

Will The Real Jesus Please Stand Up?

Colossians 1:15-19 (Part 2)

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Colossians 1:15-19 (NKJV)

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To have something false, means that you must have something true. For example men have you ever been solicited by a person at a gas station or another store, to buy your wife an “authentic” 14K gold chain.

Ladies have you ever been enticed to buy a “genuine imitation” Gucci or Coach Purse? Or perhaps a counterfeit I-phone?

Paper money is something that is targeted to counterfeit. But counterfeiters will not counterfeit something that is false. For example, there is not a counterfeit \$15 dollar bill.

From a Youtube video by a former secret service agent January 9th 2020.

“Counterfeit money is an important weapon of the saboteur.” Counterfeiting currency in the United States has been around as long as the United States has been a nation. The creation of the U.S. Secret Service came about during the Civil War because of the efforts of the Confederate States to print counterfeit the Currency of the Union to destabilize it. In this video, the former Secret Service agent, mentioned that the way to stop the acceptance of a counterfeit bill is not to use a counterfeit detection pen, because the paper can be copied. The way to spot a counterfeit is not to study the false, but to study the details of the genuine.

Counterfeiting currency has existed since before the United States was a nation. “Counterfeit money appeared simultaneously with real money, at first it was coins with a reduced content of precious metals, and then counterfeits penetrated into paper banknotes, even a small batch of which always caused great material and moral damage.” *Topwar Online article November 1, 2021*

In fact during WWII the Nazi’s had an operation to flood England with high quality forged British Pounds.; named Operation Andreas, later renamed Operation Bernhard. “It should be noted that the Second World War was not only a war on the fronts, where artillery cannonade thundered, and thousands of people died every day. It was also a war that was fought in the rear, at industrial enterprises by workers and engineers who produced the necessary products for the front and victory. This was already a war in the rear, a war between economies and finance, which was not less intense than a war on hot fronts.

Meanwhile, the idea of a financial war is as simple as an orange. Printing enough unsecured money would undermine Britain’s then-current prestigious status as a global financial and economic superpower. The calculation was obvious: it boiled down to the fact that if you print counterfeit banknotes in the amount of about 30 billion pounds (a fantastic amount at that time!), It would immediately lead to the financial collapse of

the British Empire, and then to its military defeat ...by 1945, up to a third of all British banknotes in existence were counterfeit. *Topwar Online article November 1, 2021*

I am holding three bills in my hand. (Explain the difference in the three bills for those listening online). All three of these bills have 1 dollar on them. Which is the real one? Easy, right. One is a monopoly game dollar; one is a federal reserve note dollar and one is a million-dollar bill tract. Which is the correct dollar?

Correct! You didn't study the false, you have handled the true dollar, and knew instantly which one was correct.

As we have studied before; The book of Colossians is known as one of the prison epistles; meaning that they were written when Paul was imprisoned in Rome. Paul had many different reasons when writing his epistles. Encouragement; addressing a particular sin in the church; (1 & 2nd Corinthians). The Books of Ephesians and the Book of Colossians is doctrine. The Theme of the Book of Ephesians is "The Church of Christ." The doctrine taught in the Book of Colossians is Christ, the Head of the Church.

Colossians 1:15–16 (NKJV)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

The Greek Word for Image in this verse is eikon. Pronounced i-kone. Where we get our word icon, from. Which means; an image, figure, likeness used of the moral likeness of renewed men to God and also ***The image of the Son of God, into which true Christians are transformed, is likeness not only to the heavenly body, but also to the most holy and blessed state of mind, which Christ possesses.***

God has declared in HIS WORD in Isaiah 45:21-22

Isaiah 45:21–22 (NKJV)

²¹ Tell and bring forth *your case*; Yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? *Who* has told it from that time? *Have* not I, the LORD? And *there is* no other God besides Me, A just God and a Savior; *There is* none besides Me. ²² "Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I *am* God, and *there is* no other.

GOD HIMSELF declares that HE is the Only GOD and there is no other GOD besides HIM. As we read and study the Bible we need to check out the claims of JESUS and examine if HE was who HE claimed to be.

If JESUS is also GOD as HE claimed to be, then we should attributes of GOD the FATHER in HIS SON, the image of GOD.

