

## WHO IS ANOTHER JESUS ?

This evening, we will let the **Bible verses** .... rather than a preacher .... provide the meaning .... when it **warns of 'another Jesus'**:

**2 Cor 11:4** 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.

I listened to a recent message by a **'grace'** preacher who said several times that **another Jesus** is the **earthly Jesus**. This doctrine is commonly taught by many of the same school of thought. I used to believe them .... but my **examination of the scriptures** has convinced me otherwise.

In the near context of **2 Cor 11:4**, is **similar warning**:

**2 Cor 11:13-15** 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.

**Particularly in the last days**, the devil and his angels will be effective in **deceiving** people. I wouldn't say "Timing is everything," .... but it is definitely very important. Paul told what the **end time** will be like:

**1 Tim 4:1** Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that **in the latter times some shall depart from the faith**, giving heed to **seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils**;

In what is thought to be Paul's last epistle (2 Tim 4:6), he **prophesied of a time to come** .... when every person who chooses to live godly will be physically harmed. **Near the end** .... it won't get better, it will get worse:

**2 Tim 3:12-13** Yea, and **all** that **will** live godly in Christ Jesus **shall suffer** persecution.

13 But **evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.**

Great persecution and great deception **will come in the end times** just before **Jesus comes to judge and make war** (Rev 19:11) .... in **His day** when He brings in **His kingdom**. In that same context, Paul wrote:

**2 Tim 4:1-4** I charge thee therefore before God, and **the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;**

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

3 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;

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the **truth**, and shall be turned unto fables.

Remember these things are being written in the very epistle that contains:

**2 Tim 2:15-18** Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**

16 But shun **profane and vain babblings**: for they will increase unto more **ungodliness**.

17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;

18 Who **concerning the truth have erred, saying <lego> that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.**

There was an issue made, in the recent message I heard, about the word **'saying'** in that verse (2 Tim 2:18), that **'saying'** did not necessarily mean those 2 men were **'teaching'** the resurrection in the wrong place, but were simply **'saying'** it ... and even possibly, that they were just **'talking'** about when many saints arose at Jesus' death and resurrection in Matt 27:50-53.

So I looked up the Greek word for 'saying' in **2 Tim 2:18** and it is <lego>.

I found <lego> a few other places, 2 of which I will mention here.

If <lego> just means 'saying' .... and not really 'teaching' .... think about what effect that meaning would have on these 2 uses of <lego>. Wow!

**1 Thess 4:15** For this we say <lego> unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto **the coming of the Lord** shall not prevent them which are asleep.

**1 Cor 15:51** Behold, I shew <lego> you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,  
(Let's continue on to the next verse .... because, the "Timing is Everything" message **entirely avoided the TIMING phrase that Paul wrote .... about WHEN the resurrection would take place.**)

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump: (SURELY, we would look to the BIBLE to find a SERIES of trumpets .... and then SURELY, we should go to the LAST one!)** for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Getting back to the subject of this message .... Jesus warned of the same problems .... in the same time period .... that we read about earlier:

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

In the context of **Matt 7:15**, verse 19 says they will be **cast into the fire** .... and verses 21 and 22 are about **entering the kingdom 'in that day.'**

When Jesus' disciples questioned Him about how they could identify **the last days** .... and how they could recognize the events **just prior to His appearing** ....

Jesus cautioned them not to believe '**another Jesus**'.

Furthermore, there would be **alot** of them:

**Matt 24:3-5** And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be **the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?**

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them,

**Take heed that no man deceive you.**

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

In fact, **saints** have been given repeated **warnings**

about the great deception and persecuting that will occur **near the end ....**

by others impersonating **Jesus**.

It will not be the **real Jesus ....** but **another** claiming to be **Jesus**:

**Matt 24:21-27** For then shall be **great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 And except those days should be **shortened**, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days **shall be shortened**.

23 **Then if any man shall say unto you,**

**Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.**

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.

