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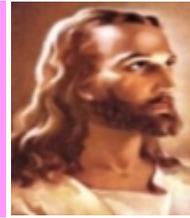
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Blessings of God be yours...



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**Father God! In the very early hours of morn, I praise You and fall at Your Holy Feet!
I praise You in thanksgiving , for You sent Your Son to this earth to redeem us!
My God Jesus, the Greatest physician of all physicians! I praise You!
O Jesus Divine Master! You healed innumerable people afflicted with sicknesses! I Praise and Glorify You!
LORD God! How great is Your Word, Your Power, and Your Mercy!
LORD! Look down with compassion on this person languishing in this sick bed!
(mention the name of the person and pray)
Stretch forth Your powerful hands on this person O LORD and may Your merciful glance, Your Word and Your Hands heal the person!O God! Touch and heal this person now Divine Master!
May Your glory be made manifest in and through this person O God!**

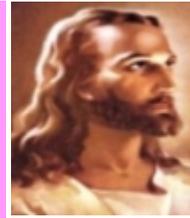
**Thank You my God! Thank You!
We Thank You for paying heed to our petition, to our plea!
O God! Thank You!
We thank You for transforming this person's agony to become the wounds of glory!
Thank You my God! Thank You!**

AMEN ! ALLELUIA !

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Beloved in Christ...



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“Come and see” (John 1:39)

One day John the Baptist pointed out towards Jesus to his two disciples saying, “ Behold! The Lamb of God.” (John 1:36) Jesus was walking along the river side. The two disciples who heard the words of John, followed Jesus. Jesus , who heard the footsteps of these who were following Him, turned and asked, “What do you search for?”

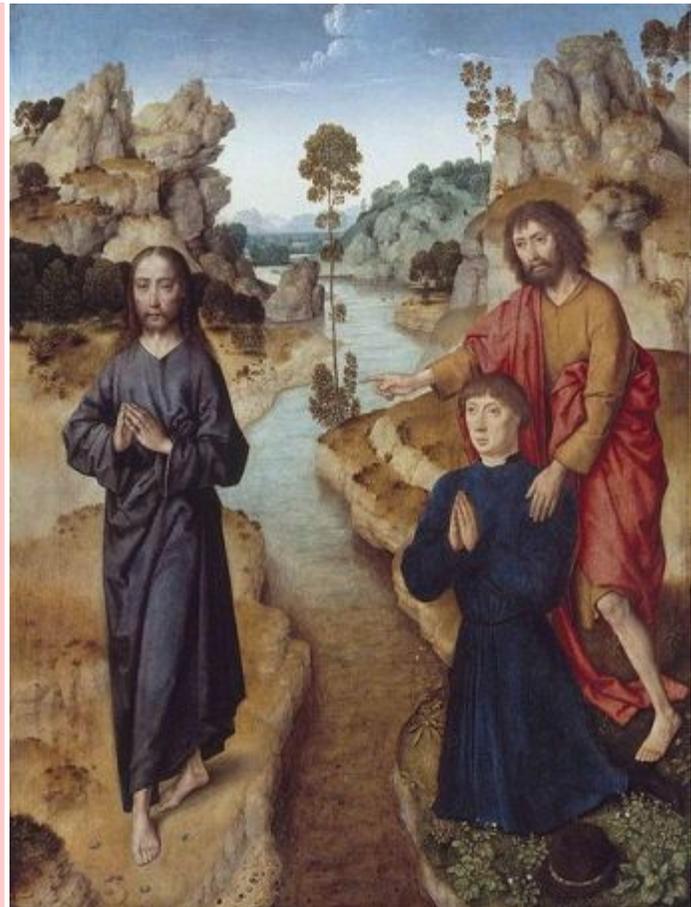
These two disciples were seeing Jesus for the first time. They believed what John the Baptist had told them.

They were immediately attracted towards Jesus that same instant. “No one can come to Jesus unless it is granted by the Father.” (John 6:65) This was how the two disciples approached Jesus inquiring, “Rabbi, where do you stay?”