Lets look at some verses to see the similarities between GOD THE FATHER AND GOD THE SON.

John 1:1–3 (NKJV)

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

The word in the Greek is arche (ar-khay). Which means: beginning, origin the person or thing that commences, the first person or thing in a series, the leader that by which anything begins to be, the origin, the active cause the extremity of a thing.

Here we see that JESUS is the person that commences and is the Origin cause of Creation.

Genesis 1:1 (NKJV)

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

In the Hebrew the word beginning is the word re sit (ray-sheeth) and means: first, beginning, chief

The word for created in Hebrew is bara and means to create, shape, form (always with God as subject)

- of heaven and earth
- of individual man
- of new conditions and circumstances

Colossians 1:15–17 (NKJV)

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

So here, we see in the Hebrew Scriptures that GOD creates the heavens and the Earth, and in [John 1:1-3](#) That JESUS was in the beginning with GOD and was the origin point of all creation and the preeminent one over all creation. This theme continues in [Colossians 1](#).

Before we move on from here, one last item to glean from [John 1:1](#) With the WORD being with GOD...

The word with, a preposition; is the Greek Word, pros which means: at, near, by, to or towards or with regard too.

To contrast the example Pastor Phil used in previous message of the Gospel of John Chapter 16 about man and GOD being back to back with arms crossed because of sin; picture JESUS and GOD the FATHER being turned face-to-face, facing one another in Fellowship.

Colossians 1:18–19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. ¹⁹ For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell.

In verse 18 the word for head in Greek is kephale (kef-al-aly) which means the head of both men and animals. Since the loss of the head destroys life, this word is used in the phrases relating to capital and extreme punishment.

It also mean anything supreme, chief, prominent. It refers to JESUS, the head of the Church, the Chief Cornerstone.

The definition of capital and extreme punishment struck me and reminded of two verses.

Daniel 9:26 (NKJV)

²⁶ "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it *shall be* with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

The word for cut off is the Hebrew word karat which means to be killed or cut off for a capital crime.

and...

Genesis 3:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

Here is the first promise of JESUS mission to die for our sins. Satan would attempt to destroy JESUS, but JESUS would end up crushing the serpent's head.

We have spoken in a previous message about how firstborn does not always mean “first in birth order” but in preeminence.

JESUS was innocent but was executed for a capital crime. But death could not hold HIM. What appeared to satan to be a death blow to JESUS, was a wound in JESUS’s heel. (Not literally) When JESUS rose from the dead three days later; Satan was defeated; a death blow to his ultimate plans.

We have spoken in a previous message about how firstborn does not always mean “first in birth order” but in preeminence.

Colossians 1:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ For it pleased *the Father* that in Him all the fullness should dwell.

The word pleased means : it seems good to one or it pleases one.

We read earlier:

Isaiah 45:21 (NKJV)

²¹ And *there is* no other God besides Me, A just God and a Savior; *There is none* besides Me.

There are many verses in the Hebrew Scriptures that describe an attribute of GOD the FATHER that have a corresponding verse in the New Testament that take the same attribute of GOD the FATHER and use that attribute to describe JESUS. Let’s just look at the word GOD.

I will give you several. Just write down the references.

Compare: [Jeremiah 32:18](#)

Jeremiah 32:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ You show lovingkindness to thousands, and repay the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them—the Great, the Mighty God, whose name *is* the LORD of hosts.

with [Isaiah 9:6](#)

Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV)

⁶ For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Other verses in the Hebrew Scriptures where GOD calls HIMSELF GOD:

Genesis 18:1 (NKJV)

¹ Then the LORD appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day.

Genesis 18:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.”

Isaiah 43:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ “You *are* My witnesses,” says the LORD, “And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I *am* He. Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me.

Compare with verses in the New Testament referring to JESUS as GOD”

John 20:28 (NKJV)

And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

Titus 2:13 (NKJV)

¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Hebrews 1:8 (NKJV)

⁸ But to the Son *He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.*

1 John 5:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

Isaiah 45:23 (NKJV)

²³ **I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth *in* righteousness, And shall not return, That to Me every knee shall bow, Every tongue shall take an oath.**

Romans 14:11 (NKJV)

For it is written: "*As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God.*"

Here in these two verses God says that to HIM every knee shall bow, every tongue shall take an oath and proclaim that HE is God.

