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## Review

Our theme this year is...

VISION  
HIS VISION.

20/20  
OUR FOCUS.

During the last couple of months, we have been observing situations where men and women in the Scriptures faced unforeseeable circumstances and walked by faith as they encountered them. A few weeks ago we shifted our focus to begin a new series...

**BEHOLD – TAKE A GOOD LOOK!**

In Tyndale's first English translation of the Bible in 1525, the word "behold" meant "to hold in high regard."

- ❖ "BEHOLD" occurs 1,326 times in 1,275 verses in the King James Bible.
- ❖ A few weeks ago we began by looking at the Creator, and the last two weeks at "The Lamb of God."
- ❖ This morning, we will observe Pilate's declaration "to hold in high regard"

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### Introduction

The timing of this verse is just before the Lord Jesus Christ went to Calvary. “The Lamb of God” is being examined before the Passover. Before and after our verse, Pilate declared, “I find no fault in him.”

Jn. 19:4 Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, **Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.** ...

6 When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify *him*, crucify *him*. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify *him*: **for I find no fault in him.**

This morning, let's "hold in high regard" "the man."

I. THE DEMONSTRATION – "Then came Jesus forth..."

A. The Presentation

❖ The designation of "Jesus" emphasizes the humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## 1. The Source – Gal. 4:4-5

Gal. 4:4 But **when the fulness of the time was come**,  
God sent forth his Son, **made of a woman**, made  
under the law,

5 To redeem them that were under the law, **that we  
might receive the adoption of sons.**

## 2. The Seed – Rom. 1:3, Acts 13:22-23

Rom. 1:3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
which was **made of the seed of David according to  
the flesh;**

Acts 13:22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the *son* of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

23 **Of this man's seed hath God according to *his* promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:**

## B. The Purpose

Mt. 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and **thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.**

Luke 19:10 For **the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.**

## II. THE DEGRADATION – “...wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe ...”

### A. The Humiliation

Mt. 27:29 And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put *it* upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, **and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!**

41 Likewise **also the chief priests mocking *him*, with the scribes and elders...**”



❖ The “worldly” Roman soldiers made a mockery of the trial, and testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ. – “...wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe ...”



<http://sacrificium-laudis.blogspot.com/2009/04/good-friday-part-02.html>

1 Jn. 3:13 Marvel not, my brethren, **if the world hate you.**

Jn. 15:18 **If the world hate you**, ye know that it hated me before *it hated* you.

19 **If ye were of the world, the world would love his own**: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, **therefore the world hateth you.**

Jas. 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, **know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.**

## B. The Humility

Phil. 2:8 And **being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**

2 Cor. 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, **though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.**

### III. THE DECLARATION – “...Behold the man!!

#### A. The Popular Answer

Mt. 16:13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, **Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?**

14 And they said, Some *say that thou art* John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

❖ America has a view when it takes a look to “Behold the Man.”

# 1. The Vast Majority of Americans Believe Jesus Was a Real Person

More than nine out of 10 adults say Jesus Christ was a real person who actually lived (92%). While the percentages dip slightly among younger generations—only 87 percent of Millennials agree Jesus actually lived—Americans are still very likely to believe the man, Jesus Christ, once walked the earth.

## 2. Younger Generations Are Increasingly Less Likely to Believe Jesus Was God

Millennials are the only generation among whom fewer than half believe Jesus was God (48%). About one-third of young adults (35%) say instead that Jesus was merely a religious or spiritual leader, while 17 percent aren't sure what he was.

In each older generation, the belief in Jesus as divine is more common—55 percent of Gen-Xers, 58 percent of Boomers and nearly two-thirds of Elders (62%) believe Jesus was God.

### 3. Americans Are Divided on Whether Jesus Was Sinless

Similar to other trends in perceptions of Jesus, Millennials are more likely to believe Jesus committed sins while he was on earth—56% of Millennials believe so. Gen-Xers, Boomers and Elders are all similar to the national average when it comes to beliefs about Jesus' fallibility—they are almost evenly split on whether Jesus sinned while he lived on earth.

## 4. Most Americans Say They Have Made a Commitment to Jesus Christ

**The more money people make, the less likely they are to have committed to Jesus:** Those making more than \$100K per year are significantly less likely (53%) to have made such a commitment than those making between \$50K and \$100K (63%) or those making less than \$50K (65%).

And, of course, Millennials are much less likely than any other group to have made a personal commitment to Jesus that is still important in their life today. Fewer than half of Millennials say they have made such a commitment (46%), compared to six in 10 Gen-Xers (59%), two-thirds of Boomers (65%) and seven in 10 Elders (71%).



## 5. People Are Conflicted between “Jesus” and “Good Deeds” as the Way to Heaven

Overall, roughly two out of five Americans have confessed their sinfulness and professed faith in Christ (a group Barna classifies as “born again Christians”).

Millennials are less likely to believe that Jesus is the path to Heaven than are other generations. Among Millennials who have made a personal commitment to Jesus, only 56 percent say they believe they will go to heaven because they have confessed their sins and accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior. This percentage climbs to two-thirds of Gen-Xers (64%), six in 10 Boomers (62%) and nearly seven in 10 among Elders (68%).

Many adults believe, however, that they will go to heaven as a result of their good works. Broadly speaking, this is the most common perception among Americans who have never made a commitment to Jesus—and it is also quite common among self-identified Christians.

<https://www.barna.com/research/what-do-americans-believe-about-jesus-5-popular-beliefs/>

## B. The Proper Answer

Mt. 16:13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, **he asked his disciples**, saying...

15 He saith unto them, **But whom say ye that I am?**

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, **Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.**

❖ Consider and compare the scene at Pilate's court with the "revelation" in Rev. 19:11-13:

Rev. 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called **Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.**

12 His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and **on his head *were many crowns***; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 And **he *was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood***: and his name is called **The Word of God.**

❖ “wearing the crown of thorns” is replaced with “...on his head *were* many crowns...”

❖ “the purple robe” was stained with Christ’s blood – this vesture is dipped in blood:

Isa. 63:1 Who *is* this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this *that is* glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

2 Wherefore *art thou* red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?

3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people *there was* none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and **their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments**, and I will stain all my raiment.

4 For the day of vengeance *is* in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

❖ The Lamb of God is coming back as the Lion of Judah:

Rev. 5:4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: **behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book,** and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Rev. 19:16 And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**



<https://eyeofprophecy.files.wordpress.com/2016/12/jesus-white-horse-leading-saints-2.jpg>

## Conclusion

Phil. 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, **thought it not robbery to be equal with God:**

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And **being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Rev. 3:20 **Behold**, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.