Jesus welcomed them with great love saying, “ Come and see.” Jesus is neither a big business magnet nor is he an expert trade developer. He did not give any introductory talk nor explanations about Himself. But the invitation that He gave them was the opportunity to stay with Him and to understand who He really is.

The two disciples stayed with Jesus for one day and obtained the wisdom that no university on this earth can give them. They began to proclaim, “ we have found the Messiah.” Jesus calls each one of us today. He invites us to stay with Him, to know about Him, to love Him and to proclaim to the whole world about Him. We are called to teach those who do not know about the LORD, to pray for them and to live as His witnesses. I wish you Joy!

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We read a meaningful message at the end of the Gospel as written by St. John : “ Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and through believing you may have life in his name.” (John 20:31) These Words form the crux of St. John’s Gospel.

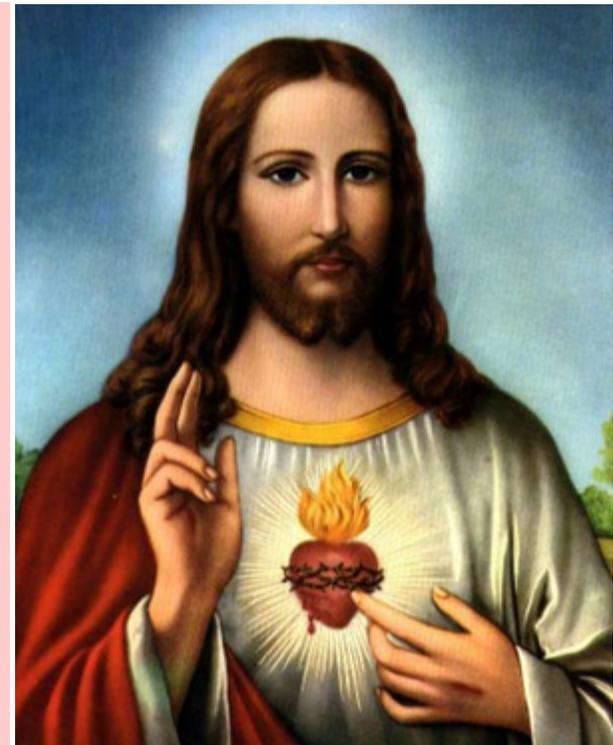
Our LORD Jesus Christ lived for almost 33 years, died, rose , disappeared from our sight and within about 50 years of It all, the News about Him spread through out the world. Through the twelve apostles who were His very close friends and through His witnesses, the News about Jesus Christ spread all over, like wild fire. The television sets that we see in the modern world, telephones, movies and other kinds of mass media were not available, yet the witnessing with Faith on Him, caused the News spread in a rapid pace. Their unity, the love they showed for each other, all helped in spreading the News about Jesus every where. They did not write on having listened to all that He preached when on this earth, nor did they enumerate all that He did, in the form of a historical document. Only when the Christian faithful lived together as groups and as families for several years, only then was the Good News about Jesus Christ written. And only after St. Matthew, St. Mark and St. Luke wrote, did St. John too write.

The Bible scholars tell us that St. John wrote well about sixty years after the death of Jesus. After the resurrection of Jesus and after sixty years after the great feast of the Pentecost, did John write the Good News about Our LORD Jesus Christ.

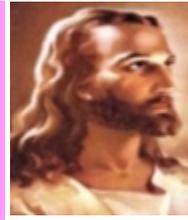
Tradition has it that after the death of Jesus, Mother Mary stayed with St. John in the town of Ephesus. Hence who is Jesus? What was His aim? What was His nature? What were His duties? What was His state of mind, His attitude? What was His message? For all this , He would have stayed for long with the Blessed Virgin Mother, and on weighing the pros and cons and on completely analyzing the Words he has written the Gospel for us , fully comprehending THE WORD. The Gospel of John beautifully reveals and proclaims the message: “Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God”.

The meaning of this Divine Mystery:

“Jesus” sacrificed His very Life as an offering on the Cross for the forgiveness of the sins of humanity and for its atonement. This Redeemer Jesus Christ who shed the Blood from His Body, and who gave up His own Body as a sacrificial offering, was not a mere ‘human being.’