Compare this with a reference to JESUS in:

Philippians 2:10 (NKJV)

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth.

We see that GOD the Father will not share HIS Glory with another, but it pleased HIM that in JESUS all the fullness and completeness of GOD is present in JESUS. That every knee will bow to GOD the FATHER and proclaim HIM as LORD; and also to JESUS.

"Counterfeit money is an important weapon of the saboteur." As counterfeit money is an important weapon of the earthly saboteur, so a counterfeit "Jesus" and a counterfeit gospel are the work and more dangerous spiritual saboteur. A counterfeit that will not result in earthly discomfort or trials, but spiritual damnation in hell.

2 Corinthians 4:3–4 (NKJV)

³ **But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,** ⁴ **whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.**

How does Satan the saboteur do this?

2 Corinthians 11:4 (NKJV)

⁴ For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or *if* you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!

Genesis 1:26 (NKJV)

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..."

JESUS is the image of GOD. Man is MADE in the image of GOD. The word for image in Hebrew means image or likeness. Now I am not going down a road to say that man is a "little god." So please put your stones away.

The definition continues to describe the following: images (of tumors, mice, heathen gods)

image, likeness (of resemblance)

mere, empty, image, semblance (fig.)

Man is created in the image of God. As GOD is a triune being; three persons all equally GOD; and all equally distinct.

- GOD the FATHER is NOT the JESUS the son or the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit is NOT GOD the Father or JESUS, the SON.
- JESUS is not GOD the FATHER or the HOLY SPIRIT.

Man also is a triune being; body soul and spirit. And as the last definition of image states empty, semblance. Man has created with an emptiness inside that internally knows GOD's law and has a desire for GOD.

2 Corinthians 11:4 (NKJV)

For if he who comes preaches *another Jesus* whom we have not preached, or *if* you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or *a different gospel* which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it

Satan is a master deceiver. That is why there are “another JESUS” or a “different gospel. He has false Jesus-es and false gospels. He doesn't have to get people to believe that everything about JESUS or the Biblical Gospel is false. All he needs to do is get a person to believe something that is one degree off.

Explain the difference in a flight from Pittsburgh to Chicago and a flight from Chicago to Europe to Rwanda. One degree off will get you to Europe or Rwanda.

Cults and false religions attack the following related to JESUS and the Biblical Gospel.

1. HIS Deity
2. HIS Virgin Birth
3. HIS Sinless Life
4. HIS Death on the Cross
5. HIS Physical Resurrection from the Dead
6. That JESUS Payment for our sins alone was sufficient.

The Biblical Gospel is found in [1 Corinthians 15:3-4](#)

1 Corinthians 15:3–4 (NKJV)

³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.

We are going to spend some time talking about a group now that may knock on your door on a Saturday morning. They will probably be very friendly and zealous to talk to you about JESUS CHRIST and try to persuade you to be baptized.

This Church has been gaining in popularity in recent years; and in 2012 a member of this Church was the Republican Presidential Nomination; Mitt Romney. I am talking the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints or more commonly known as Mormons. I will refer to them moving forward in this as either LDS or Mormons.

As we see some of the false teachings of this group. It is important to remember that the young Mormon missionaries or anyone in a false religious system is NOT the enemy; but has been blinded and taken captive by the enemy. Love the lost soul, hate the false teaching. It is also important to remember that these things that I am going to talk about are official LDS Church teachings, but over time the LDS Church has morphed so that some of the younger Mormons may not know what the Church has actually taught.

Mormonism was founded by Joseph Smith. According to the LDS website; Joseph Smith had a vision in 1820 that is described as the first vision.

In this vision, Joseph Smith said;

“I saw a pillar of light exactly over my head, above the brightness of the sun, which descended gradually until it fell upon me.

“... When the light rested upon me I saw two Personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above me in the air. One of them spake unto me, calling me by name and said, pointing to the other— This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!” (Joseph Smith—History 1:16–17).”

During the vision, Joseph asked which church was correct, and Jesus Christ answered, telling Joseph not to join any of them. ‘The Lord’ explained that the churches of the day believed “in incorrect doctrines and that none of them was acknowledged of God as His Church and kingdom” (Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Smith [2007], 438; Times and Seasons, [Mar. 1](#), 1842, p. 707; see also Joseph Smith—History 1:19).

