

# The HighwayMen

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Special points of interest:

- WHO WILL LEAD OUR NATION INTO PEACE WITH THE HOLY GOD AND HUMANITY?
- WILL ISRAEL FIND TRUE PEACE BEFORE SHE WELCOMES THE PRINCE OF PEACE SHE CRUCIFIED IN THE FIRST CENTURY?

## Believing On Thee HIGHWAYMAN:

IN THESE DIFFICULT DAYS IN THE ROMANIZED WORLD, WE SEARCH FOR SOMEONE TO LEAD US TO **PROSPERITY AND PEACE!**

THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE WERE STRUGGLING WITH THEIR ROMAN RULERS. THE NATION OF ISRAEL WAS BEING DELIBERATELY CRUSHED.

**THE COMING INTO THE WORLD OF JESUS CHRIST, THE KING OF THE JEWS, AND MESSIAH, WOULD BE THE BEGINNING OF A "NEW WAY OF LIFE!"**

**PEACE WITH THE HOLY GOD**, IN A WORLD AT WAR, WAS THE LONGING OF THE DISCOURAGED MASSES.

**JESUS CHRIST, "THE ULTIMATE HIGHWAYMAN" CAME, FULLY PREPARED TO GIVE UP HIS VERY LIFE, TO DO THE WILL OF GOD HIS HOLY FATHER AND MAKE A WAY OF HOLY PEACE BETWEEN BOTH THE HOLY CREATOR GOD. AND MAN, AND HIS FELLOWMAN! BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED SONS OF GOD!**

12 MEN WOULD BE THE FIRST TRAINED TO CAREFULLY FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF **JESUS, THE CHRIST!**

NONE OF THESE MEN WERE HIGHLY EDUCATED IN THE PHILOSOPHIES OF THE GREEKS OR ROMANS. FIVE OR SIX OF THEM WERE SIMPLE FISHERMEN.

**YET JESUS CHRIST WAS A "WATCH ME AND LEARN" TEACHER. HE WAS THE WORD OF GOD IN HUMAN FORM., WHO WOULD SHOW GREAT PATIENCE, EVEN WITH "HOT HEADED" SIMON, WHOM HE RE-NAMED "PETER!"**

**JESUS, THE SON OF GOD**, HAD A WAY WITH PEOPLE. UPON SEEING SIMON WASHING HIS FISHING NETS, HE STEPPED RIGHT INTO HIS FISHING BOAT, AND ASKED HIM TO SHOVE IT OFF SHORE, INTO THE SHORELINE WATERS. HE MUST HAVE SURPRISED SIMON, WHEN **THIS POWERFUL TEACHER POWERFULLY SPOKE TO THE PEOPLE ON THE SHORE.** NOW SIMON'S BUSINESS WAS FISHING, NOT CHUAFERING A PREACHER AROUND ON THE GALILEE. **WHERE DID THIS HIGHWAYMAN COME FROM ANYWAY?**

**BUT JESUS CHRIST CARED ENOUGH FOR SIMON, AND HIS BROTHERS ANDREW, JAMES AND JOHN**, WHO HAD JUST WORKED ALL NIGHT LONG WITHOUT A CATCH, TO SHOW THEM WHERE THE BIG FISH WERE OUT IN **"THE DEEPER WATERS."**

AT FIRST SIMON RESISTED **JESUS' ADVICE**, BUT SOMEHOW HE KNEW THAT **JESUS WAS "A FISHERMAN OF A HIGHER CALIBER"**, SO HE CONSENTED, AND ROLLED

### OUT INTO THE DEEP SEA.

ANDREW, HE REMEMBERED HAD TOLD HIM ABOUT THIS **TEACHER**, AND INTRODUCED HIM ONE DAY ENROUTE TO JERUSALEM.

**THEN JESUS** COMMANDED THE BROTHERS **TO CAST THEIR NETS INTO THE DEEP SEA**, AND TO SIMON'S SURPRISE, THEY CAUGHT SO MANY FISH THEIR BOAT WAS ABOUT TO SINK.

TODAY, A MAN OF GREAT PRIDE AND STUBBORNNESS, WOULD FALL TO HIS KNEES, AND ASK **THIS LORD JESUS, SON OF GOD** TO **"GO AWAY FROM ME, LORD; I AM A SINFUL MAN!"**

**YET CHRIST CALLED HIM TO FOLLOW HIM.** SIMON WOULD BE **"CEPHAS"** ARAMAIC, AND **"PETROS"** GREEK MEANING **"ROCK"** OR **PETER.**

THIS NEW **"PETER"** WOULD LEARN HUMILITY FROM THE EXAMPLE OF **THIS NEW MASTER**, AND HE WOULD EVENTUALLY LAY HIS LIFE DOWN, **AS PART OF THE FOUNDATION OF CHRIST'S CHURCH!**

**YES, JESUS CHRIST, "THE ULTIMATE HIGHWAYMAN" WOULD LAY HIS LIFE DOWN FIRST. AND FOREVER BE "THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE" OF THE HOLY GOD'S —NEW HOUSE, — CALLED "THE CHURCH!" THE DWELLING PLACE OF HIS HOLY SPIRIT!**