

DID PAUL PREACH 'ANOTHER' JESUS ?

I recently came out away from people who identify their doctrine as 'mid-Acts' meaning they believe the church started near the middle of the book of Acts specifically in Acts chapter 9 with the salvation of Saul of Tarsus. They **separate** 'this' church (which they call 'the body of Christ' to the **EXclusion** of all other saints) from the church **before Acts 9**. Not only that

but they **divide** the kingdom of God into 2 different kingdoms

they make 2 comings (appearings) of Christ

and probably, worse than all, they teach 2 Jesus'

They commit such outrageous **SPLITS** any gymnast would be envious! They do it all in the name of **right division** based on 2 Tim 2:15 -- which is actually in the context of the resurrection, and some men putting it in the wrong place -- like the pre-tribulation rapture 'mid-Acts-ers' are deceived by). Sadly, they are **WRONGLY** dividing the Word of Truth.

In this study, we will let **the Bible verses** rather than a preacher provide the meaning when it **warns** of '**another Jesus.**' Could '**another Jesus**' be Jesus '**in His earthly ministry**' as 'mid-Acts-ers' say?

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.

We must investigate was there 'another Jesus' that Paul preached?

Acts 19:13 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**.

Jesus foretold His disciples there would be **a lot of impersonators**

claiming to be Him near the time of His return:

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.

During the last half of Daniel's prophesied 70th week

during the time of great tribulation **MANY** will counterfeit

themselves as Jesus but they will not be **the real Jesus:**

Matt 24:21-25 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.**

That He did. So believers will be able to identify the phony masqueraders:

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

16 **Ye shall know them by their fruits.**

Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit;

but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit,

neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down,

and cast into the fire.

20 **Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.**

John also warned about **other Christs** that will come **in the last days**:

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 great deception then and an abundance of **false Christs**:

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**.

The apostle Paul also warned of wide-spread religious fraud:

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.

God's Spirit made a point to **articulate the particular time**
of a falling away (2 Thess 2:3, Luke 8:13, Heb 6:4-6) **specifically in**
the last days. Some will have their ears tickled and be misled into error:

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;

The depths of treachery will go downhill more and more **then**. Decep-
tion is defined as intentional concealment or misrepresentation of the truth:

2 Tim 3:13 But **evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse**,
deceiving, and being deceived.

In this same 'end time' context Paul explained how the world will be:

2 Tim 4:1 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 Tim 4:3-4 For **the time will come** when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they **heap (not a little --- but a lot)** to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

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

OK, we have seen the warnings of **many false Christs**.

Now let's consider the question --- and the 'mid-Acts-ers' belief

(based on 2 Cor 11:4 about "another Jesus"):

Is Jesus that was preached in the gospels

(the 'earthly' ministry of Jesus) and by James, Peter, and John

Is HE Another Jesus from 'the Jesus' that Paul preached (which the 'mid-Acts-ers' distinguish as the risen, glorified Lord)?

'Mid-Acts-ers' say He is different --- another Jesus --- but we ask

(as in Rom 4:3): **"What saith the scripture?"**

After Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection at His ascension, angels testified:

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 Bible says in Heb 2:2, that the word spoken by angels was steadfast. But that is not all there are even more witnesses:

John identified Jesus as **the SAME eternal WORD** of God:

John 1:1-2 In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.**

2 **The same** was in the beginning with God. (in context, John 1:1-17)

John made it clear again that Jesus is **the SAME WORD**

when he wrote about the revelation (the manifestation, the revealing, the appearing, the coming) of Jesus Christ, when He will be viewed by all:

Rev 19:11-13 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood:

and **his name is called The Word of God.**

Remember Acts 1:9-11, when Jesus left earth in a cloud The Word of God will return in **the same VISIBLE way**. His glorious coming is no secret:

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.

Israel was looking for their Messiah, as He was called in the Old Testament (Dan 9:26). "Messias" is in Hebrew who "Christ" is in Greek (John 4:25).

Those who would believe on Him found Him when He came:

John 1:41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found **the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.**

Peter also testified about the identity of the 'risen, glorified Lord' going back to the prophet David who wrote about **this same Jesus 'CHRIST'**:

Acts 2:29-36 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh,

he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

31 **He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ,** that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

32 **This Jesus hath God raised up,** whereof we all are witnesses.

33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

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.**

Salvation was, and is, believing on Jesus (John 1:12, Acts 19:4, 1 Tim 1:16).

Peter also preached salvation by the name of **that same Jesus 'CHRIST'**:

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.**

While Saul was making havoc of **the church** and haling them to jail even though there was a great persecution, people were still believing on Christ:

_Acts 8:5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and **preached Christ** unto them.

When Saul got saved, Jesus identified Himself as **the SAME Jesus** that he had been persecuting (Acts 8:1-3, 9:13-14; 1 Cor 15:9; Gal 1:23; 1 Tim 1:13):

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.

Saul surely admitted that he had been wrong. He went directly to show that the One he had been fighting against was the very Anointed One of God:

Acts 9:20, 22 And straightway **he preached Christ** in the synagogues, **that he is the Son of God**.

Acts 9:22 But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, **proving that this is very Christ**.

(Saul's name was changed to Paul in Acts 13:9.) When he travelled to

Thessalonica, he went into a synagogue of the Jews, and preached Christ:

Acts 17:2-3 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.