The Mormons are not a Catholic Group or an Evangelical Group. It is a group that claims to be the “True Church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.”

He went on to have other visions where the angel Moroni appeared to him as well.

It is interesting to note that when he had this vision, as quoted from the LDS website:

“When Joseph knelt to offer up the desires of his heart, a dark power overcame him. It bound his tongue as thick darkness gathered around him. Joseph exerted all his power to call upon God.”

Does this sound familiar to anyone? It sounds very similar to what Mohammed described when an angel appeared to him.

Joseph Smith had other visions where it is described as he was given golden plates and special glasses to interpret the writings on these plates.

What are the key books of Mormonism?

The King James Bible as translated by Joseph Smith; The Book of Mormon; Doctrines and Covenants and the Pearl of Great Price.

Who is the Jesus of Mormonism?

The Jesus of Mormonism is the Spirit brother of Lucifer.

Jess L. Christensen, Institute of Religion director at Utah State University, Logan, Utah. On first hearing, the doctrine that Lucifer and our Lord, Jesus Christ, are brothers may seem surprising to some—especially to those unacquainted with latter-day revelations. But both the scriptures and the prophets affirm that Jesus Christ and Lucifer are indeed offspring of our Heavenly Father and, therefore, spirit brothers. Jesus Christ was with the Father from the beginning. Lucifer, too, was an angel “who was in authority in the presence of God,” a “son of the morning.” (See [Isaiah 14:12](#); D&C 76:25–27.) Both Jesus and Lucifer were strong leaders with great

knowledge and influence. But as the Firstborn of the Father, Jesus was Lucifer's older brother. (See [Colossians 1:15](#); D&C 93:21.)

Colossians 1:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ **He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.**

Do you see in the verse that he was Lucifer's older brother?

What do Mormons teach about Jesus birth?

Brigham Young, the Second Prophet/President of the LDS Church stated: "The birth of our Savior was as natural as are the births of our children; it was the result of NATURAL ACTION. He partook of FLESH AND BLOOD--was begotten of his father, as we were of our fathers." (JoD, vol. 8, p. 115).

God the Father has a physical body. D&C 130:22 says,

"The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man's." Thus, man is made in the image of the body of God (Moses 6:9). This is in contrast with [John 4:24](#), which says, "God is spirit."

They teach that God; whose name is Elohim had physical relations with Mary.

Do Mormons believe that they can become a god?

From a question submitted to Spokane, WA FaVS (Faith and Values Mormon) website: *Do Mormons believe they will become gods, rule and populate planets and be worshipped and served like the God of the Bible?*

"Early Church leaders often engaged in speculative theology and some extrapolated a particular vision of our distant future that sounds similar to what you described. You'll definitely run into Mormons who believe that the ultimate end goal is to become gods and have personal planets, but frankly, I don't think human beings are even remotely capable of comprehending what God has in store for us after this life."

Here, then is eternal life--to know the only wise and true God; and you have got to learn how to be Gods yourselves, and to be kings and priests to God, the same as all Gods have done before you (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, p. 346).

President Brigham Young the second prophet of the LDS Church stated:

"The Lord created you and me for the purpose of becoming Gods like Himself ... The Lord has organized mankind for the express purpose of increasing in that intelligence and truth, which is with God, until he is capable of creating worlds on worlds, and becoming Gods, even the sons of God." (Journal of Discourses 3:93).

As was quoted earlier; LDS Church teaches that Jesus is the savior, because Elohim (His Father) selected his plan of salvation over the plan of his spirit brother Lucifer; which is why there is enmity between Jesus and Lucifer.

What is the difference between the Biblical Atonement and the LDS definition?

1 John 2:2 (NKJV)

² **And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.**

The word for propitiation in this verse means; an appeasing and means the same as in reference to the Mercy Seat that was on top of the Ark of the Covenant.

Leviticus 16:2 (NKJV)

and the LORD said to Moses: "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at just any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat.

The word in Hebrew for Mercy Seat is Kaporet (kap-po'-reth), means place of atonement. It is the place where God's wrath was satisfied by the atoning sacrifice. We believe JESUS was a substitute for us.

