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### 1. JESUS

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<sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. <sup>7</sup> And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle – I am telling the truth, I am not lying – and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

#### 1 TIMOTHY 2

<sup>28</sup> who says of Cyrus, “He is my shepherd and will accomplish all that I please; he will say of Jerusalem, ‘Let it be rebuilt,’ and of the temple, ‘Let its foundations be laid.

#### ISAIAH 44

<sup>1</sup> This is what the LORD says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armour, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut:

#### ISAIAH 45

<sup>10</sup> I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, “My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.”

<sup>11</sup> From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfil my purpose. What I have said, that I will bring about; what I have planned, that I will do.

#### ISAIAH 46

<sup>15</sup> Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. <sup>17</sup> Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## 1 TIMOTHY 1

<sup>1</sup>The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

<sup>2</sup>“I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring (Seed) I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

## GENESIS 12

<sup>16</sup> The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say “and to seeds,” meaning many people, but “and to your seed,” meaning one person, who is Christ.

## GALATIANS 3

### **A. GOD NEEDED A MAN – HE NEEDED A MEDIATOR**

<sup>32</sup> “He is not a mere mortal like me that I might answer him,  
that we might confront each other in court.

<sup>33</sup> If only there were someone to mediate between us,  
someone to bring us together,

<sup>34</sup> someone to remove God’s rod from me,

so that his terror would frighten me no more.  
35 Then I would speak up without fear of him,  
but as it now stands with me, I cannot.

**JOB 9**

5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men,  
the man Christ Jesus,

**1 TIMOTHY 2 (KJ21)**

## **B. GOD LOOKED FOR A MAN – HE NEEDED AN INTERCESSOR**

30 I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall  
and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would  
not have to destroy it, but I found none.

**EZEKIEL 22**

19 At Horeb they made a calf  
and worshipped an idol cast from metal.  
20 They exchanged their glorious God  
for an image of a bull, which eats grass.  
21 They forgot the God who saved them,  
who had done great things in Egypt,  
22 miracles in the land of Ham  
and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.  
23 So he said he would destroy them –  
had not Moses, his chosen one,  
stood in the breach before him  
to keep his wrath from destroying them.

**PSALM 106**

28 They yoked themselves to the Baal of Peor  
and ate sacrifices offered to lifeless gods;  
29 they aroused the LORD's anger by their wicked deeds,  
and a plague broke out among them.  
30 But Phinehas stood up and intervened,  
and the plague was checked.

**PSALM 106**

## **C. GOD COULDN'T FIND A MAN – GOD NEEDED A RIGHTEOUS MAN**

<sup>16</sup> He saw that there was no one,  
he was appalled that there was no one to intervene;  
so his own arm achieved salvation for him,  
and his own righteousness sustained him.

**ISAIAH 59**

<sup>10</sup> As it is written:  
“There is no one righteous, not even one;  
<sup>11</sup> there is no one who understands;  
there is no one who seeks God.  
<sup>12</sup> All have turned away,  
they have together become worthless;  
there is no one who does good,  
not even one.

**ROMANS 3**

## **D. GOD BECAME THE MAN – GOD NEEDED A MAN TO DWELL AMONG US**

<sup>16</sup> He saw that there was no one,  
he was appalled that there was no one to intervene;  
so his own arm achieved salvation for him,  
and his own righteousness sustained him.

**ISAIAH 59**

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.  
We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who  
came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**JOHN 1**

**#1.**

## **WE ARE ANOINTED TO BE HIS WITNESSES**

<sup>7</sup> He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates  
the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive

power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

**ACTS 1**

**#2.**

## **WE ARE APPOINTED TO BE HIS HERALDS**

<sup>9</sup> He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, <sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup> And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher.

**2 TIMOTHY 1**

**#3.**

## **WE ARE ASSIGNED TO BE HIS SERVANTS**

<sup>5</sup> What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. <sup>6</sup> I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. <sup>7</sup> So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. <sup>8</sup> The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labour. <sup>9</sup> For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.

**1 CORINTHIANS 3**

<sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” <sup>25</sup> The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” <sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.

**JOHN 4**

<sup>28</sup> Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” <sup>30</sup> They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

## JOHN 4