

Interlocked Series

Lesson #36.3

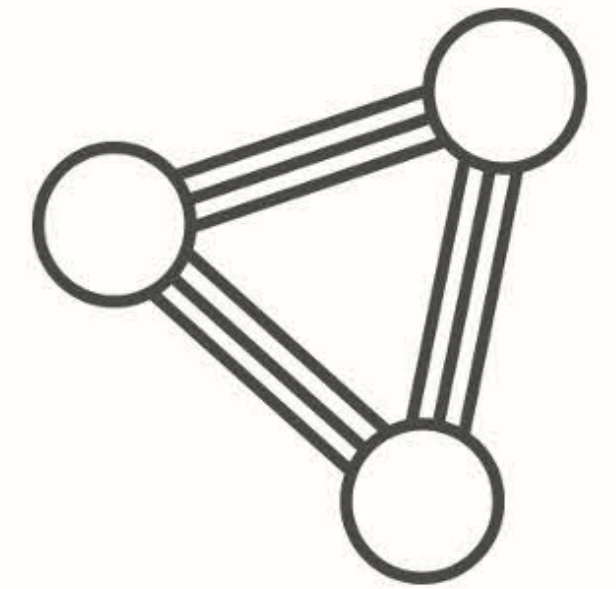
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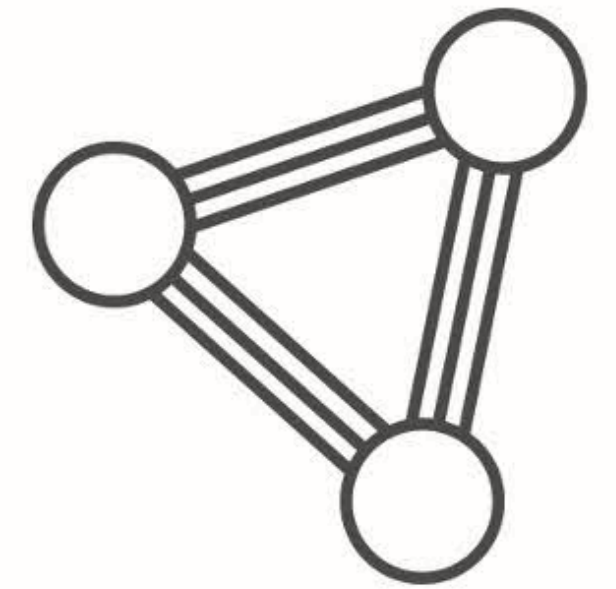
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Lesson 36A: For Whom Did Christ Die?

- Patterns from the Old Testament (OT)
- Passages from the New Testament
- A universal offer, but two responses
- Those who accept Jesus are declared righteous
- What happens to those who reject the Cross?
- How were people saved in the OT?
- Is mankind's personal response to Jesus the most important impact of the Cross?

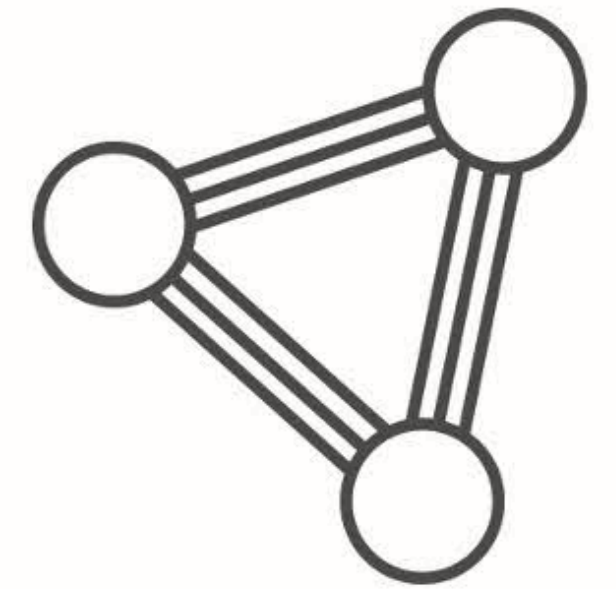
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Lesson 36B: For Whom Did Christ Die?

- How can God be so cruel to “send people to hell?”
- Patterns from the Old Testament on how God saves.
- The Bible talks about “election.” Does this mean God alone decides who gets saved and who does not?