25 **Behold, I have told you before.**

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 it not.**

**(They will know when the true Jesus comes.**

**There will not be any mistaking that fiery flash across the dark sky):**

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**.

Just like He left .... He will **return --- visibly --- not secretly**:

**Rev 1:7** Behold, he cometh with clouds;

**and every eye shall see him**, and they also which pierced him: and **all kindreds of the earth** shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

In fact, we have **Biblical testimony** .... that the **very SAME Jesus** Who went **up in the clouds** .... will **come back** in them .... **when He returns:**

**Acts 1:9-11** And when he (**Jesus**) had spoken these things,  
**while they beheld,**  
**he was taken up;**  
**and a cloud received him out of their sight.**

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven?  
 this **same Jesus,**  
**which is taken up from you into heaven,**  
**shall so come** in like manner  
**as ye have seen him go into heaven.**

**The TRUE Jesus was NOT a 'different Jesus' .... NOT 'another Jesus'**  
 .... when He was ministering **on earth**  
 .... than **after** He was **risen and gone to heaven.**

I have heard many '**grace**' preachers emphasize that it was **the 'risen, glorified Lord'** that spoke to **Paul** from heaven .... **in stark contrast to the 'earthly Jesus' (another Jesus)** that commissioned the **12** disciples.

To make their case, they like to use this verse:

**2 Cor 5:16** Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh:  
 yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh,  
 yet now henceforth know we him no more.

While it is true that we ought not follow Jesus' **earthly ministry** because He lived under the **law** (Gal 4:4) and we are under **grace** (Rom 6:14) .... we **DO have a KJV Bible** that **assures** us that **He is the 'SAME' Jesus:**

**Acts 2:36** Therefore let all the house of Israel know **assuredly,**  
 that **God hath made that same Jesus,**  
 whom ye have crucified, **both Lord and Christ.**

He was the **same Jesus** that **Peter** preached .... **after** He suffered death on the cross and was raised again. He is the **same Jesus** that will **return** from heaven .... when God **restores everything** under His preeminence:

**Acts 3:18-21** But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that **Christ should suffer**, he hath so **fulfilled**.

19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, **when the times of refreshing shall come** from the presence of the Lord;

20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

21 Whom the heaven must receive **until the times of restitution of all things**, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

The **'earthly Jesus'** was **not 'another Jesus'** from **'risen, glorified Jesus'** that **Peter** preached:

**Acts 3:13** The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, **the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus**; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

**Peter** preached salvation in **that same Jesus**.

**Acts 4:10-12** Be it known unto you **all, and to all the people of Israel**, that by the name of **Jesus Christ** of Nazareth, **whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead**, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12 **Neither is there salvation in any other**: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Believers have long been **warned** about deception from **'other Christs'**:

**1 John 2:18** Little children, **it is the last time**: and as ye have heard that **antichrist shall come**, even now are there **many antichrists**; whereby we know that **it is the last time**.

There will be **lots of false Christs**. None of them are the **'same' Jesus**:

**2 John 1:7** For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a **deceiver** and an **antichrist**.

**All the false Jesus' will deny the true Jesus:**

**1 John 2:22** Who is a **liar** but he that **denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist**, that **denieth** the Father and the Son.

While **Saul** was persecuting believers in Christ, Philip was preaching Christ:

**Acts 8:3-5** As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.

4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and **preached Christ** unto them.

When Jesus appeared to Saul on the Damascus Road .... Christ assured him that He was the **same Jesus** that he had been persecuting:

**Acts 9:5** And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, **I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.**

Then after Saul's own conversion experience, he was preaching **the SAME**

**Jesus ... that He was the Son of God .... and that He was the Christ:**

**Acts 9:19-22** And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

20 And straightway he **preached Christ** in the synagogues, **that he is the Son of God.**

21 But all that heard him were amazed, and said;

**Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem,**  
and came hither for that intent,

that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?