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He was also 'The Son of God'. He was a human being to the extent of 'sacrificing Himself' and God who was 'equal to God'. When we speak about Jesus, it is beyond human thinking and comprehension. Hence when John wrote, he did not write using either Greek or any other country's tradition. But He gives us the testimonies of tangible people who were alive, who lived their lives. Therefore we shall now ponder over the basic truths of the "Messiah" Jesus, who is a mystery.

1.John 1:14 The Word became 'flesh!' In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. This Word that had all the power to create everything, created it all. Nothing was created with out Him. Thus God who is the source of all that was created, He Himself was born as a man with nerves, with 'flesh', and was formed in the womb of a woman!

This is not comprehensible either to the Greek scholars nor does it follow any religious ritual. This has never thus far entered the mind of any Jewish ancestry, or to the Parisian or Egyptian scholars or even to the Indian wizards. Hence God who is The WORD, became 'flesh' and was born and lived as a man among men. When we mention that He 'pitched Tent', he presents an unfathomable Truth which is unheard of till now. To understand this, only those with the 'heart' to understand it alone will understand!

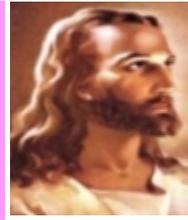
During the time of Moses, the commandments given by God to Moses was taken by the Jews in an Ark 'as tablets of stone'. They took it along with them wherever they went. Wherever they pitched tents for themselves to live, they also pitched a tent for The Ark. Thus, God dwelt with them pitching a tent, wherever they went. But the Tent that John mentions here is totally different.

The Word of God Himself became 'flesh' in the womb of a 'Woman'- became man and lived as any other human. Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of Jesus, Herself became the Tent. John not only mentions this.

"But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God" (John 1:12) Thus due to faith every person, becomes an Ark, that bears God and this is the essence of the teaching.

This Divine Truth gives us a different feel altogether. The Jews awaited the 'Redeemer' for centuries together. But when He came down and walked along with them, they failed to realize It. The reason is that they did not give up their own human reasoning. Can they contain God's Infinite wisdom in their finite thinking?

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2. John 1:17: 'Grace and Truth came through Jesus Christ'.

The Jews are a very proud race. The fact that Abraham is their father, that God delivered them from slavery in Egypt through Moses, and led them on towards the Promised Land that He gave them divine Commandments, and they also believed that when and wherever necessary God sent several prophets, gave them advice and led them, with on all these assets to their credit, they walked with an ego that they were "the treasured possessions of God". But they hesitated to consider and believe that God's ways are beyond and much better than human ways and that it is way beyond human 'comprehension'.

"He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him." (John 1:11)
It is very true that Moses was a messenger sent by God.



Moses became an instrument in the Hands of God to lead the people who were languishing under the ties of bondage and slavery, to a life of freedom. God performed several glorious acts through this instrument. God revealed His plans by working the wonders through the hands of Moses. Pharaoh the king was not only amazed, stupefied and frightened of the wonders performed by Moses, he also paid heed to the words of Moses and released the Jews from captivity. God caused them to cross the Red sea through Moses. He rained down Manna in the desert to satiate their hunger. He struck the rock and quenched their thirst. He caused them to win over all the enemies and to enter the land of Caanan. Moses revealed God's will in the form of Ten Commandments, and called them to live in righteousness, as the children of God. Thus Moses functioned as the Ambassador of God and as His powerful Instrument.