In Mormonism the Atonement is more focused on the physical sufferings that Jesus endured in the Garden of Gethsemane and physically on the cross.

What is the Gospel according to Mormonism?

The Gospel is works centered. A Mormon must live a good life, be baptized into the Mormon Church, be married to be able to have Celestial Children.

So looking at the Biblical JESUS and Gospel alongside the Mormon Jesus and Gospel are they the same? No.

What we are about to talk is something that I was not even thinking of when I began to prepare for this message. The TV show : "The Chosen."

The Chosen is directed by Dallas Jenkins; son of Jerry Jenkins co-author of The Left Behind Series. Dallas claims to be a evangelical Christian. He claims to believe in the traditional triune nature of GOD.

The Chosen is attempting to be a multi-season television show about the life of Christ. They just concluded the second season and are currently planning on a third season.

A possible positive is that the show will stimulate a person to search the scriptures; the Bible; to learn more about who JESUS is and what HE did for us.

Some concerns are that the "backstories" of the disciples are obviously made up. The Bible is silent on this. A concern also as with any sort of Biblical television or movie, is a video representation of JESUS.

Some deeper concerns are the fact as stated by Dallas that the consultants for the show are: " A catholic; a Messianic Jewish Rabbi and an Evangelical." The Second season of the show is being filmed on land for sets, in Utah; which are owned by the LDS Church. There are concerns that there a lot of Mormons involved with the distribution of the show.

In an interview with an apologist: Melissa Dougherty; which is not an attack on Dallas Jenkins; but rather a balanced interview presenting facts; Jenkins stated that Angel Studios; which distributes The Chosen and is based in Utah has a lot LDS people involved. He also stated;" That he (Jenkins) has gone to Israel with LDS people to conduct research and prayed with them." I will attach the full interview and the "Statement of Faith for The Chosen from Movie guide with Dallas Jenkins stating what they believe.

Dave Hunt and Tom McMahon's Apologetics and Discernment ministry.

The Berean Call's December Newsletter talks about the controversies with The Chosen. As I was preparing this part of the message, I received an email from The Berean Call with an update on the December Newsletter with a dialogue and response from The Chosen.

As we have looked at through this message; The Jesus of the LDS Church is not the Biblical JESUS. All that it takes for people to be deceived is for the saboteur to get people one degree off on who JESUS is or the Gospel.

Galatians 1:6–9 (NKJV)

⁶ I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, ⁷ which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

We need to be cautious in these last days. Deception is running rampant. We need to contend for the faith. We need to have the boldness of Steven; as he presented the Jewish leadership their history of rejecting GOD's word and the prophets.

Acts 7:54–56 (NKJV)

⁵⁴ When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with *their* teeth. ⁵⁵ But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, ⁵⁶ and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

While Steven gave his life as a Martyr for JESUS. JESUS stood to greet him and welcome him into heaven.

The following is an email sent by [The Berean Call](#) Regarding the December 2021 Newsletter and [The Chosen](#) statement.

We received this response from the organization that produced The Chosen (TC) television series and what follows is our response (TBC) to the organization's complaints:

TC: We don't mind criticism, but we do expect it to be accurate, particularly when it comes from organizations dedicated to the truth.

And this video [the audio of TBC's article posted on Youtube] starts right off with a blatant deception when it says we [TC] "profess to be true to the Bible's teachings, as well as a faithful representation of the Bible and its characters," and "it claims to visually represent the Bible."

TBC: The opening statement of season 1 episode 1 of The Chosen declares:

"The Chosen is based on the true stories of the gospels of Jesus Christ. Some locations and timelines have been combined or condensed. Backstories and some characters or dialogue have been added."

That statement seems to indicate that the intention of The Chosen programs is "to be true to the Bible's teachings, as well as a faithful representation of the Bible and its characters."

When a movie company films biblical stories of "the gospels of Jesus Christ," isn't it "visually represent[ing] the Bible"?

TC: That is simply false. We have said EXPLICITLY from day one that we are not a re-enactment of the Bible...

TBC: Evidently, those who wrote this TC response haven't watched their series. Most of the scenes are attempts to "re-enact" stories from the Bible.

