

"SUPER-MAN"...REALLY?!



TEXT: *John 3:31-36* **He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all. And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony. He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true. For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.**

THESIS: To reveal the glory of Christ our Savior as being the Super-Man from Heaven.

INTRO.: A. As a little boy I was fascinated by Superman on the radio. My parents bought me a Superman outfit and I jumped out the 2 story window thinking I could now fly. I didn't fly, I flopped! People are still fascinated with the so-called "Super-Heroes". As in nearly every case, the fable or mythology is an offshoot of a "god-man" but it has it's origins in absolute truth. **There really is a SUPER-MAN, the Man, Christ Jesus!** He left Heaven and became a man, but no mere man!

B. The revival or nostalgia in America to return to childhood dreams of yesteryear via superheroes in comic books, movies and TV is now aimed at adult audiences, as well as children. This is simply an escape from reality, or is man really looking for a Superman from outer space to come and solve all our world's problems? There are only two choices available: The 666 superman from Hell or the 777 Superman from Heaven! Either the Anti-Christ or Jesus Christ!

C. The real Super-man (the God-Man) has already been here...He is Jesus Christ! But He has been rejected because He was in His "mild-mannered" Clark Kent form. He said that "if one comes in his own name, you will listen to him (Anti-Christ). We have an abundance of cheap imi-tations of Christ among the "Super-heroes! The Rock Crowd even invented "J.C. Superstar"!

D. The real Super-Man from Heaven had 4 lives...

I. HIS LIFE BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD: V.31

A. His Pre-Incarnate Life:

1. Before Gen. 1:1 – He existed with the Father.
2. Before *"in the beginning"* He had already begun.

B. His Pre-Incarnate Activity:

1. He was the Greatest Scientist Who Ever Lived:

Prov.8:22-29 **For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.**

2. He created everything out of nothing – *ex-nihilo*.
3. He created life from non-life! *"bara"*

ILLUS.: Scientists have always attempted to create life in a test tube, but they cannot create life from non-life, nor can they create something from nothing! Even if they could do so they would simply be counterfeiters...He did it first without lab, test tube or even a blueprint!!

2. He was the Greatest Musician Who Ever Lived:

Psalm 40:3 *And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.*

Job 35:10 *But none saith, Where is God my maker, who giveth songs in the night...*

- a. The musicians of the world can put music in your head and feet, but not in your heart!
- b. The Great Musician can put a new song in your heart!

3. He was the Greatest Artist Who Ever Lived:

Psalm 19:1 **The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.**

NOTE: What artist can duplicate God's beauty? Even in a fallen world He makes a sunset beautiful. Think of what it will be like "Beyond the Sunset"!! Even a camera cannot reproduce His art!

4. He was the Greatest Writer Who Ever Lived:

1. He was and is the Incarnate Word.
2. Before the world was, God's Word and words were already in the computer banks in Heaven!

ILLUS.: Years ago the original Gutenberg Bible sold for \$2 million. Nothing Carl Marx, Stienbeck, Shakespeare or Capote is worth anything compared to God's Word!

II. HIS LIFE IN TIME ON EARTH:

Philippians 2:5-11 *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

NOTE: He chose the time of His own birth and death! No one else has done so!

A. He Was the Greatest Lover Who Ever Lived:

Rom.5:6-8 *For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

1. A totally Unselfish Love: **Rom 5:8** *"But God commendeth His love..."*
2. An often Unrequited Love: **Jn. 1:11** *"He came unto His own, and His own received Him not..."*

B. He Was the Greatest Soldier Who Ever Lived:

ILLUS.: USMC Lt. Clebe McLeary, in the Korean War demonstrated his heroism by jumping on a live grenade to save his buddy's life. He lost his right arm, ear and eye. Question: Would he have joined the Marine Corps if he knew in advance the cost? Jesus lived all His life in the shadow of the Cross. He **"set His face as a flint toward Jerusalem"** knowing what awaited Him!

C. He Was the Greatest Physician Who Ever Lived:

ILLUS.: Jonas Salk invented a vaccine for Polio, Jesus invented a cure for the sin of mankind! He healed the blind, lifted the brokenhearted, opened deaf ears, all without anesthesia, scalpel, etc. and even raised the dead!

D. He Was the Greatest Preacher Who Ever Lived:

Mt. 12:41,42 *The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here. The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.*

ILLUS.: Greater than Jonah who had 125,000 converts with a single, simple, 8 word message! Greater than Solomon, the wisest preacher who ever lived before Jesus came to earth!

III. HIS LIFE ON EARTH & HEAVEN IN THIS AGE: "The Lord is that Spirit..."

ILLUS.: A teacher gave a quiz asking for the greatest LIVING man. A 14 year old boy wrote "*Jesus Christ*"; The teacher, correcting him, said "*I said, LIVING!*" The boy replied "*He is!!*"

A. He is the Greatest Detective Who Ever Lived:

1. He always "gets his man"!

NOTE: Many think they will get away with their sin. The conviction of murder demands evidence of the "corpus delicti" – the corpse! The One YOU crucified with your sins will be produced one day and you will be convicted and sentenced!

2. He knows the thoughts and intents of your heart NOW!

Heb. 4:12 *Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

NOTE: The Holy Spirit & God's written Word are "clones" of God's Son...exact duplicates except the form.

B. He is the Greatest Politician Who Ever Lived:

ILLUS.: He doesn't just promise lower taxes and a "chicken in every pot"...He promises ALL your needs will be supplied according to His riches in glory, and **He delivers!!**

C. He is the Greatest Teacher Who Ever Lived:

John 16:12-15 *I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.*

D. He is the Greatest Lawyer Who Ever Lived: "**Our Advocate**"

NOTE: There is a God-Man in the glory for the man of God in the Valley" --- ("The unfinished work of Christ")

IV. HIS LIFE ON EARTH DURING THE MILLENNIUM AND BEYOND: Rev. 19:16

A. He Will Be the Greatest King Who Ever Lived:

1. He will have many crowns on His head.
2. He will be King of kings and Lord of lords!

B. He Will Be the Greatest Benevolent World Dictator Who Ever Lived:

NOTE: He will dethrone the Antichrist and truly conquer and rule the entire world & worlds. "His Name shall be great to the ends of the earth. "The knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea." Greater than the Pharaohs, Genghis Khan, Kaiser, Napoleon,

Hitler, Stalin, Putin, Pres. Xi, etc. In fact, *every ruler who ever lived will bow the knee to Him and their tongues and every tongue shall confess that Christ is Lord to the glory of God Almighty!*

CONCL.: Would you like a **SUPER-MAN**? His Name is Jesus Christ! If you are looking for someone from outer space to solve all your problems and those of all humanity, there are only two to choose from: Jesus Christ or the Antichrist! You can continue to live in Disney World or Fantasy Island if you please and trust in the movie or comic book superheroes and end up in Hell, or trust in the only **REAL SUPER-MAN**, the **Lord Jesus Christ** for now and for eternity. But you **MUST** make a decision **NOW** before it is **TOO LATE!**