But now, the Invisible God, took a visible form and functioned with them as "The Son of God" and as "Jesus Christ". It was He the, "Grace" and Fountain of Grace- who transformed those who had faith, as "Children of God". "No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known." (John 1:18)

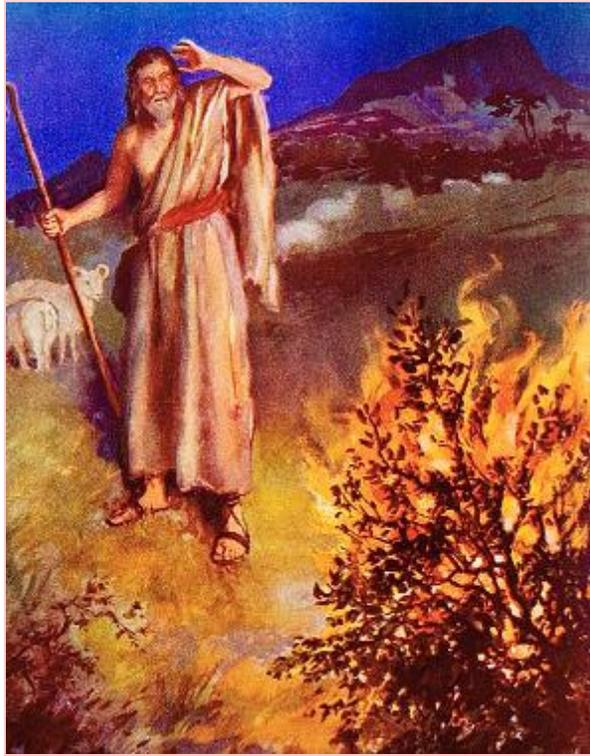
This Jesus, who is the "Christ" and The Son of God, became the Fountain of All graces. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." (John 1:16)

3. John 1:29: "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" The Greeks and the Romans worshipped all the gods and goddesses of their epics and imaginary literary works of art that were sculpted in stone, and they even sacrificed goats and cows to these figures. But in their personal lives they were slaves to base lustful pleasures.

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The Gods and Goddesses of the epics and the statues did not wash away their sins. Forgiveness did not even creep into their minds. But “without holiness”, without being ransomed for sins, no one can come before the Presence of God. “Moses, Moses! Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” (Exodus 3:5) The same God who spoke thus, came and stayed as Jesus, as the Lamb of God, as The One who would take away the sins of the world.

Moses had introduced “the Pascal lamb” that would carry the sins of the people.(Exodus 12:21-28) The Jews were accustomed to stretch forth their hands on the pascal lamb and unburden their sins on it. Now Jesus Himself stood in front of the people as “the Lamb who would bear the sins” (Isaiah 53:7). He stood amidst them ready even to carry the cross of sin, as the “Immaculate”, “guiltless” Lamb, ready even to the extent of going to Calvary. But the people failed to understand and to recognize Him.

4. John 18:38: “ I find no case against him.”

The Son of God sent by God was subject to judgment as the innocent Lamb who bears the sins of the world. This Divine Truth is well exemplified in the Good News of St. John chapters 18 and 19.He is guiltless. The non-Jewish governor Pilate reiterated again and again, “ I find no case against him.” But when the leaders requested death on the cross as punishment for Jesus as they felt, “that it was better to have one person die for the people.” (John 18:14; 11:50)

Although it all seems like a big plot set by the human beings, yet it was also the design of God. The death of the Lamb on the Cross blossomed as life for the human race. So those who have faith in the Lamb of God Jesus Christ, though they die, they will live on for ever in eternity.

“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live!” (John 11:25)

5. John 19:33: “They did not break his legs.”

The Lamb that was killed on the Cross shed His Blood. Saying, “It is finished”, (John 19:30), and having fulfilled the will of the Father to the fullest, He redeemed the world from the crushing clutches of sin!

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The legs of the pascal lamb should not be broken. It should be whole. You should not break any bone. (Exodus 12:46). So too “ they did not break His (Jesus’) legs.” (John 19:33) John strongly points out to who Jesus really Is. He died. He is The Lamb of God who shed His precious Blood. He alone is the Redemption for all!6. John 2:18-22; 14:26; 20:8-9

The temple that was destroyed was built in three days.

“ Jesus must rise from the dead.” (John 20:9)

This is an important Divine mystery about Jesus. This has never ever occurred to any human being.

“ I have seen the LORD.” (John 20:18) The witnessing borne by Mary Magdalene is the testimony of all the faithful. This is the ultimate goal of all those who live united in and with Jesus.

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