

Jesus Christ or Jesus Christ, Who Do you Choose? Part 1

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“Jesus Christ or Jesus Christ” Who do you choose? This might be a very perplexing question for many. You may say, “well of course I choose both!” You continue. “Jesus is Jesus, right.” But in these last days is a very appropriate question. Let’s dig more into the question.

What is the purpose of the word “or”?

“Or” is a used a conjunction that connects, words, sentences **or** phrases together. “Or” as a conjunction presents an alternative item or idea . For example, “Tomorrow for exercise I am going to walk or run.” The word or here reveal that I will choose one or the other, but not both.

In other words, “or” presents a choice of one or the other, not both. So when we go back to the question “Jesus or Jesus who do you choose?” “Or” reveals that both Jesus's are not the same. There is a difference. So how do you choose if they both have the same name, “Jesus”? This is critical for the last days.`

What MAJOR warning does Jesus give in these last days?

Matthew 24:4, 5

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Take heed (beware) that no man deceive you.**

5 For **many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.**

The MAJOR warning that Jesus reveals that we MUST beware of in these last days is deception that will lead us to believe in the false Christ that claims to be the true Christ. **The word “many” reveals a GREAT majority, the most.** MANY will be deceived by MANY who say “I am Christ”.

“Christ” = Anointed (Greek) – chosen by Divine appointment.

Does the one who claims to be “Christ” have to be a charismatic man who wears a white robe walking around saying, “I am Christ”?

Notice again “many come in my name, saying I am Christ.” “Name” = Character...

Also many are claiming the character of Christ, they bear the name of Christ calling themselves Christians, one who is like Christ or believes in Christ. They say, “based on my life I am Christ”.

Today many are preaching and teaching a false Christ. Many who are followers of this false Christ are false Christians deceived in believing that they are true Christians following the true Christ.

Just because someone claims Christ, preach Christ, teach Christ how do you know that they are promoting the true Christ or false Christ? The false Christ has a false lifestyle, character, and belief that appears to be good but is deadly! The false Christ has a false health reform, dress reform, and character reform.

Those who are deceiving many with the false Christ are deceived themselves! Do you think one teaching a false Christ will say, “hey, I am teaching a false Christ, but listen to me anyway?” NO!

Jesus reveals that in the last days you will be presented with Jesus Christ or Jesus Christ one is true the other is false. How do you know who is true? Just because they say they are? If they both say they are true, one is lying. How do you know?

Who are some of the promoters of the false Christ and false Christian lifestyle?

Matthew 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

False prophet (Greek) = “**pretended foreteller or religious impostor**”. In other words, One claiming divine inspiration...

2 Corinthians 11:13 - 15

13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, **transforming** themselves into the apostles of Christ.

14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is **transformed** into an angel of light.

15 Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be **transformed** as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Transform (Greek): metaschēmatisō [met-askh-ay-mat-id'-zo] From [G3326](#) and a derivative of [G4976](#); to **transfigure or disguise**; figuratively to *apply* (by accommodation): - transfer, transform (self). **Transformation in this context is for the purpose of deception, but the character is still the same.**

Jesus says, **Matthew 7:15** Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

No character change! No true transformation, but a disguise!

On the other hand “the word “transformed” in Greek has a different meaning in Romans 12:2

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye **transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

(Romans 12:2) Transformed (Greek): metamorphoō [met-am-or-fo'-o]

From [G3326](#) and [G3445](#); to *transform* (literally or figuratively “metamorphose”): - change, transfigure, transform. This is where we get our word metamorphose, total change. **Transform in this context a real genuine character change, no longer conforming to the things of the world.**

Go back to 2 Corinthians 11:1 – 13 the promoter of the false Christ and the false Christian lifestyle are false prophets, ministers, workers of the gospel, and even Satan himself will transform or disguise themselves as Christians for Satan's purpose to deceive others to follow him instead. Many are deceived themselves thinking that they are following the true Christ when in fact they are following a deception and fraud, Satan himself.

Matter of fact,- in it reveals that evil men and seducers which includes the false workers of the gospel are deceived and teaching their deceptions to others.

2 Timothy 3:1, 13

1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

13 But **evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.** **Seducer** (Greek): *goēs* [*go'-ace*] (to *wail*); properly a **wizard (as muttering spells)**, that is, (by implication) an **impostor**:

Wizards are enchanters, sorcerers and magicians that mutter demonic spells to control thinking of those who are deceived.

The false Christs, prophets, and ministers are deceived and deceiving **are doing the work of wizards who mutter the spells of Satan to deceive the world.** As we get closer to the end of time it will get worse.

2 Corinthians 11:14 says that Satan himself will transform himself into an angel of light.

In Revelation 17, during the sixth plague, right before the seventh plague falls Satan will perform his greatest act ever, he will appear visible to the world as the angel of light, impersonating himself as Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords. All the world, governments and leaders will wonder in amazement.

Revelation 17:8 The beast that thou sawest was (visible), and is not (visible); and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and **they that dwell on the earth shall wonder**, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast (inner core) that was, and is not, and yet is.

Satan is now preparing for the manifestation of his greatest disguise. ALL the world will wonder in amazement.

