

## Harmony of the Gospels

### Part 5

## “A King is Born for You”

A Jewish lady was stranded late one night at a fashionable hotel that did not admit Jews. The desk clerk looked down at his book and said, *"Sorry, no room. The hotel is full."*

The Jewish lady said, *"But your sign says that you have vacancies."*

The desk clerk stammered and then said curtly, *"You know that we do not admit Jews. Now if you will try the other side of town..."*

The woman's appearance became more serious..., *"I'll have you know I am a Christian now."*

The desk clerk said, *"Oh, is that right?, Let me give you a little test to see if you really are a believer. How was Jesus born?"*

She replied, *"He was born to a virgin named Mary in a little town called Bethlehem."*

*"Very good,"* replied the hotel clerk. *"Tell me more."*

The woman replied, *"Jesus was born in a manger."*

*"That's right,"* said the hotel clerk. *"And why was he born in a manger?"*

The woman said angrily, *"Because a mean guy like you in the hotel wouldn't give a Jewish lady a room for the night!"*

**Isn't it amazing that the week before Christmas, we find ourselves in our verse by verse study of the Bible, at the exact place where the story of Jesus birth is described in the Bible.**

- ☞ **Is it possible** that this baby who became the King of the Universe, still has the power to order the days of our life, so that He can speak to us the exact right thing, at the exact right time we need it?

### Luke 2:8-20

8 Now there were in the same country **shepherds living out in the fields**, keeping watch over their flock by night.

I suppose that since we are at this particular verse here on the Book of Luke, that I get to be the “Party Pooper” and clear up one thing about the birth of Jesus that has traditionally been wrong.

### Romans 14:5

One person esteems **one day above another; another esteems every day alike**. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind.

That verse means that some people believe:

- ⊕ **That we should worship the Lord** on the Sabbath, or Saturday,
- ⊕ **Other believe** that we should worship together on Sunday, because that was the day that Jesus rose from the dead.
- ⊕ **Others believe** that we should worship the Lord everyday of the week.

Paul wrote that it really doesn't matter what day we worship Jesus on, only that we do worship Him, and that we should be fully convinced that this is the day we want to worship Him on.

For hundreds of years, we have celebrated the birth of Jesus on December 25th.

- ⊕ **But Jesus church** did not begin celebrating His birthday at all until 400 years after He was born.
- ⊕ **We all know that the roots of that day**, December 25<sup>th</sup>, came from the pagan holiday of “*Saturnalia*”.
- ⊕ **It takes the earth 365.26 days** to go around the sun, making 1 year.
- ⊕ **December 25 is the “Winter Solstice”**, when the days are the shortest.
- ⊕ **In the “Summer Solstice”**, the days are the longest of the year, as the earth moves to the closest point of our orbit around the Sun..
- ⊕ **December 25th is the shortest day of the year**, from that day on, the days begin to get longer and longer again



**December 25th in ancient times, was the time of heathen festivities in worship of the sun.**

- ⊕ **On December 25th**, in celebrating “*Saturnalia*”, They ate big dinners, visited their friends.
- ⊕ **The halls of the Romans** were decked with **boughs of laurel and of green trees**, with lighted candles and with lamps.
- ⊕ **Bonfires were lit** in high places
- ⊕ **The practice of giving** and receiving presents was a part of this Roman holiday.
- ⊕ **Candles and green wreaths** were given as presents

Now, if we celebrate Jesus birth by eating together, giving presents, lighting a tree, and decorating, are we participating in the Pagan holiday of Saturnalia?

- ⊕ **Well let me ask you**, do you worship any of those pagan gods?
- ⊕ **No**, then who do you worship? **Jesus**.
- ⊕ **Then it doesn't matter** what day you celebrate His birthday, or if you choose to light a tree, exchange gifts or eat in calibration with friends.
- ⊕ **Paul was very clear over matters like this**, that is up to you and your own conscience.

### **Romans 14:14**

I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that **there is nothing unclean of itself**; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

There is nothing “Unclean” in a tree, **it is just a tree**, it depends on what you use that tree for.

- ⊕ **We taught our boys** that the red ornaments were Jesus Blood.
- ⊕ **The Gold** represented Jesus as being God.
- ⊕ **The silver** ornaments, Jesus redemption.
- ⊕ **The Green**, that Jesus gives new life to those who give their lives to Him...
- ⊕ **The lights on the tree** represented Jesus as the Light of the world.