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Lesson 36C: For Whom Did Christ Die?

- How do we understand Rom 9:19ff
- The potter and the pottery passages
- God calls people differently
- The Messiah's works are prophesied in the Jewish calendar



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How do we Understand Romans 9:19ff?

Rom. 9:19, “You will say to me then, ‘Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?’

Rom. 9:20, “But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, ‘Why have you made me like this?’

Rom. 9:21, “Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

Rom. 9:22, “What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction,

Rom. 9:23, “and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory,”

vi. Quote 6: “**Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, ‘Why did you make me like this?’ ”**

Isa. 45:9, “Woe to him who strives with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth! Shall the clay say to him who forms it, ‘What are you making?’ Or shall your handiwork say, ‘He has no hands’?”



Isa. 45:4, “ ‘For Jacob My servant’s sake, and Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me.

Isa. 45:5, “ ‘I am the LORD, and there is no other; There is no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me,

Isa. 45:6, “ ‘That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is none besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other;

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Isa. 45:8, “ ‘Rain down, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness; Let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together. I, the LORD, have created it.’ ”

Jer. 18:1, “The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying:

Jer. 18:2, “ ‘Arise and go down to the potter’s house, and there I will cause you to hear My words.’

Jer. 18:3, “Then I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was, making something at the wheel.

Jer. 18:4, “And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make.”



Nation A



Nation B

Jer. 18:5, “Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

Jer. 18:6, “ ‘O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?’ says the LORD. ‘Look, as the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel!

Jer. 18:7, “ ‘The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it,

Jer. 18:8, “ ‘if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it.

Jer. 18:9, “ ‘And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it,’ ”

Jer. 18:10, “ ‘if it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it.

Jer. 18:11, “ ‘Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, “Thus says the LORD: ‘Behold, I am fashioning a disaster and devising a plan against you. Return now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.’ ” ’ ”

Question 1	Who are you, a mere human being, to argue with God?
Question 2	Should the thing that was created say to the one who created it, “Why have you made me like this?”
Question 3	When a potter makes jars out of clay, doesn't he have a right to use the same lump of clay to make one jar for decoration and another to throw garbage into?

1. Esau and Jacob

***Yahweh* was telling Rebekah the different destinies of the two nations that would come from her children. He had elected to make a covenant with the nation coming from Jacob (Israel).**

2. *Yahweh* and Moses

***Yahweh* has every right to extend mercy and grace to whomever He wants.**

3. Pharaoh

Just as He chose Israel for the covenant, He chose Egypt as an instrument through whom He would reveal His power.

4. Potter and clay

***Yahweh* has every right to:**

- **Show the world His power through national “objects of His wrath” (for example, Egypt).**
- **Show the world His glory through national “objects of mercy” (for example, Israel).**

Creator-creature Distinction

1st level
CREATOR
(*Yahweh*)

SOVEREIGNTY

2nd level
creature
(man)

• free will

Examples of pushing Scripture too far to make it say what it does not say

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⚠ Danger 1

- Focusing too much on God's sovereignty
- Downplaying man's free will

⚠ Danger 2

- Focusing too much on man's free will
- Downplaying God's sovereignty

Danger 1: Focusing only on God's sovereignty.

God's Sovereignty Only

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**SAME
LEVEL**

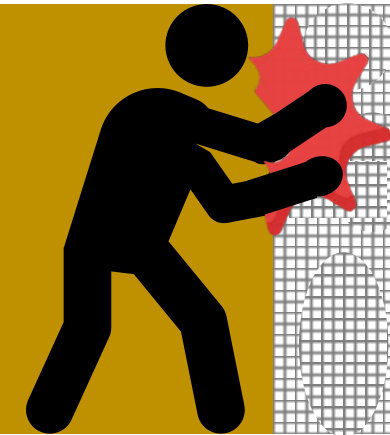
GOD'S CONTROL



MAN'S CONTROL

**ONLY
1 LEVEL**

GOD'S CONTROL



MAN'S CONTROL

Danger 2: Focusing too much on man's free will.

Free Will Only

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• — free will

God's sovereignty and man's free will (that is, responsible choice) are both true. And that is where we must leave it, because the Bible does not explain more than that.

Isa. 55:6, “Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near.

Isa. 55:7, “Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; And to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Isa. 55:8, “ ‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the LORD.