22 But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, **proving that this is very Christ.**

Like Saul, that was the same testimony Peter had given about Christ in the gospels when Jesus asked His disciples Who they thought He was:

**Matt 16:15-16** He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?  
16 And Simon Peter answered and said, **Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.**

When many of Jesus' disciples stopped following Him, Peter again testified that Jesus was that Anointed One, the very Son of God:

**John 6:69** And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

Jesus was **the same Christ** that Martha trusted (John 11:23-27):

**John 11:27** She saith unto him, Yea, Lord:  
**I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God,**  
which should come into the world.

Let's go back and pick up the 1st part of our subject verse for this message:

**2 Cor 11:4** For if he that cometh preacheth **another Jesus**, whom we have not preached,

Now look to the Bible to see 'this Jesus' that Paul preached:

**Acts 17:1-3** Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews:  
2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,  
3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that **this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.**

What did Paul preach about **this Jesus**? His resurrection from the dead:

**Acts 17:18** Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him (**Paul**). And some said, What will this babbling say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods:  
because **he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.**

## News of Paul's preaching about Jesus spread all over Asia:

**Acts 19:10,13** And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by **Jesus whom Paul preacheth**.

## Again, the theme of Paul's preaching was Jesus and His resurrection:

**Acts 26:22-23** Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, **saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:**

23 That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

## The resurrection was the central focus of Paul's preaching of Jesus:

**1 Cor 15:12-14** Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

Jesus was not another Jesus in His earthly ministry .... than He was since He was risen and glorified. His presence or location (**whether on earth or in heaven**) does not determine **Who He is**. But you may have to leave your paradine. So **don't get off track** with a teaching like that:

**Heb 13:8-9** **Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.**

9 **Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines.**

For it is a good thing that the heart be **established with grace**; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

God, in the epistle to the Hebrews told them to be established with grace!

**Heb 1:10-12** And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

12 And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but **thou art the same**, and thy years shall not fail.

God directed Paul to pen the words .... for everyone to read ....

that even specified that '**the SAME**' One that sent Peter to the Jews

.... also sent Paul to the Gentiles:

**Gal 2:8** (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, **the same** was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)

Paul also showed that the **same Jesus** Who went down into the heart of the earth (Matt 12:40) when He was crucified .... also went up far above all heavens at His ascension:

**Eph 4:10** He that descended is **the same** also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

Peter's epistle shows that Jesus Christ Who was rejected by His own, is **the same Jesus** that became the chief cornerstone:

**1 Pet 2:5-8** Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, **the same** is made the head of the corner,

8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

We have seen evidence in the scriptures that **'earthly Jesus'** is the **'same Jesus'** as **'risen, glorified Jesus'**.

Now let's go look at the 2nd part of our subject verse for this message:

### ANOTHER SPIRIT ?

**2 Cor 11:4** For if he that cometh preacheth **another Jesus**,  
whom we have not preached,  
or if ye **receive another spirit**, which ye have not received,

Were there 2 Holy Spirits? Some 'grace' preachers would have you believe so. Questions were raised in a message I heard, "So what spirit do we receive?" "In what way could they fall victim to another spirit?"

Was it a slip of the tongue for him to ask, "Which Holy Spirit?" (46.18)?

Peter said God gave the Holy Ghost to the Gentiles like He did the Jews:

**Acts 15:7-11** And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that **the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.**

8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, **bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;**

9 And put **no difference between us and them,** purifying their hearts by faith.

10 Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

11 But **we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.**

I recently listened to statements like these: "Well, the Corinthians spoke with tongues, and Paul says that is not the spirit we're telling or teaching you about." "They were filled with the Spirit for 1 particular reason, not to fulfill prophecy, but rather to demonstrate that Israel is fallen." "The Corinthians had a unique filling to communicate to Israel God's judgment against them."

Personally, I made a conscious decision **to listen to the verses**

**.... and to hear what GOD said** about His Holy Spirit.

**\_1 Cor 1:2** Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

Paul wrote by inspiration of God's Holy Spirit .... that they received:

**1 Cor 2:12** Now **we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God;** that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

The Corinthians were not indwelt by **another spirit**. It was God's Spirit:

**1 Cor 3:16** Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that **the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?**

We had scripture that said Jesus was the **same Jesus**.