2,000 years ago, some Christians had a real problem with other Christians that would eat a steak or some other cut of meat that had been given in worship of an Idol.

- ⊕ **After these meats were used** in their temple services to these pagan gods, the meat was then sold in the meat markets.
- ⊕ **Some believers felt** that it was wrong to eat meats offered to idols.
- ⊕ **Listen to what Paul said** about this:

### **1 Corinthians 8:4**

Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one.

### **1 Timothy 4:4-5**

4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving;

5 for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer

Just as the meats back then that were offered to idols was nothing, just meat, so is the tree, the ornaments, the lights and Christmas itself is nothing, it is what we do with these things that is important.

**Jesus has made us free and he wants for us to remain free.**

- ☞ **When we start putting all kinds of trips on people** and tell them that they cannot celebrate Christmas or Easter, because the pagans celebrate these days, we put people back under bondage.
- ☞ **If you celebrate Christmas** by loving, worshipping, and honoring Jesus Christ, then it doesn't matter how you decorate your house, or what you eat.
- ☞ **Don't let people make you feel** like you are some kind of a pagan because you love Christmas.

And if you love to celebrate Christmas, and you have a friend who also love the Lord Jesus but they do not feel for them that they can celebrate Christmas, for the sake of their own conscience, then don't you put your trips on them either.

**That being said, I want to tell you that most likely Jesus was not born on December 25th.**

### **Luke 2:8-20**

8 Now there were in the same country **shepherds living out in the fields**, keeping watch over their flock by night.

The shepherds in Israel would not be outside attending their flocks at night on December 25th.

- ☞ **In Bethlehem**, in winter, the Temperatures often get below freezing.
- ☞ **Shepherds did not attend their flocks at night** in winter they put them into pens at night.
- ☞ **The reason that Luke mentions** that the shepherds were outside, is a hint for us the time of year that this all happened.
- ☞ **Also, remember** that a census had been called for by the Roman government.
- ☞ **Every man had to return** to the place of his ancestors birth to register for this census.
- ☞ **The Roman government** would not have called for people to return to their place of birth during winter, that would have been extremely poor planning.
- ☞ **They called for the census** in the fall, not the winter

**But the best, and most reliable source for the correct time of year Jesus was born, is the Bible itself.**

### **Luke 1:5**

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a **certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah**. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. John the Baptist father Zechariah had his turn come up to serve in the Temple.

- ☞ **These men were chosen to serve in the temple** according to the "*Course*", or turn they were under.
- ☞ **There were 8 courses**, in which each priest served 2 weeks per hear.

Now, when the Roman army came in and destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A. D. and destroyed the temple, the historian Josephus tells us that “The first course” of these priests had just taken place.

- ☞ **This makes it possible** for us to figure out what time of the year, John the Baptist father Zechariah was in the Temple serving.
- ☞ **We know that as soon as Zechariah came out of the temple** and had finished his time of service, that **his wife Elizabeth became pregnant with John the Baptist** shortly after,
- ☞ **We know** that John the Baptist is 6 months older than Jesus.
- ☞ **If we go 6 months after John the Baptists** birth, we get the date of Jesus Birth.
- ☞ **If you put all of this information together**, you get this:

Course Of:	Dates	What Happened:
1 Jehoiarib	August 5, 70 A. D.	Jerusalem Destroyed by Titus, <b>first course over.</b>
2 Jedaiah	<b>52 Weeks later...</b>	<b>All priests perform their duties....</b>
3 Harim		
4 Seorim		
5 Malchijah		
6 Mijamin		
7 Hakkoz		
8 Abijah	Zechariah Finished, July 13, 3 B. C.	Elizabeth, Zechariahs wife, becomes pregnant.
	January 13 <sup>th</sup> 2 B.C	6 months later Jesus conceived.
	<b>September 29th, 2 B. C.</b>	<b>9 months later, Jesus born.</b>
	April 6 <sup>th</sup> 32 A. D.	Jesus rides into Jerusalem as Messiah
	April 14 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday) Passover	Jesus Crucified

It is interesting that the 29th of September places Jesus Birth as the Beginning of “**The Feast of Trumpets**”, the 1st of “Tishri”.

- ☞ **If Jesus will return for us** as we think that He may, during the time of the Feast of Trumpets, then it makes sense that He also came the first time, during the Feast of Trumpets?