Isa. 55:9, “ ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.’ ”

INFINITE GOD

All-knowing. All-powerful. All-wise. All-righteous. All-just ...

Not limited

FINITE MAN

understanding

limited

Ezek. 18:23, “ ‘Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?’ says the Lord GOD, ‘and not that he should turn from his ways and live?’ ”

1 Tim. 2:1, “Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,

1 Tim. 2:2, “for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

1 Tim. 2:3, “For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

1 Tim. 2:4, “who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Tim. 2:5, “For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

1 Tim. 2:6, “who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,”

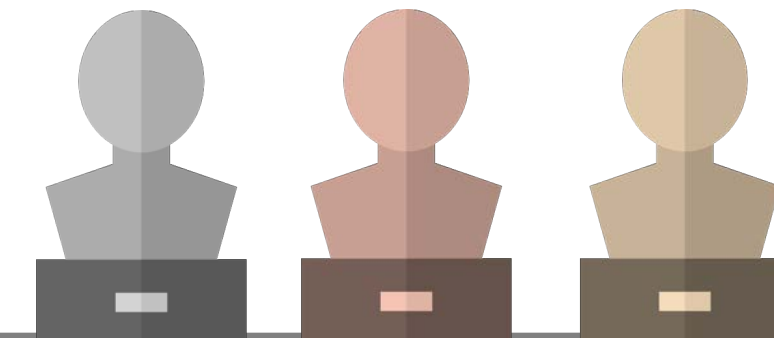
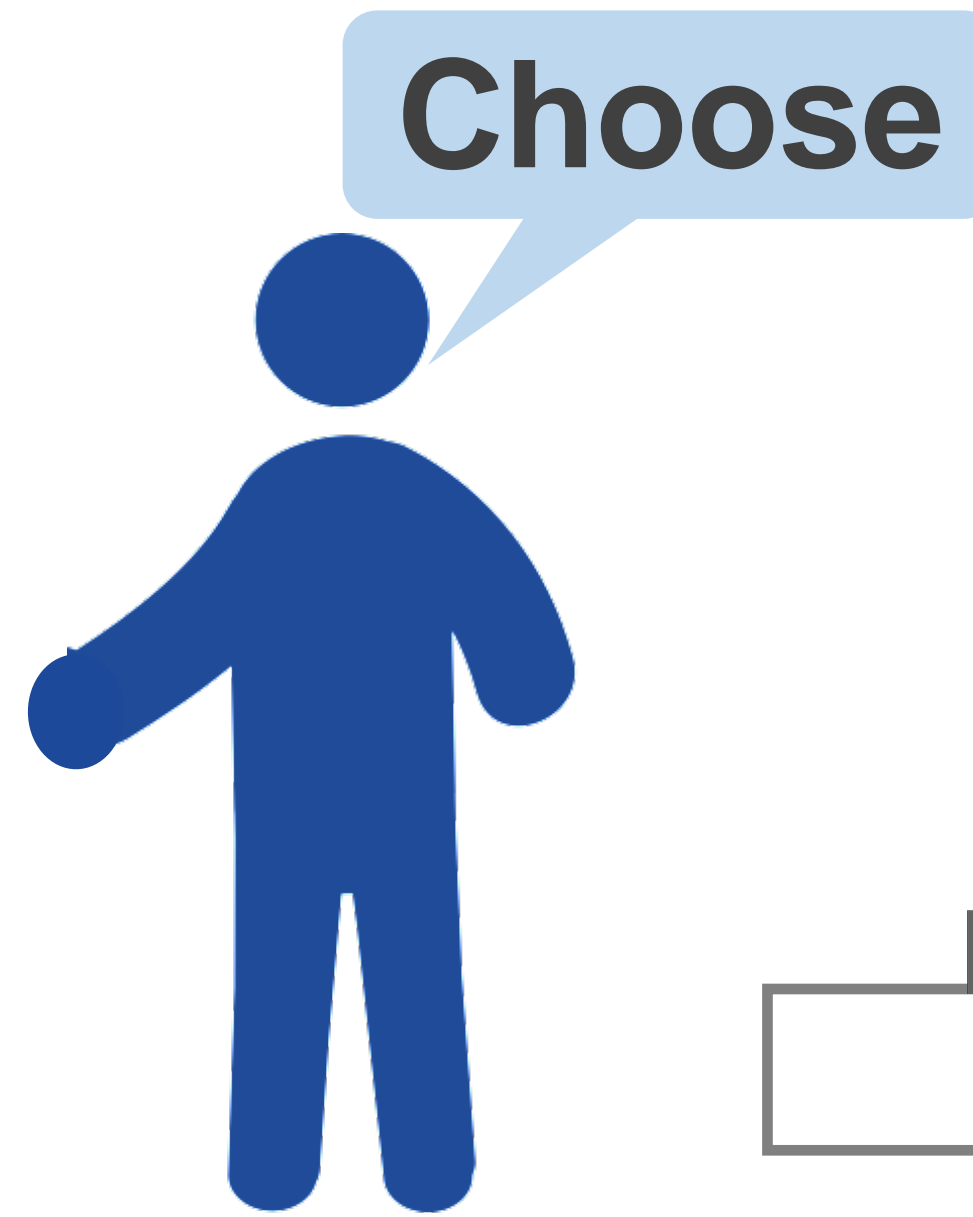
Acts 10:34, “Then Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.

