I am He, I am the First, I am also the Last.

# From the New Testament

Revelation 1:11 and Jesus said," I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,"

# From the Old Testament

Isaiah 44:6 "Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: `I am the First and I am the Last; besides Me there is no God.

# From the New Testament

Revelation 1:17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last...

# From the Old Testament

Isaiah 41:4 Who has performed and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? "I, the LORD, am the first; and with the last I am He."

# From the New Testament

Revelation 1:17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last... :18 "I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen.

# From the Old Testament

Exodus 3:14-15

And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" :15 Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever,

John 8:58

Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

# From the Old Testament

Exodus 6:2

And God spoke to Moses and said to him: "I am the LORD. (YHWH)

# From the New Testament

**Revelation 22:13** 

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

## THE CENTRALITY OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD IS "CONFIRMED" BY THE SCRIPTURES AND DOCUMENTED IN HISTORY

JESUS CHRIST HAS BEEN "CONFIRMED" BY THE SCRIPTURES

# 1b.) Confirmed by the documentation of the present v.17b

'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone'

# Jesus isn't giving them a lesson on **CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUES.**

# Jesus is speaking directly about He Himself

being "The Stone" of Foundation. He is Announcing a Spiritual Reality that supersedes Religion.

# "I Am That Stone"

which a relationship with God is founded upon, made possible. and you "chief priests and scribes, elders, in verse 1 are the builders"

# THE CENTRALITY OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD

From the Old Testament

Numbers 20:7-8

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, :8 "Take the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. **Speak to the rock** before their eyes, and it will yield its water;

#### 1 Corinthians 10:4

concerning the children of Israel, did they not all drink the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them in the wilderness, and that Rock was Christ.

# From the Old Testament

#### Deuteronomy 32:4

He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

# From the New Testament

Matthew 16:16-18

Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." **:17** Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. **:18** And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

# From the Old Testament

Genesis 49:24c He is the Shepherd, **the Stone** of Israel.

# From the New Testament

Acts 4:10-12

let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. **:11** This is the *"stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone."* **:12** Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

**rejected** grk: **ajpodokima¿zw apodokimazo**, would not approve of, disallowed by examination. to neglect or to reject something of the greatest value.

Hidden in This Verse is What is Called;

# The Unpardonable Sin

## Matthew 12:30-31

He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad. **:31** "Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, **but the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven men.** 

# The Unpardonable Sin is <u>a Doctrine of Belief</u> – "I don't need Jesus Christ"

### John 8:24

Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins."

Romans 9:33a

As it is written: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense,

# How is it That Jesus Christ can be an Offense to People? BECAUSE OF THE CENTRALITY OF JESUS CHRIST, HIM BEING THE SON OF GOD

almost every week people walk out of the services here not because the gospel isn't being preached - but because it is!

# This "Spiritual Truth" was Echoed by the Apostle Paul

## Ephesians 2:19-22

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, :20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, :21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, :22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

There is no forgiveness, no salvation, no hope, no life apart from Jesus Christ – He said so!!!

BECAUSE OF THE CENTRALITY OF JESUS CHRIST, HIM BEING THE SON OF GOD

From the Old Testament

Hosea 13:4 Yet I am the LORD your God ever since the land of Egypt, and you shall know no God but Me; for there is no Savior besides Me.

Philippians 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for The Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

# From the Old Testament

Isaiah 45:21

Tell and bring forth your case; yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? Have not I, the LORD? And there is no other God besides Me, a just God and a Savior; there is none besides Me.

# From the New Testament

Titus 2:10 ...that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

# From the Old Testament

Isaiah 43:11 I, even I, am the LORD (Jehovah), and besides Me there is no savior.

# From the New Testament

1 John 4:14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent The Son as Savior of the world.

# From the Old Testament

**2 Samuel 22:3** My God is my Rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my Salvation. He is my Stronghold, my Refuge and my Savior

## THE CENTRALITY OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD IS "CONFIRMED" BY THE SCRIPTURES AND DOCUMENTED IN HISTORY

JESUS CHRIST HAS BEEN "CONFIRMED" BY THE SCRIPTURES

# 1c.) Confirmed by the documentation of the future v.17

... Has become the chief cornerstone'?

The Cornerstone is That Place, That Point Where Everything Else Comes Together.

Your Religion, Your Life, Your Purpose Will Never Make Sense until you come to the Rock of your Salvation.

#### 1 Peter 2:4-8

Come to Christ *as to* **a living stone**, **rejected** indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious, :**5** you also, **as living stones**, are being **built** up a spiritual **house**, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. :**6** Therefore it is also in the Scriptures, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." :**7** Therefore, to you who believe, *He is* precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone," :**8** and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense."

## 1 Corinthians 3:9-11

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. :10
According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. :11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

# THE CENTRALITY OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD

From the Old Testament

Psalm 116:13

I will take up the cup of salvation, And call upon the name of the LORD.

# From the New Testament

#### Romans 10:11-13

For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." **:12** For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. **:13** For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

# From the Old Testament

**Psalm 116:17** I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the LORD.

# From the New Testament

Romans 10:13 For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

# From the Old Testament

**Isaiah 45:22** "Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

Acts 4:12

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

# From the Old Testament

Jeremiah 29:12-14

Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. **:13** And you will seek Me and find *Me*, when you search for Me with all your heart. **:14** I will be found by you, says the LORD,

# From the New Testament

Philippians 2:10-11

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

End of Study