I'm not going to say **the Spirit of God is a different spirit** .... during

Acts .... when we also have scripture that verifies the **same Spirit**:

**1 Cor 12:4** Now there are diversities of gifts, but **the same Spirit**.

**1 Cor 12:11** But all these worketh **that one and the selfsame Spirit**, dividing to every man severally as he will.

I would rather believe and understand that God's Holy Spirit does not give supernatural gifts anymore .... than make **another spirit** of Him:

**1 Cor 13:8-10** Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, **they shall fail**; whether there be tongues, **they shall cease**; whether there be knowledge, **it shall vanish away**.

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part **shall be done away**.

**Rom 8:9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit,  
if so be that **the Spirit of God** dwell in you.  
Now if any man have not **the Spirit of Christ**, he is none of his.

God's Spirit .... not a different spirit .... certifies we are God's children:

**Rom 8:14-16** For as many as are led by **the Spirit of God**, they are the sons of God.

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have **received the Spirit** of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 **The Spirit** itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

**Gal 4:6** And because ye are sons, **God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts**, crying, Abba, Father.

Having faith .... is how we receive God's Spirit:

**Gal 3:2** This only would I learn of you, **Received ye the Spirit** by the works of the law, or **by the hearing of faith**?

**Gal 3:14** That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that **we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith**.

Paul taught that God's Spirit lives in the believer:

**Eph 2:21,22** In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22 In whom **ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit**.

Both Paul and Peter show that God's Spirit gives life .... quickens:

**Rom 8:11** But if **the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead** dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by **his Spirit** that dwelleth in you.

**1 Pet 3:18** For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but **quickened by the Spirit**:

Both Paul and Peter show that God's Spirit **sanctifies**:

**2 Thes 2:13** But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation **through sanctification of the Spirit** and belief of the truth:

**1 Pet 1:2** Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, **through sanctification of the Spirit**, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

God's Spirit specifically warned that people that would **fall away**

in the last days .... by listening to **other spirits** that will be of the devils:

**1 Tim 4:1** Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that **in the latter times some shall depart from the faith**, giving heed to **seducing spirits**, and doctrines of devils;

Paul taught how to identify **another spirit**:

**1 Cor 12:3** Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by **the Spirit of God** calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

John also instructed how to recognize **another spirit**:

**1 John 4:1-6** Beloved, **believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.**

**2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:**

**3** And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

**4** Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them:

because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

**5** They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

**6** We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us;

he that is not of God heareth not us.

Hereby know we **the spirit of truth**, and the spirit of error.

John also described the Holy Spirit dwelling in the believer:

**1 John 4:13** Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because **he hath given us of his Spirit.**

Jude, like Peter, wrote of the scoffers in the last days .... who do not have God's Spirit:

**Jude 1:17-19** But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

18 How that they told you there should be mockers **in the last time**, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, **having not the Spirit.**

Christ is the **SAME LORD** - He is not divided .... and neither are the people that are one with Him .... and that are one with each other:

**Rom 10:12** For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for **the same Lord** over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

In summary, when GOD says something is the SAME .... I am not going to let some MAN with a PARADINE tell me it's DIFFERENT! Just in case you didn't understand my position from the verses, I believe 'another Jesus' is any of the false Christs that will come claiming to be Jesus. I do not believe that 'earthly Jesus' is different from the risen, glorified Lord Jesus.

I believe Paul is the apostle of the Gentiles. I am dispensational. I recognize divisions, as well as unities, God put in His word. I believe the KJV is the word of God preserved in the English language.

Next time someone wants to tear apart a message I preach, be prepared to have your own examined. I believe men ought to preach with conviction .... but stay with what the verses say!

**2 Cor 3:17** Now **the Lord is that Spirit:**  
and where **the Spirit of the Lord** is, there is liberty.

*This is David Dowell, saying, "Think about it!"*  
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