

Passages Quoted

Mark 15:6-15: At the feast Pilate used to release to them one prisoner of their choice. And there was one called Barabbas, chained up with those who'd engaged in rebellion, who in the insurrection had committed murder. The mob went up and began to ask him to do what he usually did for them. And Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" For he realized the chief priests had seized him out of jealousy. But the chief priests stirred up the mob, so he would release Barabbas to them instead. And Pilate again answered and said to them, "So what should I do about the one you call the King of the Jews?" And they cried out again, "Crucify him." And Pilate said, "What evil has he done?" But they cried out more, "Crucify him." And Pilate, wishing to satisfy the mob, released to them Barabbas, and sent Jesus to be whipped and crucified.

Mark 4:11-34: "The mystery of the Kingdom of God is given to you, but to outsiders everything is made into parables, so that looking they will see but not know, and listening they will hear but not understand, lest they should turn around and be forgiven."

Galatians 4:22-5:1: It's written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave-girl, another by a freewoman. The son of the slave-girl was born to the flesh, but the son of the freewoman was born through a promise. This is an allegory, for these are the two covenants: the one is from Mount Sinai, who produces slavery; this is Hagar. Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, which corresponds to present-day Jerusalem, for she is enslaved with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother.

1 Corinthians 4:1: Let men consider us the ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

1 Corinthians 2:4-3:2: We speak wisdom among the mature...we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom that God ordained before the world...But the natural man does not receive things that are of the Spirit of God, for they are silly to him, nor can he understand them, because they are examined spiritually, so only a spiritual man can examine them...But I, brethren, I can't speak to you as to I could to spiritual men, but only as to carnal men, as children in Christ.

Ephesians 3:3-5: By revelation God made known to me the mystery...which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it is now revealed to His holy apostles and prophets through the Spirit.

Romans 16:25-26: The Gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ is according to the revelation of the mystery which was kept secret since the world began, but now is made clear through the scriptures of the prophets, according to the direction of the eternal God, and is now made known to all the nations so they will submit to the faith.

2 Peter 1:15-18 and 2:1: We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from that Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." This is the voice we heard coming from Heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain...But there have also come false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will introduce heresies of destruction, even denying the Lord who redeems them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

1 Corinthians 11:23-25: For I received from the Lord what I also handed over to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night when he was handed over took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this as a reminder of me." In like manner also the cup, after the meal, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, as a reminder of me."

Galatians 1:11-20: For I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel I preach is not from a man, neither did I receive it from a man nor was I taught it, but through a revelation of Jesus Christ...when God revealed his son in me...and I did not confer with flesh and blood right away, nor did I go to Jerusalem, to those who were apostles before me...until three years later.

John 20:29-31: "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. But blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed." ... These things were written so you would believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and so that in believing this you would have life through His name.

Acts 26:22-23: Saying nothing but what Moses and the prophets said was destined to happen, *whether* the Messiah would suffer, and *whether* from a resurrection from the dead he was going to deliver a light to the people.

Acts 23:26-30: Claudius Lysias, to the most excellent governor Felix, greetings. This man was seized by the Jews and was about to be killed by them. And so I set out with an army and took him out of there, having learned that he is a Roman. Since I wanted to know the cause by which they accused him, I brought him down into their council, where I found he was accused regarding questions of their law, but there was nothing in the charge worthy of death or of jail. When a secret plot against the man was revealed to me, I sent him at once to you and ordered his accusers to speak against him before you. Farewell.

Justin Martyr, *Apology* 1.21: When we say that the Logos, who is the firstborn of God, Jesus Christ our teacher, was produced without sexual union, and was crucified and died, and rose again, and ascended to heaven, we propound nothing new or different from what you believe regarding those whom you call Sons of God.

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Daniel 9:26: The messiah shall be executed yet there is no judgment upon him, then the city and the sanctuary will be torn down by the ruler who shall come. They will be knocked down in a cataclysm, until the end of the war wreaks havoc and he will assign them to destruction. [for the calculation of when, see Daniel 9:24-27]

Daniel 6:25-27: Then king Darius wrote unto all the peoples, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied unto you. I make a decree, that in all the dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel; for he is the living God, and steadfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed; and his dominion shall be even unto the end. He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

Isaiah 52:7-53:12: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that brings the Gospel, publishing peace, bringing the Gospel of good things, that announces salvation, that says to Zion, "Your God rules!"... for Jehovah has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem ... Behold, my servant shall deal wisely, he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high ...Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of Jehovah been revealed? For he grew up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground ... He was despised, and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief ... he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows. Yet we thought him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our sins ... And through his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray. We have turned every one to his own way. And Jehovah has laid on him the sin of us all. He was oppressed, yet when he was afflicted he opened not his mouth. As a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep that before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away. As for his generation, who among them considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people to whom the stroke was due? And they made his grave with the wicked, and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased Jehovah to bruise him. He has put him to grief. When you shall make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of Jehovah shall prosper in his hand. He shall see the suffering of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by the knowledge of himself shall my righteous servant justify many. And he shall bear their sins. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong. Because he poured out his soul unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors: yet he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Philo, *De Agricultura* 50-52: [Over all things] God put in charge his own true Logos, his first-born son, who is to take charge of his sacred flock, like the prefect of a great king. For somewhere it is also said, "Behold, I am he and I will send my messenger before your face, who shall guard you on the road." [cf. Ex. 23:20; Mk. 1:2]

Mark 1:1-2: The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as it is written in the prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before your face, who shall prepare the road for you."

Philo, *De Confusione Linguarum* 146: Even if there is not as yet anyone who is worthy to be called a son of God, nevertheless let us labor earnestly to be adorned according to his first-born Logos, the eldest of his angels, the ruling archangel of many names. ["an incorporeal being," "the divine image," whom "the Father of the Universe has caused to rise as the eldest son, whom he calls the first-born," *ibid.* 62-63; compare Heb. 1:1-14, Col. 1:12-19, Zech. 6:11-13]

Philo, *De Somniis* 1.215: There are two Temples of God, and one is this cosmos, wherein the high priest is his first born son, the divine Logos.

Hebrews 4:14: Jesus the Son of God is the great High Priest who has passed through the Heavens.

Hebrews 8:1-5: The sum of what we've said is this: We have such a High Priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of His Majesty in the heavens, a minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle that the Lord set up, not man. For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices, therefore it is necessary that this One have something to offer, too. For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are already priests who offer gifts according to the law, and who only give service to the copy and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished by God when he was about to set up the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown to you on the mountain."

Hebrews 9:11-24: But Christ, having become a High Priest of the good things to come, through a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands (that is to say, not of this building), and neither through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, he entered into the Holy Place once and for all, having obtained eternal redemption ... since according to the law nearly everything is cleansed in blood, and without shedding blood there is no remission. It was therefore necessary that the copies of things in the heavens should be purified with this, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ has not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are mere copies of the true one, but into Heaven itself, now to appear before God on our behalf.