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Leaders Rely on Facts & Expert Testimony (John 1:1)

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Merry Christmas! We are taking the opportunity of the Christmas season to showcase an application of decision making. We trust that these summary notes are inspiring and encouraging.

INTRODUCTION

Beginning about 30 AD, a young Jewish carpenter from Nazareth traveled the region, behaving as the Son of God. It was apparent that God incarnate had come to live among His people on earth. A young fisherman named John witnessed the events, documenting what was said and done. Other witnesses wrote of these actions and teachings (Matthew, Mark, and Luke). Paul, another contemporary scholar and fellow traveler wrote thirteen books and letters that qualify as primary source documents. Contemporary historian Josephus, referred to Jesus and his impact. Following are a few of the truth claims of Jesus and what this means to us.¹

BOLD CLAIMS & EVIDENCE

Jesus was called the King of the Jews, the Messiah, Redeemer King of Israel (Genesis 12:1-3). Matthew traced the genealogy of Jesus back from Joseph, his legal step-father, to the royal line of King David (1000 B.C.) and Abraham (2075 B.C.). Jewish family lineages going back from the 1st century A.D. were documented and available for review in the Jerusalem temple (Matthew 1:1).

Jesus claimed to be the Son of Man, redeemer of the human race (Luke 4:17-21). Luke traced the genealogy of Jesus through Mary, back to the first man, Adam (Luke 3:23-38). Consider the millions of redeemed lives!

Jesus was called “The Word,” spokesperson for God – Co-Creator of the heavens and earth, and of man (Genesis 1:26) (John 1:1). John gave us evidence of Jesus’ deity (1:34, 49; 6:69; 10:36; 11:4, 27; 20:28, 31).

Jesus claimed to be God incarnate – the Sovereign One (John 1:14). John gave us evidence. One example was the instant turning of water into wine (John 2:11). A second example was the healing of a government official’s son, from a distance of twenty miles (John 4:46-54).

YOUR NEEDS TODAY

John 14:12-13 For sure, I tell you, whoever puts his trust in Me can do the things I am doing. He will do even greater things than these because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in My name, I will do it so the shining-greatness of the Father may be seen in the Son.²

CONCLUSION

The Holy Bible sets the standard for leaders to use in decision making. We rely on primary sources, cross checked with other credible documents. When hearing testimony, we examine to see if the person or entity making claims live up to their own rhetoric. We also perform audits to verify results. Jesus invited us to test Him: **“I have told you these things so you may have peace in Me. In the world you will have much trouble. But take hope! I have power over the world” (John 16:33).**

A Prayer:

Father God, at Christmas, I am not looking for a baby in a manger, but a Sovereign Lord who can give me wisdom, calm the storms of life, heal the sick, and prepare a place for me with You in an eternal home. I thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

¹ Charles Swindoll, Beholding Christ: The Son of God. (Insight For Living).2000.

² The Holy Bible, New Life Version (Christian Literature International). 1969.

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