

SYLVIA'S CORNER

IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS

I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe NOT that I am He ye shall die in your sins. John 8:24.

Who is this Jesus? Why after all these years do we celebrate His birth at Christmas? These questions and their answers are so important! Our eternal life hinges on whether He is who He said that He is.

C.S. Lewis said in the book *Mere Christianity*, "I'm trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great mortal teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God.' That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic-on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

No, and Jesus was NOT the spirit brother of Lucifer, (the Devil), as Mormons claim.

Jesus was always God just like God the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Jesus was born in Human form for only one reason. It was to die for our sins and reconcile us to God. He didn't come as a king like the Jews expected their Messiah to come. No, He was born in a Manger in Bethlehem. He was both God and Man because He took on a human body. He lived His earthly life raised by a carpenter and a young virgin. He was sinless, without blemish, just like the Lamb that God required to be used for sacrifice in the Old Testament. He was baptized by John the Baptist. He studied with the Rabbis. He was led to the desert to be tempted by the Devil, yet he did not sin.

He healed the sick, and performed many other miracles. He ministered to sinners. He had authority over evil spirits. He taught people about the kingdom of God.

The time came for Him to be sacrificed for every sin that you and I would commit both past, present, and future. He took every one of these sins upon him upon his body. Every sin committed in the whole world was placed upon Him. He was our substitute. Without Jesus, we would never have been able to go to Heaven.

Someday, and it seems to me like it won't be too much longer, he will come back for those of us who are believers. Be sure that you are ready. Be sure that you have asked Him into your heart to be your Lord and Savior, because ultimately, **IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS**