

## **Jesus is Christ- Sis. Cath (30.9.12am)**

Rev. 2:2-5

The Ephesians knew what was right and wrong and did good works in Jesus' name however this doesn't mean that your heart is right. You might be able to get all the scriptures together, have a well reasoned argument, but that doesn't mean that you are saved.

The Pharisees were compared to sepulchres. Inside a grave is decay, dry old bones- we don't want to be full of dry bones. Having a form of godliness but denying the power.

To get the first love back, you have to confess and repent from your sin and believe upon Christ with all your heart.

Philip came across the eunuch and he wanted to be baptized- Acts 8:37. You must be able to say that Jesus Christ is Lord and say this to others. You may know the scriptures but can you spontaneously and passionately tell someone else about Christ?

It is good to examine our beliefs and take responsibility for what we believe. Above all take the shield of faith. Roman soldiers in Paul's day, had shields that were large enough to cover your whole body. The enemy would shoot arrows, sometimes even arrows of fire. The Romans would soak their shields in the water, so that they would be extinguished when they hit the shield. The same too for this morning, let us soak our shields in the water, the word of God.

Acts 18:27

I wonder what Paul had said, what was it he said to convince them. He knew John's baptism and scriptures, and he would have used these to convince the Jews that Jesus was king.

Matt. 1:22

What was the criteria to be the Son of God? There were many others that came thinking they were the messiah.

### 1. Born of a virgin

Is. 7:14

This was prophesied about 700yrs before he was born. Jesus fulfilled the first criteria of being the Messiah.

### 2. Born in Bethlehem

Matt. 2:4-6

Mich 5:2

As prophesied he was born in Bethlehem.

### 3. Had to be a descendant of King David

Matt. 2:23- Nazarene can't be found in the Old Testament. Nazarene is a greek word however the Hebrew word for Nazarene means shoot or branch.

Is. 11:1-2

Rod and branch.

Jer. 23:15-16

Abraham had Isaac, who had Jacob, who had 12 sons, one of which was Judah, who had Jesse who had David. Jacob also had a son called Benjamin who had Saul, which was the chosen king of the people.

David had Solomon, who had Rehoboam. This is the lineage or of the tribe of Judah-  
Matt. 1:17

4. Had to be despised and rejected.

Matt. 27:39-43

Despised and rejected.

Ps. 22:7,8, 16

A prophesy in the way that the Messiah would die.

Traditional view is that David wrote the Psalm. At least 70 years before Jesus was born, the Romans were using crucifixion to kill people, this wasn't always the case (they used other means).

5. Had to cast lots.

Matt. 27:35; Ps. 22:18

This was another situation beyond the control of Christ. We have no control over who are our parents or where we are born. This is another example of a miraculous fulfillment of the scriptures.

6. Laid in a tomb of his own.

Matt. 27:57-60; Is. 53:9

Even after Jesus Christ died, he was fulfilling Old Testament prophesy.

Why after all these scriptures and fulfillment of prophesy, were the Jews still not believing? So many look for the physical rather than the spiritual. People still look for the big church with the great youth group, etc instead of the word. Isaiah said that there was no comeliness with Christ- we too need to be like that.

Rev. 2

Confess our beliefs to others. Reflect on where we are at.