"As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. The church has long professed to look to the Saviour's advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come." Great Controversy, p. 625

Satan's false gospel workers are preparing the way for this ultimate deception by having them preach, teach, and promote the doctrines of false Christs. (see more on this later)

How will false Christs and false prophets deceive so MANY and how effective are their deceptions?

Matthew 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew **great signs and wonders**; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

To prove themselves as genuine Christians promoting the real Christ, they will use great miracles as signs that appear to come from God. These supernatural manifestations are so effective that IF it were possible even God's true followers, the very elect, would be deceived. **Why are they not deceived, because their faith is built on the Word of God, not miracles.**

This is verified in the book of Revelation.

Revelation 13:13, 14

13 And he (the promoter of the false Christ -USA) doeth **great wonders**, so that he **maketh fire (GK: lightning)** come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

14 And **deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast**; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should

make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

Are you going to be one who is deceived by miracles that are literally performed by Satan and his demonic force? Satan can make it appear that someone is sick and make them well. Even though Satan cannot create or give life, he can create illusions. He and his demons can disguise themselves.

How do you know who is real or not? Again you CANNOT base it on miracles, appearances, speeches, emotions, "gut feelings" or other supernatural manifestations.

Isaiah 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they **speak not according to this word**, it is because there is **no light in them**.

In other words, they are the agents of darkness seducing and deceiving others but professing to have the light.

The law of God is His Ten Commandments. It defines sin (1 John 3:4). It is the standard of righteousness. It reflects the character of God. The testimonies witness to the character and proof that Jesus is our Creator and Savior.

John 5:39 **Search (Gk: investigate/research) the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.**

The scriptures reveal eternal life and testify of Christ. You must search and research and investigate the scriptures, God's Word for truth, not man's opinions.

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew **thyself** approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth**.

Rightly divide (Greek): to **make a straight cut**, that is, (figuratively) **to dissect (expound) correctly (the divine message)**.

There is NO substitute. If you are not studying or investigate the scripture for yourself in the last days, you WILL be tricked into worshipping the false Christ which is Satan himself.

1 John 4:1 Beloved, **believe not every spirit**, but try [tests] the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Every spirit MUST line up with the Word of God, if it does not, it is false (period).

How often should we study God's Word?

Acts 17:11 These (Bereans) were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the **scriptures daily**, whether those things were so.

Matthew 6:11 Give us this day our **daily bread**

Jesus is the Word and we should eat daily! We cannot afford to skip any meals from the Word of God nor fast from it.

Why is it so important for you to study the Bible daily and know it for yourself?

2 Timothy 3:16, 17

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God [GK: divinely breathed], and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished [GK: fully equipped] unto all good works.

The only way to know the counterfeit is to know the genuine truth, the real Jesus. The only way to know who Christ really is - you must study God's Word.

Let's briefly compare the true Jesus Christ of the Bible and the false Christs that are being promoted and preached in these last days to deceive MANY.

True Christ	False Christs
<p>Mat 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.</p>	<p>"You will keep sinning until Jesus comes. You can never be perfect."</p>
<p>1Jn 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, <i>even</i> our faith.</p> <p>Rev 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.</p>	<p>"It's impossible to overcome sin, it's our nature. It's ok to have some sin in your life as long as you are a good person."</p>
<p>Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.</p> <p>Mat 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.</p> <p>Mat 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.</p>	<p>The commandments are the old dispensation. Just love each other. Grace is all you need. Even though I am not perfect, grace covers me.</p>
<p>Exo 20:8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.</p> <p>Exo 20:9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:</p> <p>Exo 20:10 But the seventh day <i>is</i> the sabbath of the LORD thy God</p>	<p>The seventh-day sabbath is for the Jews. Sabbath is Sunday. Or, we really don't have to keep the old sabbath. Or, don't esteem another day above another. The Sabbath doesn't matter you can worship any day.</p>
<p>Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: <i>it is</i> the gift of God:</p> <p>Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.</p>	<p>Our church attendance, shouts, hand raises, tithing, pastor gifts, fasting has to be counted for something to get in. I only call Jesus by His Hebrew name: Yhoshua, that should be good enough. Or how many hail Marys, bead counts, candle vigils, pilgrimages to the holy land, etc....</p>
<p>Jas 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye</p>	<p>We cannot be extreme, now. What's wrong with</p>

<p>not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.</p> <p>Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what <i>is</i> that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.</p> <p>Psa 101:3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; <i>it</i> shall not cleave to me.</p>	<p>watching a little Hollywood? Dancing with the stars? We want to have fun too? We pray before we watch the superbowl? It's the gospel slide not the electric slide. It's gospel hip hop. Just relax. David danced!</p>
<p>Rev 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they <i>also</i> which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.</p> <p>Mat 24:26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe <i>it</i> not.</p> <p>Mat 24:27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.</p>	<p>The secret rapture of Christ is coming to take us from tribulation. Those "left behind" will go through seven years of tribulation. All the wicked will have a second chance to get it right before Jesus comes again to take them.</p>
<p>1Co 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.</p> <p>1Co 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost <i>which is</i> in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?</p> <p>1Co 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.</p>	<p>Too extreme! I love to eat flesh and cheese. I can't just eat fruit, nuts, grains, and veggies. Whatever is before you, just have grace over it and God will bless it. It's okay to have it (junk food) in moderation. Food can't affect you spiritually.</p>

To be continued.... Part 2