**Luke 2**

9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.  
 10 Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, **I bring you good tidings of great joy** which will be to all people.  
 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David **a Savior**, who is Christ the Lord.

12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, 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, goodwill toward men!”

15 So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that **the shepherds said to one another, “Let us now go to Bethlehem** and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.”

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

17 Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child.

18 And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

20 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

**Notice that the “Wise Men” are not here at the birth of Jesus, they don’t come till later when Jesus is 1 or 2 years old...**

Who does Jesus first come to? Shepherds.

- ☞ **Did you know that back then**, the shepherd was hated and despised?
- ☞ **They were considered** at the bottom of the classes of people.
- ☞ **Kind of like** used car salesmen are today...
- ☞ **Hey, I’m not picking on Used car salesmen**, I used to be one many years ago and look the Lord has redeemed me.
- ☞ **One thing is for sure**, if you really get to know me, you will understand just why Jesus ability to change a persons life is such a miracle.
- ☞ **Maybe Jesus has changed your life** and you remember what kind of a person you used to be...

**If nothing in the Bible is there by accident, but is there on purpose, then what is the Holy Spirit saying, by Jesus first coming to the lowly Shepherds?**

### **Psalms 138:6**

Though the LORD is on high, Yet He regards the lowly;

### **Matthew 26:6**

And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper

When Jesus was on his way to be crucified, do you know who was there with Him, while all of the men disciples had run away and hid? Mary Magdalene.

- ☞ **Mary had been a prostitute** before she met Jesus.
- ☞ **Now Jesus had washed away her sins** and given her a brand new life.

- ☞ **Don't miss this important point**, Mary was from Magdala, do you know what Magdala was famous for? Great numbers of Demon possessed people.
- ☞ **Mary was most likely demon possessed** when she was also a prostitute.
- ☞ **Here she is now**, with Jesus as He carries His Cross up the hill...

### **Matthew 27:55-56**

55 And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar,

56 among whom were Mary Magdalene...

Jesus is the friend of sinners...**Man am I glad, because I was one big sinner**...if it was true that the walls would fall in on the church that a sinner went to, then this place would have collapsed a long time ago...

- ☞ **No, Jesus came for people** who are despised by the world.
- ☞ **Men and women** who have messed their lives up.
- ☞ **People who have been hurt** and taken advantage of by other people.
- ☞ **Jesus came to heal** and restore sinners.
- ☞ **I need it Lord Jesus**, because I a one of the worst.
- ☞ **If you are here this morning** and deep in your heart, you are ashamed of the things that you have done in your life, **Jesus is your friend**.
- ☞ **Jesus died so that you could be forgiven**, He took your place at the judgment, so that you could go free, if you will believe it.
- ☞ **Jesus can give you a brand new life** this Sunday before Christmas, is right now where you sit, you just say, "Jesus be merciful to me a sinner."

On the very day that Jesus was dying for us, hanging there on the Cross, one of the other criminals that was also hanging on a cross next to Jesus, had heard and seen all that Jesus had been doing while He was being crucified, and he turned to Jesus and said:

### **Luke 23:42-43**

42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, **today you will be with Me in Paradise**

Jesus is the friend of sinners, and He has been giving people new lives for more that 2,000 years now...THIS IS THE REASON THAT THIS KING CAME...FOR YOU.

### **Luke 2:21-39**

21 And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

2,000 years ago, they did not have the medical knowledge that a baby is born with a vitamin deficiency that allows our blood to clot when we are cut or injured.

- ☞ **That compound** is Vitamin K.

- ☞ **It is not until the 8th day of a baby's life**, that the baby's body begins to manufacture vitamin K.
- ☞ **4,000 years ago**, the Lord told us that the circumcision of a baby boy is not to be done until he is 8 days old.
- ☞ **Long before man knew about this**, the Lord knew, and this is why man does not live by his own wisdom or the wisdom of the world, HE LIVES BY EVERY WORD THAT COMES FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD...

## **Luke 2**

22 Now when **the days of her purification** according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Jesus to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord

23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD"),

24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

According to the Old Testament law, 30 days after a woman had a baby, there was a period of time for her purification that was required.

- ☞ **33 days** if she had a baby boy, 66 days if she had a baby girl.
- ☞ **The reason** that it was twice as long for baby girls, seems to be tied to the fact that Eve was deceived by satan and fell, therefore woman bearing the greater responsibility.

