**And They Came Seeking Jesus**

Before his name became famous among Christians and non-Christians alike they came seeking him.

Before there was a Mary or a Joseph there was a Savior he was called by many names from the beginning.

It started in the Garden of Eden with the first creation of man,

Abraham looked for his coming,

Moses, looked for his coming and multitudes before the birth of Christ was prophesying of the coming redeemer.

Thousand of years after creation of man Wise men from the east came seeking him and still there are wise men and women through out the world that come seeking the redeemer of mankind the Alpha the Omega the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

I ask you "did you come seeking the savior?"

Have you brought a gift as the wise men did?

What did you come looking for today?

Did you come seeking a reed shaking in the wind?

Did you come looking for a prophet or did you come seeking a refuge for your soul?

God did not start in a stable his beginning was not when he was lying in a manger.

His beginning was not when Marty gave birth to Jesus.

He is and has always been God.

Christ beginning started in the heart and mind of God in the beginning. John 1

The word became flesh John 1-14 and dwelt among us. He came to redeem the sinner and encourage those who were looking for his appearing.

In 2 Tim 4:8 Paul made this statement: "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing"

* I ask you again, did you come seeking Jesus?
* If you are seeking the Savior he is here, he has risen.
* You will not find him among the dead but among the living.

The women in: Luke 24:6 Came to anoint the body of Jesus for burying as the custom of those days were and the angel of the Lord told them this.

"He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,"

They came looking for a dead savior their unbelief was darkened at his death and he had spoken to them of his resurrection but their trip to the grave proved their faith was shallow and full of unbelief.

If you are heart broken, confused or sick of your sin, you have found him. He is here in the midst of those that love him and those who came seeking him.

But listen to me that grave they went to many years ago is still empty

***For he is risen*** and throughout the generations he has proved his love for humanity.

1. You will not find him in the place of the self righteous,

2. Neither will you find him in those who are seeking recognition of the world.

3.But you will find him in among the humble and the seeker of deliverance.

Where two or three are gathered in my name I am in the midst. Matt 18: 20

Before there was a bible many awaited his coming, Israel in their captivity in Egypt cried for four hundred years and sought the deliver and he came in the form of a man called Moses.

He spoke to man the will of God and that through the obedience of a man called Moses Israel was delivered.

God has spoken through the hearts of many men through out the ages to bring redemption to mankind. But men had to be seeking deliverance.

Some will follow Christ so far and then go back while others are willing to make the total sacrifice.

The wise men came from afar seeking a star they followed the compass of God to an humble stable and found the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes laying in a manger.

***Wise men still seek him.***

* How far are you willing to go?
* And what gift have you brought to him?
* What sacrifice are you willing to make to find him?
* What would you do to find salvation for your soul?

They called him the king of Israel king of the Jews but we that know him by name call him the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

Isaiah 600 years before the birth of Christ prophesied in [Chapter 9- verse 6.]

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder:and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

But we call Him Jesus our Savior our Lord and King of Kings our redeemer.

Many from that time have sought his blessings, his miracles and they received them--- but they didn’t bring with them a heart of repentance.

John the Baptist cried out to the religious world Bring forth fruit worthy of repentance.

You cannot find him with a heart only seeking a miracle or a blessing or a feeling to appease you of your sins

You must come seeking a savior and then and only then will you find what you really need,

Salvation and deliverance from your sins.

***Wise men still seek him.***

The cry of God to suffering humanity is not condemnation but a call to come.

Matt 11:28-30

28 Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Matt 25:34-40

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35 For I was an hungred and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger and ye took me in:

36 Naked and ye clothed me: I was sick and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred and fed thee? Or thirsty and gave thee drink?

38 When saw we thee a stranger and took thee in? Or naked and clothed thee?

39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison and came unto thee?

40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

What have you brought him today have you brought him your sin to lay down at his feet?

**And are you willing to travel as the wise men traveled to find the savior?**

**Your Journey is only a few steps.**

**The wise men traveled for miles seeking the Savior.**

**Can you imagine only a few steps to Jesus only a few steps to Eternal Life?**

What sacrifice are you willing to make to find Him? Jeremiah said

"And you shall seek me and you shall find me, when you have searched for me with all your heart!"

A. Is the sign that God gave you worth following?

B. You are not here by accident but by the the divine will of God so that you may have eternal life.

C. The wise men followed it and found him.

***Wise men still seek Him!***

The price has been paid the blood has been spilled all you have to bring is you and all your sins and lay them down at the Masters feet and he will cover you with His blood that was spilled for many for the forgiveness of their sins.

What did you come seeking?

Luke 2:11-18

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

{Are you willing to tell somebody what you have found in Jesus?}

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

I have come to tell you that today salvation is here for who so ever will, let them come and drink of the water of life freely.

Isa 55:1-7

1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

3 Incline your ear and come unto me: hear and your soul shall live;

4 Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

5 Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

7 Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Rev 21:1-5

1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.