

SYLVIA'S CORNER

WILL THE REAL JESUS PLEASE STAND UP?

As a child, I was a great fan of a television program called, "To Tell the Truth." Probably that show was before your time. The premise of the show was to pick out of three or four very convincing people, the one that was telling the truth. They would all start by stating that their name was such-and-such, the person that they were claiming to be. Then they would tell something about themselves, and the panel would have to pick out the legitimate claimant. I loved trying to figure out who that would be.

Can you imagine Jesus appearing on a show like that today?

There might be an impostor who says, "I am a great psychic master." Or another that says, "I am Michael the Archangel." Or still another that says, "I am one of many gods. I was a man first. I was created by Adam god. I didn't always exist. And not only that, I am the spirit brother of Lucifer, the Devil."

Then if the real Jesus appeared, he would have to say, "I AM." (John 8:24) "I existed before the world began (John 8:58). I helped to create the world that we live in (Genesis 1:26). I am the Savior (John 3:16;6:47-48;11:25; Matthew 10:32). That is the reason that I came to earth-to save mankind. I laid down my godhood in order to become a human. I had to shed my blood on the cross in order to reconcile you with the Father. When I died, I took all your sins upon myself - past, present, and future. When I suffered on the cross, I had you specifically in mind. I came to this world with the specific purpose of dying for YOU. If you were the only one I needed to do this for, I would have done it. I have many witnesses of my divinity. All through the New Testament, Paul testified of my divinity. There was Zacharias (Luke 16:67-79), there was Simeon (Luke 2:25-35), there was Anna (Luke 2:36-38), there were the Magi mentioned in

Matthew, the crowds that shouted Hosanna before I was crucified, there was John the Baptist, Martha, my Disciples, there were two blind men, and many others. "I AM the real Jesus."

Back to us and let's think for a moment. All other claims about Jesus pale in comparison to what the Bible has to say. There has always been an attempt throughout history to relegate Jesus to a status below



that of God. People will say that he is one of many great teachers, just a man, etc. etc. But try as these people may, the testimony of Jesus will always be there, because in Matthew 24:35, Jesus says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

Doesn't the Holiday Season make you, as it does me, reflect on the great sacrifice that THE REAL JESUS made for us? Thank you Jesus for showing us the truth.

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“..I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that *you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.*” (Jude 3 NAS)

There are many more scriptural references. However, I think this is enough to show that ignoring the “wolves in sheep's clothing” is not an option for the Christian because false religion is more of a danger to mankind than any terrorist in our country. I am not speaking about the people of the false religions, but of the theology they bring. In Matthew 10:28 Jesus said, “*And do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.*” No, in this instance Christians do not have the luxury to “live and let live”, we must care about those for whom Christ paid the highest price