Acts 10:35, “ ‘But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.’ ”

Josh. 24:15, “And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”



Choice #1



Choice #2

God's will is for all mankind to be saved. However, it seems that He "calls" differently to different people.

Matt. 11:20, “Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent:

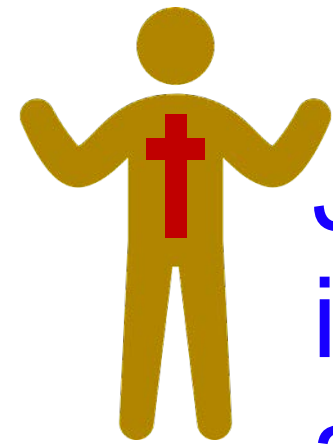
Matt. 11:21, “ ‘Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

Matt. 11:22, “ ‘But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you.

Matt. 11:23, “ ‘And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

Matt. 11:24, “ ‘But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you.’ ”

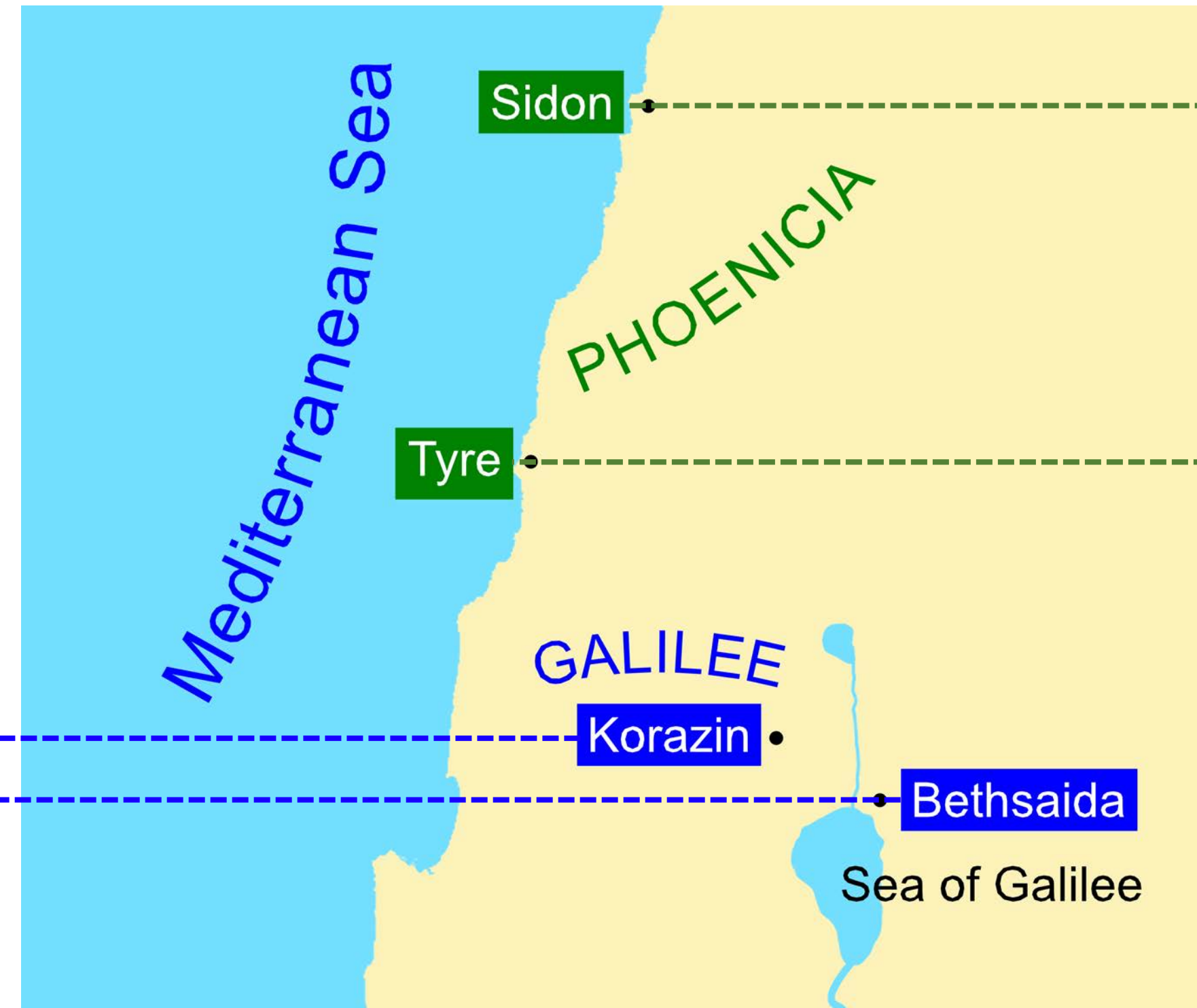
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Jesus did miracles
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and Bethsaida

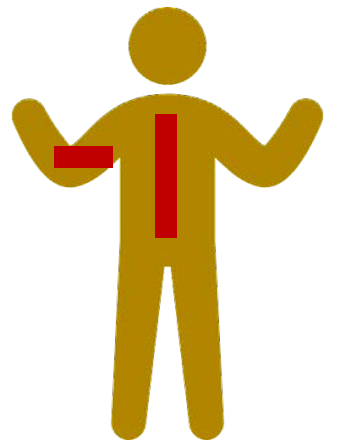


They did not
repent



The "What-If"

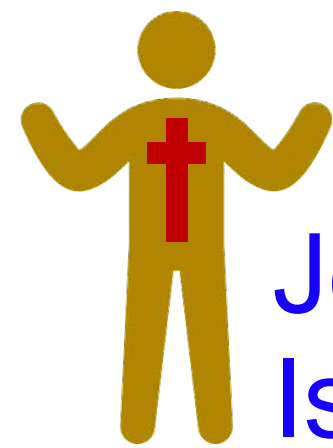
Jesus said **IF**
He did miracles
in Gentile Tyre
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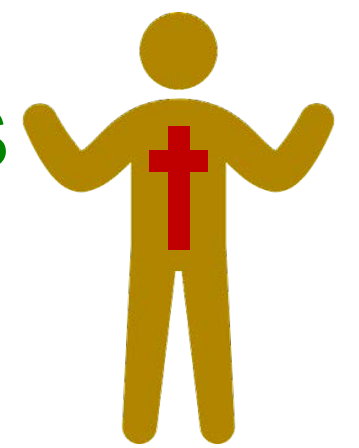


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1. Jesus was saying that God decides how and when He will call to people.



loud



not as loud

2. Whether Jesus calls “louder” or “softer,” each person has a responsibility to respond to His call. They have a choice to accept or reject.



Choice #1

Reject God's Call



Choice #2

Respond to God's Call

3. God knows all the “what-ifs.” If God had called to Tyre and Sidon “louder,” using the miracles He did at Korazin and Bethsaida, Jesus said that they would have repented and believed.



Choice #1

Reject God's Call



Choice #2

Respond to God's Call

Question: If God knew that Tyre and Sidon would repent with a “louder” call, why didn’t He call louder?

Answer: We don’t know. Scripture does not give the answer.

Matt. 11:25, “At that time Jesus answered and said, ‘I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.

Matt. 11:26, “ ‘Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.

