

Yeshua ha Yehudi

Jesus the Jew.

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Son of Man, am?”**

The Witnesses

The Concise Oxford Dictionary defines the word ‘witness’ as – *Testimony, evidence, to state one’s belief in, to state facts seen or heard.*

Witnesses are therefore important as they were there at the time. They heard or saw someone speak or do something. They were then asked to give testimony, to state what they heard or saw. In a court of law this is recorded and so we have recorded within the Brit haDashah (New Testament) the written testimonies of men and women who spoke with or listened to Yeshua the Messiah. We can then understand why they believed what they heard or saw and take as gospel what is written. Our trust and faith in the written evidence is there for every succeeding generation.

This is important as over the years a number of people have tried to disprove or influence others not to accept what was seen and heard by the witnesses present. This is why millions have put their trust in the One who said He was the Anointed One, the Messiah of God, the Saviour of the world unto Jew and Gentile.

Yeshua/Jesus would come to save by atoning for our sins. He would die and then resurrect to show there is life after death. He promised to those who would believe and repent that they would live forever in Heaven, the opposite is that those who disbelieve in God’s plan of salvation would face separation from God for all eternity.

What we do with the evidence presented to us in the Holy Bible will determine our destiny. So once again it is important to realise that no one has ever disproved the Scriptures, they are the recorded words of the patriarchs, the prophets and the Prince of Peace – Yeshua haYehudi, Jesus the Jew.

1st Incident recorded by witnesses – The Voice of God.

Mattityahu/Matthew 3:16-17.

When He had been immersed (mikvah), Yeshua came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice (bat kol) came from Heaven, saying, **“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”**

2nd Witness – Yochanan haMatbiel/John the Immerser.

Yochanan/John 1:29, 34.

The next day Yochanan saw Yeshua coming towards him, and said, **“Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”** **“And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”**

3rd Witness – Nathan’el/Nathanael (a disciple/talmidim).

Yochanan/John 1:47-49.

Yeshua saw Nathan’el coming towards Him, and said of him, **“Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!”** Nathan’el said to Him, **“How do You know me?”** Yeshua answered and said to him, **“Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”** Nathan’el answered and said to Him, **“Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are Melech Yisrael (the King of Israel).”** **“Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.”**

4th Incident – Satan the Adversary.

Mattityahu/Matthew 4:1-4.

Then Yeshua was led up by the Spirit in to the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil (Satan). And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterwards He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, **“if you are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”** But He answered and said, **“it is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”** (see Devarim/Deuteronomy 8:3)

5th Incident – The demons.

Mattityahu/Matthew 8:28-29.

When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, **“What have we to do with You, Yeshua (Jesus), Ben shel Elohim (You Son of God)? Have You come to torment us before the time?”**

(At the end of Messiah's reign and rule on this earth for a 1,000 years all the unrighteous and fallen angels shall be thrown into torment within the Lake of Fire. (see Revelation 20:1-15.)

6th Witness – Yochanan haTalmidim/John the Disciple.

1 John 1:1-4.

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life. The life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us, that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Yeshua haMashiach/Jesus the Messiah. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

7th Witness – Shim'on Kefa/Simon Peter a disciple.

Mattityahu/Matthew 16:13-17.

When Yeshua/Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, **“Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?”** So they said, **“Some say Yochanan haMatbiel (John the Immerser), some say Eliyahu (Elijah), and others Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) or one of haNavi (the Prophets).”** He said to them, **“But who do you say I am?”** Shim'on Kefa (Simon Peter) answered and said, **“You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”** Yeshua (Jesus) answered and said to him, **“Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Yochanan (Simon son of John), for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.”**

8th recorded incident – Yeshua speaking and teaching.

John 3:14-18.

“And as Moshe/Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man (*the Saviour*) be lifted up, (to be crucified) that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

John 5:24-25.

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. Most assuredly, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.”

(It is recorded that after saying this Yeshua the Messiah raised a Rabbi's daughter who had died, a widow's son who had died and was being carried to the tomb to be buried. Then He raised a friend called Lazarus who had been in his tomb four days and finally He was raised Himself by His Father to show death had been defeated and that His death was the atonement for all sins for all Jews and Gentiles who believed in Him and confessed Him as their Saviour.)

The question then and now is, **“Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?”**

Your answer dear reader, will determine your eternal destiny....!

Some more Scripture verses on the Son of Man.

Daniel 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of Man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Mark 8:38 **“Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”**

Mark 9:12 Then He answered and told them, **“Indeed, Elijah is coming first and restores all things. And how is it written concerning the Son of Man, that He must suffer many things and be treated with contempt?”**

(In the last reference, Jesus is identifying ‘the Son of Man’ with Isaiah’s mysterious Suffering Servant, the One who is ‘despised and rejected of men’ (Isaiah 53:3) but to be ‘exalted and extolled and be very high’ such that ‘kings shall shut their mouths at Him.’ Isaiah 52:13,15)

It is another reinforcement of his ‘Son of Man’ accreditation.