

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS



MONTHLY JOURNAL FOR DECEMBER 2012

Matthew 1:21: She will give birth to a Son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.

THE LAMB OF GOD

By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Almighty Father above, may we all give you thanks, praise, and bless You Lord, for the birth of Your Son and our Savior Jesus Christ. May we rejoice in His promise of eternal life, through Him, and with Him, for Eternity. Father, please help us to repent of our sins and live each day in Your Divine Presence. Lord, may the Light of Jesus shine upon all His people to be more caring, sharing, and giving to the poor and less fortunate this Christmas. Father, please teach us the real meaning of Christmas and help us to refrain from secularism. Lord we thank You again for being our ever present Light in the night. Father I ask this prayer in Christ Jesus name, Hallelujah, Amen! The Holy Spirit has inspired me this month, to talk about the Lamb of God. Who is the Lamb of God? The Lamb of God is Jesus Christ, our Savior! Jesus' earthly history begins in the town of Bethlehem in the Roman providence of Judea. A threat to kill the infant King led Joseph and Mary to take their family to Egypt to avoid these threats. After the danger had past, God led them to settle in Nazareth in Galilee. From His childhood home in Nazareth, at age 30, Jesus set out to set up His earthly ministry. Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River and was tempted by Satan in the Judean Desert. Jesus set up His base of operation in Capernaum and from there He ministered throughout Israel, telling parables, teaching about the Kingdom and healing the sick. He traveled to the region of the Gadarenes around Gadera and healed demon-possessed men. He fed over 5,000 people with 5 loaves and 2 fishes on the shores of Galilee near Bethsaida. He healed the sick in Gennesaret. He ministered to the Gentiles in Tyre, Sidon, and visited Caesarea Phillipi where Peter declared Jesus to be the Messiah. He also taught in Perea east of the Jordan. As He set out on His last visit to Jerusalem, Jesus told the Disciples what would happen to Him there. He spent some time in Jericho and then stayed in Bethany at night as He went back and forth to Jerusalem during His last week before His Death. In Jerusalem, Jesus was crucified, suffer, and die on the cross. But God's Plan was that He would rise again to save us all from eternal damnation. In the Bible Jesus is revealed as, the King of kings and for His miraculous birth, and for His life, and teachings. Also, for His miracles and triumph over death, and true identity. Jesus cannot be equated with any person or power. He is the supreme ruler of time and eternity, heaven and earth, humans and angels. So Lets give Him His rightful place as King of our lives!

Jesus is the Messiah, the one for whom the Jews had waited to deliver them from Roman oppression. Yet, tragically, they did not recognize Him when He came because His kingship was not what they had expected. The true purpose for God's anointed deliverer was to die for all people to free them from sin's oppression. Jesus is, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Because Jesus was sent from God, we can trust Him with our lives. It is worth everything we have to acknowledge Him and give ourselves to Him, because He came to be our Messiah and our Savior.

Jesus came to earth to begin His Kingdom. His full Kingdom will be realized at His return and will be made up of anyone who has faithfully followed Him. The way to enter God's Kingdom is by faith- believing in Jesus to save us from sin and change our lives. We must do the work of His Kingdom now to be prepared for His return.

Jesus taught the people through sermons, illustrations, and parables. Through His teachings, He showed the true ingredients of faith and how to guard against a fruitless and hypocritical life. Jesus teachings showed us how to prepare for life in His Eternal Kingdom, by living properly right now. He lived what He taught and we, too, must practice what we preach. When Jesus rose from the dead, He rose in power as the true King. In His victory over death, He established His credentials as King and His power and authority over evil. Also, the resurrection shows Jesus' all-powerful life for us-not even death could stop His plan of offering eternal life. Those who believe in Jesus can hope for a resurrection like His. Our role as Christians is to tell His story to all the earth so that everyone can share in His victory.

Another important note about Jesus is that He is both God and human. The Infinite, Unlimited God, took on the limitations of humanity. The reason why He is the Lamb of God is the fact that the God of the Bible tells us so.

In **John 1:29** the Lord said: **The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."** Try to understand that Jesus was a predestined sacrifice for all our sins, not only for the sins of the past, but also for all the sins of the present and the future as well. Also, the Lamb of God is the Lamb of Love according to the scripture. In **John 3:16** the Lord says: **"For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have Eternal Life."** Furthermore, the Bible tells us in **Acts 8:32** that; **He was led like a sheep to the slaughter and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so He did not open His mouth.**

The one and only reason why Jesus was silent like a lamb before a shearer, is because He was doing what His Heavenly Father had told Him to do. Without Christ total commitment to the Father to become a human sacrifice for our sins, we would all still be in sins darkness. We would have no hope for eternal salvation at all, life, would be just a total pit of eternal hell! So my brothers and sisters in the Lord Christ Jesus, try to take some time out, and think about; *what does Christmas really mean to you?* Also another question you can ask yourself; *do you truly believe that Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world?*

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, may we again give You thanks, praise, and bless You Lord, for the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Lord Jesus, may we all find Your Spirit of loving, sharing, caring, and giving to the less fortunate, this Christmas. Father, please fill us up with Your Love, Grace and Mercy Lord, so we can go out and witness to this dark and sinful world that we live in! Father, I ask these things in Jesus name.....Amen.

=====



JESUS CALLING
By Sarah Young

I SPEAK TO YOU from the depths of eternity. *Before the world was formed, I AM!* You hear Me in the depths of your being, where I have taken up residence. *I am Christ in you, the hope of Glory.* I your Lord and Savior, am alive with in you. Learn to tune into My living Presence by seeking Me in silence.

As you celebrate the wonder of My Birth in Bethlehem, celebrate also your rebirth into eternal life. This everlasting gift was the sole purpose of My entering your sin-state world. Receive My gift with awe and humility. Take time to explore the vast dimensions of My Love. Allow thankfulness to flow freely from your heart in response to My glorious gift.

Let My Peace rule in your heart, and be thankful!



THE MINISTRY'S DAILY PRAYER LIST

Please join hands with this Ministry and pray for: Joy Valarie, Joe Lakes, Sal Talama, the Young family, Christine Palma, Bill Schlupp, Patty Palma, Jonathan Baker, Rose Robinson, Janelle Owens, Denise Lathrop.

Also a prayer for: the sick, the poor, the homeless, the helpless, the hopeless, the lost souls, the poor in spirit, the persecuted, the hungry, the brokenhearted, the lame, the godless, the weary, the anger, the hatred, the violence, the wars, the unrest, the greed, the corruption, the fornications, the selfishness, the prideful, the coveting, etc.

Furthermore: a special prayer for the victims of hurricane Sandy and for all the natural devastations around the world. Also a special prayer for all our troops and missionaries around the world in harms way. Finally, a special prayer for our economy, and the economies around the world.

If you have enjoyed this month's inspired message, please forward it to your friends and family and whoever would like to understand the word of the Lord. When we share God's Words of Divine Wisdom with others, we are doing God's work here on earth!

For additional journals, inspirational videos, study tools, prayer request, etc, go to: www.makethespiritualconnection.com

From the Spiritual Connection to you and your loved ones.



And may our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless us and watch over us!