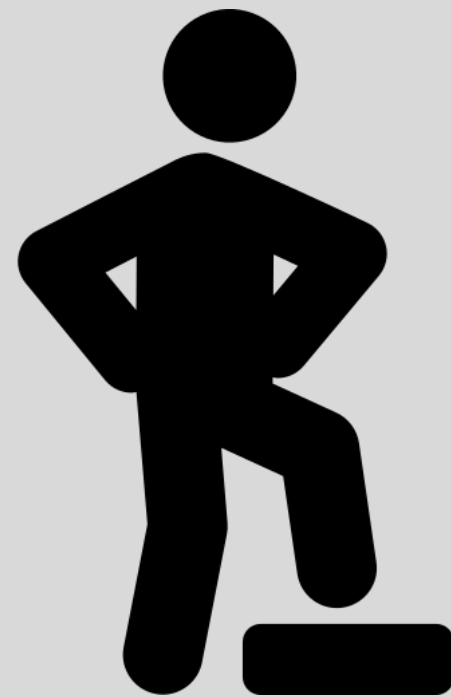
Matt. 11:27, “ ‘All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

Matt. 11:28, “ ‘Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matt. 11:29, “ ‘Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matt. 11:30, “ ‘For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.’ ”

God hides truths from
the proud and arrogant



He is his own ultimate authority



- Approaches God with a heart of unbelief
- Denies God His rights as Creator-Owner of all
- Expects God to live by man's standards
- Expects God to ask man's permission for decisions

God reveals truths to those
who are humble and who trust Him



God is his ultimate authority



- Approaches God with a heart of belief
- Submits to God as the Creator-Owner of all
- Learns and submits to God's standards
- Willingly submits to the Creator-creature distinction

The Messiah's Works are Prophesied in the Jewish Calendar



The Jewish months are based on the lunar calendar

Nisan	Iyyar	Sivan	Tammuz	Av	Elul	Tishrei	Heshvan	Kislev	Tevet	Shevat	Adar
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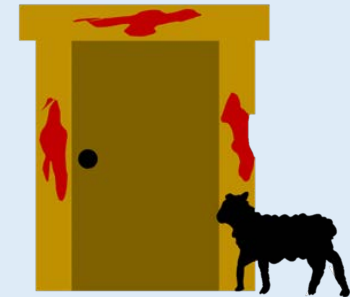


Compared with the Gregorian solar calendar

Mar- Apr	Apr- May	May- Jun	Jun- Jul	Jul- Aug	Aug- Sep	Sep- Oct	Oct- Nov	Nov- Dec	Dec- Jan	Jan- Feb	Feb- Mar
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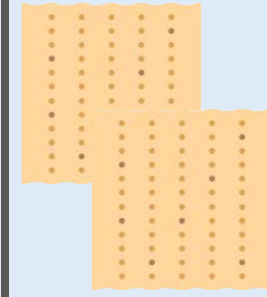
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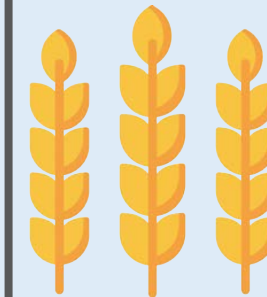
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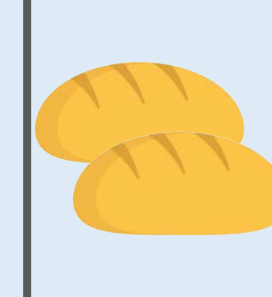
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First Fruits
(Leviticus 23:10–11)

50 days after First Fruits



Weeks or Pentecost
(Leviticus 23:15–17)

FALL FEASTS

1 TISHREI



Trumpets
(Leviticus 23:24–25)

10 TISHREI



Day of Atonement
(Leviticus 23:27–32)

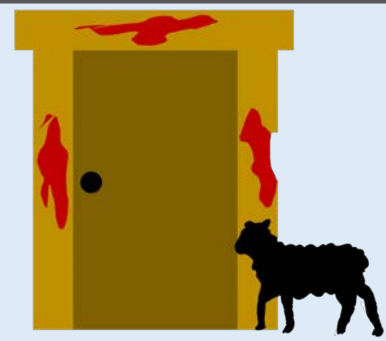
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**Tabernacles or
Festival of Shelters**
(Leviticus 23:34–43)

SPRING FEASTS

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Passover
(Leviticus 23:5)

- God freed Israel from slavery to Egypt.
- A lamb's blood was necessary for them to be saved.