The exceptions are the numerous "backstories" which feature biblical characters in scenes not found in the Bible but are from the minds of the creative movie production people, and that would include the "dialogue" of the many actors that "have been added."

TC: ...that the show is INSPIRED by the Bible, not based on it verse by verse, and from the first frame of the show, we encourage people to read the Scriptures.

TBC: The use of the phrase "INSPIRED by" (upper case emphasis is TC's) is used in theatrical movie productions to imply to the audience that historical accuracy is involved. Accuracy is rarely if ever a concern in theatrical

dramas. "Inspired by" is simply a religious cover for The Chosen's artistic license which constitutes blasphemy.

The encouragement to people who watch The Chosen to read the Scriptures sounds good, but is fraught with confusion and delusion. The backstories as well as the numerous scene additions and character details of the actors are nowhere found in Scripture. What then of the person who takes The Chosen's advice to "read the Scriptures" and can't find what was presented in the TV series? Which is he to believe: The Bible, or the fiction created by the screenwriter and his production associates?

TC: We're not God's Word, the Bible is God's Word, and it is perfect. And as to the silly mention of the Bible verse about "adding to scripture," fear not, we're not adding to Scripture because we're not Scripture.

TBC: Let's consider how silly is the "silly mention of the Bible verse about 'adding to scripture'." "Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar." (Proverbs 30:5-6) "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book. If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book." (Revelation 22:18) Silly?

TC: Your Bible hasn't changed since the show was created. Just like any movie or show about any historical period of time or characters, we're a show about the people of 1st Century Galilee, with the Bible as our primary source of truth and inspiration.

TBC: The primary historic person presented throughout The Chosen is a fictitious Jesus Christ. The characterization of him whom the Bible declares is God manifested in the flesh is as far removed from "the primary source of truth" as heaven is from hell.

TC: This video [TBC's article] also adds other shockingly false assertions, such as the ridiculous notion that we're introducing the "Jesus of different faiths." Never said.

TBC: We suggest that you review the many interviews with Dallas Jenkins, especially those with Mormon apologist David Snell. They both agree that they believe in the same Jesus--that would be the LDS Jesus and the evangelical Jesus that Mr. Jenkins professes to believe in.

TC: Or the laughable assertions about the beliefs some of the producers supposedly have about Jesus having multiple wives. Patently false.

TBC: I rather doubt that the committed Mormon producers consider the polygamy of "Jesus" a "laughable assertion." That would be to reject the teachings of Mormon Apostles Orson Pratt and Orson Hyde ("Jesus Christ was married at Cana of Galilee, that Mary, Martha, and others were his wives, and that he begat children" *Journal of Discourses* 2:210) as well as polygamists 4th Mormon President/Prophet Wilford Woodruff and 10th President/Prophet Joseph Fielding Smith. Furthermore, an unmarried and childless Jesus would disqualify him from working his way to become a god.

TC: Not to mention that the creator of the show, the one who has total control of the content, is an evangelical, and the show has zero "Mormon" influence. At least try to be accurate.

TBC: Your reference to professing evangelical Dallas Jenkins as "one who has total control of [The Chosen's] content" tells us that you are ignorant of Mr. Jenkins contract which is a "Work for Hire Agreement." That means that The Chosen Production Company is ultimately in control.

In consideration of the many biblically compromising interviews given by Dallas Jenkins, no one should look with confidence regarding his alleged "control of [The Chosen's] content."

What was stated in our article was that the introduction of the multitude of unbiblical scenes added to The Chosen series opens the door for the acceptance of any beliefs about the Bible, including the bizarre doctrines of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

<https://www.Youtube.com/watch?v=-Yyq1FPQI> A Candid Conversation With Dallas Jenkins

<https://www.movieguide.org/news-articles/the-chosens-statement-of-faith-the-word-of-god-needs-no-improvement.html> The Chosen Statement of Faith on Movieguide

<https://www.Youtube.com/watch?v=IsLmMTKxmD8> "The Counterfeit Chosen"

<https://www.Youtube.com/watch?v=IkRq9Hq-pQ8> The Berean Call Dec 2021 Youtube newsletter

<https://www.Youtube.com/watch?v=SXliv3Nhlhc> Interview with David Snell a Mormon

<https://spokanefav.com/ask-mormon-mormons-believe-will-become-gods/>

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