## **Luke 2**

23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD"),

The firstborn male of the family was to be given back to the Lord as the priest of the family.

- ☞ **Later on**, the Lord made those from the tribe of Levi the priests, so this practice was discontinued.

## **Leviticus 12:6-8**

6 "When the days of her purification are fulfilled, whether for a son or a daughter, she shall bring to the priest a lamb of the first year as a burnt offering, and a young pigeon or a turtledove as a sin offering, to the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

7 Then he shall offer it before the LORD, and make atonement for her. And she shall be clean from the flow of her blood. This is the law for her who has borne a male or a female.

8 "**And if she is not able to bring a lamb, then she may bring two turtledoves** or two young pigeons—one as a burnt offering and the other as a sin offering. So the priest shall make atonement for her, and she will be clean.'"

**These offering to the Lord were made at the birth of every baby.**

Every male baby was:

- ☞ **Circumcised** the 8<sup>th</sup> day.
- ☞ **Purified** by sacrifice.
- ☞ **Dedicated** to the Lord at the Temple.

Jesus, the Bible say, is the Eternal, living God who made everything that exists, He was not born with sin as e were, but was perfect from the day of His birth, and yet, Jesus still goes through all the same things that any baby born then had to do, WHY?

### **Hebrews 4:15**

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, **but was in all points** tempted as we are, yet without sin

In order that you might know that Jesus understands everything that you go through in your life, Jesus also went through all those things.

**Luke records that Jesus did everything that the Law of God required...**

### **Matthew 3:13-15**

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?”

15 But Jesus answered and said to him, **“Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”**

Jesus didn't have to be Baptized, He didn't have to have a n offering for his sin made at his birth, but he did these things to show us that he was doing everything that the Father required, so that Jesus could be qualified to be our Savior.

**Notice that Leviticus says that if a young couple cannot afford the lamb for the sacrifice, they can bring 2 doves.**

### **Leviticus 12**

8 “And if she is not able to bring a lamb, then she may bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons—one as a burnt offering and the other as a sin offering. So the priest shall make atonement for her, and she will be clean

Jesus was not born into a wealthy and powerful family, He was born into a family that couldn't even afford a lamb for the required sacrifice.

- ☞ **Remember** that Jesus had already offered His life for your, long before the heavens of the earth was even made.
- ☞ **So He willingly** chose to be born into a poor family.
- ☞ **Jesus willingly came into the world** under difficult circumstances.

- ☞ **He did this** so that you would know that **He understand how you feel** when you are struggling and going through painful times.

**Mary and Joseph didn't not have much money, but they still gave to the Lord of what they had.**

- ☞ **The Lord provided** a way for people who didn't have much income, to still be able to give back to Him an offering.
- ☞ **It wasn't the offering that was the most important**, it was the heart behind the offering, that said: *"Lord you are first in my life, first in my finances...so here is an offering, as a part of my love and worship to you..."*

## **Luke 2**

25 And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was **Simeon**, and this man was just and devout, **waiting for the Consolation of Israel**, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law,

28 he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:

29 "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace,  
According to Your word;

30 **For my eyes have seen Your salvation**

31 Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,

32 A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles,  
And the glory of Your people Israel."

**Simeon was just a man who had lived his entire life, waiting for and believing in the promises of God.**

- ☞ **He just wanted** to see Jesus.
- ☞ **That was the reason** the he lived.
- ☞ **And notice**, he gets what he asked for.
- ☞ **He is seeing the Lord** of heaven **with his own eyes**, as a tiny baby.

Notice that the place that Simeon finds the Lord is at the Temple, and he found Jesus there, because he was expecting to find him there.

**When we come into the Lords house and expect to hear from Him and expect to see Him, we will see Him.**

- ☞ **The secret to receiving from the Lord** is to come into His house on Sunday or Wednesday and **EXPECT** to hear from Him.
- ☞ **If we come in with** *"a bored and I don't really care attitude"*, **we are not going to receive anything from the Lord.**

- ☞ **If we come in** with “a *Bad attitude, or a critical spirit*”, **we will not be able to receive any thing.**

### **Isaiah 66:2**

For thus says the Lord...“But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word.

