

Aware!

CHALLENGING NEWS FOR EVERY JEHOVAH'S WITNESS

No. 2

WHO IS "THE SEED OF DAVID" - AND DOES HE STILL EXIST?

FROM its inception, the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, founded by Charles Taze Russell has DENIED the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ, teaching instead that THE MAN WHO DIED FOR OUR SINS NO LONGER EXISTS. Since no Jehovah's Witness would dare to claim that he knows something the "organisation" doesn't HE HAS TO GO ALONG WITH WATCH TOWER TEACHING, found in such books as:

- THE HARP OF GOD (1921) pp172,173.
- THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE (1943) p168.
- YOU CAN LIVE FOREVER IN PARADISE ON EARTH (1982) p143.
- REASONING FROM THE SCRIPTURES (1985) p217.

Just how sound was Russell's teaching on this vital subject? Look closely at this biblical example, and see how far off the mark the Watch Tower (and consequently every Jehovah's Witness) is:

JESUS' OWN TESTIMONY (John 10:17,18)

I lay down my life, that I
 might take it again. No man
 taketh it from me, but I
 lay it down of myself. I have
 power to lay it down, and I have
 power to take it again.

His PHYSICAL life
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- 1 We establish that King David being a man could be father of FLESH ONLY (John3:6).
- 2 We are told that Jesus Christ is of the SEED OF DAVID ACCORDING TO THE FLESH (Rom. 1:3; Acts 2:30; 13:23; Mat. 1:1; Rev. 22:16; II Sam. 7:12; Psalm 132:11).
- 3 Therefore, "Jesus Christ of the seed of David" MUST BE A MAN.
- 4 Scripture tells us: Jesus Christ of the seed of David WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD (II Tim. 2:8).

DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS:

ARE YOU FOLLOWING THE WORD OF MAN. . . . OR THE WORD OF GOD?



WHAT THE WATCH TOWER SAYS	WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS
[Jesus'] human existence ended on the cross. [PLAN OF THE AGES (1886) p230]	Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath <u>no more dominion over him</u> (Rom. 6:9).
God raised him to deathless life as a glorious spirit creature. [LET GOD BE TRUE (1952) p41]	Be not affrighted: Ye seek <u>Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified; he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him</u> (Mark 16:6).
We deny that he was raised in the flesh, and challenge any statement to that effect as being unscriptural. [THE FINISHED MYSTERY (1917) p57]	[God] hath appointed a day, In the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that <u>man</u> whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead (Acts 17:31). Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy <u>this temple</u> , and in three days I will raise It up (John 2:19).

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<p>What happened to the fleshly body of Jesus? . . . Jehovah God disposed of that body in his own way. . . but no one knows how. [THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE (1943) p168]</p> <p>The human body of flesh. . . was disposed of. [THINGS IN WHICH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD TO LIE (1965) p354]</p>	<p><u>This man</u>, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God (Heb. 10:12).</p>
<p>Into what fleshly body did the resurrected Jesus ask Thomas to put his hand? In order to convince Thomas of who He was, He used a body with wound holes. [YOU CAN LIVE FOREVER IN PARADISE ON EARTH (1982) p145]</p>	<p>Except I shall see in his hands <u>the print of the nails</u>, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe (John 20:25). Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing (John 20:27).</p>

QUESTIONS TO PONDER IN THE KINGDOM HALL

1. Rom.6:9 If it was the man Jesus who died, how can death have no more dominion over him, if, as the Watch Tower Society says, he is still dead ail these centuries?
2. Mark 16:6 Is Jesus of Nazareth a man or a spirit (Acts 2:22)? Is the resurrected Jesus still called Jesus of Nazareth (Acts 22:8)? Were the women at the tomb looking for a man or a spirit?
3. Acts 17:31 God is going to judge the world in righteousness by a man. Who will that man be?
4. John 2:19 Was it a man or a spirit who spoke these words?
5. Heb. 10: 12 After he had offered himself as one sacrifice for sins forever the man Jesus sat down at God's right hand. How could this be if he has been disposed of? The Watch Tower Society says that no-one knows where the body of Jesus is. But what does this verse tell us?
6. John 20:25.27 What body did Thomas expect to thrust his hand into? If the wounds that Thomas saw were not made by nails and a spear, then what were they made by? What was the purpose of Jesus drawing attention to his wounds? When were the wounds inflicted? Why does the Watch Tower Society say that Jesus invited Thomas to inspect the wounds inflicted in his hands by means of the nails, when the Society denies they were the authentic nail wounds? See WATCHTOWER, Jan. 15, 1966, p63.

HOW TO BE SAVED

Salvation is NOT found in religion, organisations, etc.

Look to God only: Isa. 45:22. Hos. 13:4.

Look to Jesus only: Heb. 12:2. Acts 4:12; 5:30,31.

Who is the Lord mentioned by Paul at Rom. 10:13? He is "the same Lord" (v.12) whom he mentions at verse nine.
If you look to the Lord to save you, it means you are acknowledging that you can't save yourself.
Remember Abraham was justified by faith - without works (Gen. 15:6; Rom. 4:3; 3:28).

Read over and over again Rom. 4:23-5:1.

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WHY AWARE! IS PUBLISHED

AWARE! is for the enlightenment of the entire family of Jehovah's Witnesses, it shows how to cope with today's problems that man-made religion engenders. It reports the good news of the gospel, examines the Watch Tower religion and preaches Christ crucified. But it does more. It probes beneath the surface and points to the real need of justification by faith. Most importantly for every Jehovah's Witness this publication shows that confidence in the Watch Tower's promise of a peaceful and secure new world before the generation that saw the events of 1914 passes away is certain to end in disappointment.

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