Paul preached Jesus and the resurrection (Acts 17:18). He testified that he was given the gospel of God that was promised before by the prophets in the holy scriptures about Jesus Christ and the resurrection (Rom 1:1-5). His writings show that he knew he was witnessing about **the same Lord Christ** (Col 3:24, Phil 2:11) of the 4 gospel records (Luke 2:11):

Rom 14:8-9 For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

9 For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

The Jesus that lived and died and rose again and called Paul to be an apostle and to write about the **UNITY** believers have both **WITH** Christ and **IN** Christ with each other - **HE is not another Jesus, but One and the same.**

'Mid-Acts-ers' use Eph 4:5 all the time about the 'one baptism' but they make 2 of Jesus and 2 faiths --- by dividing Jesus in His earthly ministry from Jesus after His ascension and by dividing the saints who were in Christ before Paul (Rom 16:7) from the saints who were saved after Paul:

Eph 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Eph 4:9-10 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

10 **He that descended is the same also that ascended up** far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) (also read Rom 10:6-7)

Paul repeatedly used the Old Testament scriptures to prove Jesus Christ was the same Lord. Also, faith is faith -- no matter whose it is, whether it was theirs or ours. Paul preached **the same faith** as Isaiah wrote about. They are the same not different:

_Rom 10:8-13 But **what saith it?** (What saith 'what'?

What saith '**the scripture**'?)

The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart:

that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For **the scripture saith,**

Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

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.

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

When Paul referenced Israel's history unto the church of God which was at Corinth, to them that were sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place called upon the name of Jesus Christ (1 Cor 1:2) he plainly showed Israel's Rock is our Rock:

- 1 Cor 10:1-4** Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;
- 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
- 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;
- 4 And did all drink **the same spiritual drink:**
for they drank of **that spiritual Rock** that followed them:
and **that Rock was Christ.**

The Spirit is the same Jesus is the same God is the same.

'Mid-Acts-ers' have a paradine they want to protect and they don't mind to prevert scriptures to maintain their deceptive doctrines of division:

- 1 Cor 12:4-6** Now there are diversities of gifts, but **the same Spirit.**
- 5 And there are differences of administrations, but **the same Lord.**
- 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is **the same God which worketh all in all.** (Eph 1:22-23; 1 Cor 15:28; Phil 3:20-21)

Next is the very passage that 'mid-Acts-ers' use to try to show a **DIFFERENCE** between Peter and Paul but, **in REALITY**, it **ACTUALLLY** shows that they were called by, and commissioned by, and preaching **the VERY SAME Jesus.** It is the very place that Paul himself (by inspiration of the Holy Spirit) testified that it was **the SAME Jesus** that worked in Peter who went TO the circumcision as worked in him (Paul) TOWARD the Gentiles:

Gal 2:7-9 But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter;

8 (For he that wrought effectually

in Peter **to <eis>** the apostleship of the circumcision, **the same** was mighty in me **toward <eis>** the Gentiles:)

9 And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we **should go unto <eis>** the heathen, and they **unto <eis>** the circumcision.

Trying to support their 'another Jesus' doctrine from **2 Cor 11:4**

here is the favorite verse that 'mid-Acts-ers' use:

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.

Jesus was an example of Paul's **initial statement** which 'mid-Acts-ers'

overlook or disregard. We are not supposed to think of **ANYONE not**

just Christ after the flesh. Why not? We should function 'in the Spirit now':

Rom 8:1, 4, 5, 8, 9 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk **not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.** (also see Gal 5:16 and Phil 3:3 "We are the circumcision")

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk **not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

5 For they that are **after the flesh** do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are **after the Spirit** the things of the Spirit.

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

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.

'Mid-Acts-ers' would never admit it but **no one** is to be looked at

after the flesh anymore Jews have no special status with God now:

Rom 2:28-29 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly;

and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Again, Paul dealt with the issue of knowing one **after the flesh**.

Again, he shows that we are not 'after the flesh' but of promise:

Gal 4:22-31 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons,

- the one by a bondmaid,
- the other by a freewoman.

23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born **after the flesh**;
but he of the freewoman was by promise.

24 Which things are an allegory: for **these are the two covenants**;
the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage,
which is Agar.

25 For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which
now is, and is in bondage with her children.

26 But **Jerusalem which is above is free,**
which is the mother of us all.

27 For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and
cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than
she which hath an husband.

28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

29 But as then he that was born **after the flesh** persecuted him that was
born after the Spirit, **even so it is now.**

30 Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her
son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the
freewoman.

31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman,
but of the free.

WE are Abraham's seed and joint -or- fellow heirs (Eph 3:6) with Israel:

Gal 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs ac-
cording to the promise.

**We don't see Israel after the flesh anymore. Peter also expressed that
saints are **spiritual** no more on a physical, fleshly basis. Now the focus
is on the **spiritual** **NOT 'after the flesh':****

1 Peter 2:5 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.

The 'New Testament' writer to the Hebrews quoted the Old Testament from

Psalm 102:25-27 showing **the Same Lord** in the old as in the new:

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.

Whether during Jesus' earthly ministry or after it

whether He was called Messiah or Christ

whether in the Old Covenant or the New Covenant

whether according to prophecy or according to the mystery

HE is the same Jesus. HE is not another Jesus!

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

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