If you and I were sitting together and you were trying to talk to me and I just kind of looked off in the distance and yawned allot and didn't pay much attention to you, **how would you feel.**

**A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go into the sanctuary, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in the sanctuary?"**

**Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping**

- ☞ **Yet, sometimes** we come into the Lords house, and the worship begins, and we have an opportunity to really open up our heart and worship our God, but instead we are thinking about lots of other things.
- ☞ **I have seen people** talking and reading during worship...
- ☞ **I see people coming in late** and walk right up in the front of everyone, and suddenly all focus is off Jesus, and onto the person that just walked into the room.
- ☞ **How do you think** that makes the Lord feel?

**Perhaps during the study of Gods Word, we are distracted and not really paying attention, even dozing off and on...**

- ☞ **The Lord is a living, Majestic being,** How do you think he feels when He wants to talk to us, and we are not even paying any attention to Him?

Simeon was seeking the Lord with ALL of his heart, and he found Him...

### **Luke 2**

33 And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him.

34 Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against

35 (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

**Imagine Mary's heart...her little boy, beaten so badly that He was no longer recognizable as a human being, Isaiah Said, she is His mother and she is watching this, and she can't run over and pick Him up and comfort Him...HER HEART WAS PIERCED THROUGH...**

### **Luke 2**

36 Now there was one, **Anna, a prophetess,** the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity;

37 and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, **who did not depart from the temple, but served God** with fastings and prayers night and day.

38 And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

39 So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth.

Just as Simeon was waiting for the Lord, and found Him, here also is Anna, also advanced in years, but still waiting for her King to come...

- ☞ **Anna was a prophetess**, not one who predicts the future, but a woman who spoke the word of God to other people, probably a great encourager of other younger ladies.

### **Titus 2:3-4**

3 the older women likewise, ...

4 that they admonish the young ...

**Anna also**, *“Did not depart from the Temple.*

- ☞ **You know, there are certain people** that every time the doors are open here at church, **they are here...**
- ☞ **They really want to hear** from the Lord.
- ☞ **They really love** the fellowship of other believers.
- ☞ **They believe** that if they come with a heart expecting to receive from the Lord that they will receive.

**And these are the ones that grow so fast it is amazing...**

- ☞ **These are men and women** who have real joy in their lives.
- ☞ **They don't have any less trials** than the rest of us.
- ☞ **But they have joy**, even while in trials.
- ☞ **They have a quality of life** that is rich and full.

**Jesus had become Anna's whole life...and so here we see her, waiting for the Lord...**

- ☞ **Oh that Jesus would become** for us more than just a Sunday service.
- ☞ **Oh that Jesus would become so important** to us, that we just cannot stand to be away from this place to gather with other believers.
- ☞ **Jesus wants to become your life**, and nothing less, and when we learn that, we will really begin to be whole people.

Listen, Jesus created His church for a reason. There is a dynamic that happens here, that you cannot get anyplace else.

- ☞ **Jesus made it** so that when we gather together and love each other and study His Word and worship Him, that our lives become full of Joy.

☞ **You just cannot get that sitting at home** or worshiping or studying by yourself.

David said:

**Psalms 122:1**

I was glad when they said to me, "**Let us go into the house of the LORD.**"

**Psalms 84:4**

Blessed are those who  **dwell in Your house**; They will still be praising You

**Psalms 26:8**

**I love your sanctuary, LORD**, the place where your glory shines

In just one week, we will celebrate Jesus coming to us...

- ☞ **It doesn't matter** if He was born on September 29<sup>th</sup>, or December 25<sup>th</sup>.
- ☞ **A king has come**, and this is not just any King, Jesus is King of all Kings, and Lord of all Lords.
- ☞ **Someday, the Bible says** that "Every Knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord..."

**Philippians 2:9-11**

9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Jesus and given Him the name which is above every name,  
10 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,  
11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father

Today, with whatever is going on in your life, you can bow your heart and your knee to Jesus **willingly** and ask Him for His mercy and His help and find that He is able to do all of the things that you cannot do yourself in your life...

**Or you can harden your heart, refuse to bow to Him, and continue on in your life, living for yourself and becoming more and more dissatisfied with life and having less and less peace...**

**This is why Jesus came...FOR YOU...That you might have life, and that life, more abundant...**

**Two boys were walking home from Sunday school talking about Christmas day that was coming the next week.**

They had just heard about satan in children's church... One boy said to the other little boy, "*What do you think about all this Satan stuff?*"

The other small boy replied, "*Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just*

*your dad."*

**Jesus did come, he is real, and He wants to work in your life, He gave up everything, just so you could know Him and have a personal relationship with Him...**