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REDEMPTION



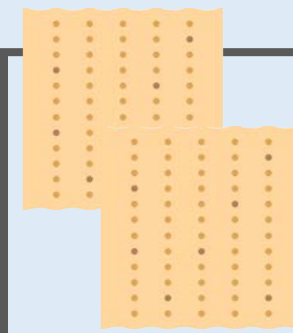
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**Jesus is the
Passover Lamb**

- Jesus frees Israel from slavery to sin.
- Jesus' blood is necessary and sufficient for atonement and national **forgiveness of sin** so Jews can be saved.

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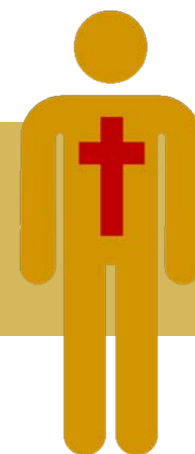
Unleavened Bread
(Leviticus 23:6)

- Eat bread made without yeast (shows a breakaway or separation from Egypt).
- God's people must break from their old life.

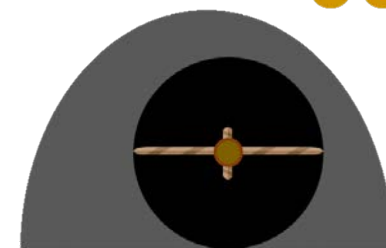


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BREAK FROM OLD LIFE



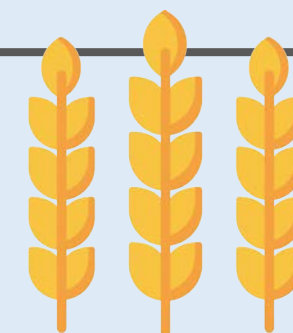
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**Israel must
be holy**

- Israel must no longer depend on Gentile nations in any way.
- Israel must have **new life** and finally become a holy priestly nation to the world.
- (This feast lasts a week, showing Israel as a priestly nation every day of the week.)

16 NISAN



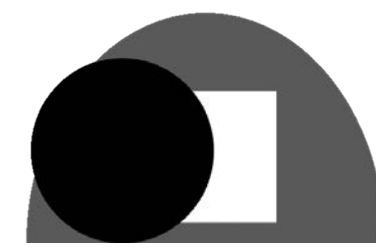
First Fruits
(Leviticus 23:10–11)

- God's people gratefully offer Him the first fruits (barley) of the spring harvest, for germinating the seed sown.
- Raw grain is offered.



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RESURRECTION



16 NISAN

**Jesus is
resurrected**

- Jesus is the "first fruits" of the righteous. He is the immortal **perfect leader** supernaturally resurrected to lead Israel.
- Old Testament Israelite believers will later have their own resurrection.

50 days after First Fruits



Weeks or Pentecost
(Leviticus 23:15–17)

- First Fruits began the harvest, Pentecost ends the harvest (wheat). This celebrates God's provision of the nation's food.
- Baked loaves are offered.



Picture of

HARVEST OF SOULS



50 days after First Fruits



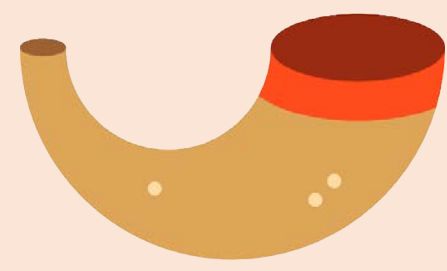
**Jesus sends the
Holy Spirit**

- Jesus came to earth, finished His work, resurrected, and ascended. And He sent the Holy Spirit to give Israel **a new heart** so they can fulfill their priestly role.

**FULFILLED BY JESUS DOWN TO THE EXACT TIMING
AT HIS FIRST COMING**

FALL FEASTS

1 TISHREI



Trumpets (Leviticus 23:24–25)

- The blowing of trumpets calls Israel to gather.
- It is a day of complete rest and to present an offering to God.

10 TISHREI



Day of Atonement (Leviticus 23:27–32)

- This is the most solemn day for Israel.
- The high priest presents animal sacrifices for all Israel to pay for the nation's sins.

15 TISHREI



Tabernacles or Festival of Shelters (Leviticus 23:34–43)

- Signals the time of the fall harvest.
- For seven days, they live in booths or temporary shelters in the fields. It reminds them of the years living in the wilderness after leaving Egypt.
- It also reminds them of being able to dwell in their land securely with God.