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IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME, A BRIGHT AND MIGHTY STAR ROSE IN THE EAST, LIKE THE RISING OF THE SUN IN THE SKY!

THE ULTIMATE HIGHWAYMAN RODE INTO TOWN: How so you ask?

In the Womb of a Virgin (Gk Parthenos= a woman who has never had sexual intercourse with a man) - about to Deliver. Ridding into Bethlehem on a humble donkey. Who would have guest **A KING COM-**



ING, except 3 Wise Men; Yes, Highwaymen, Magi, even Star-gazers on Camels! They Rode right into Jerusalem

and asked old 'king'

Herod, "Where Is HE BORN-KING of the Jews?" These Highwaymen were Fearless Seekers, who refused to obey the 'puppet' king! And Upon finding **THE KING IN BETHLEHEM**, they did not report back to old Herod. They chose another Highway back to the Far East.

THEY HAD SEEN "THE DESIRE OF ALL NATIONS" FACE TO FACE, AND WERE SATISFIED! While many Highway-



men travel past the Great Star Rising in the East, some will stop, take notice, and 3 will follow. It is very possible these Wise Men

came from Babylon, For the Jews lived there for 70 years, and probably spoke often of their coming KING AND SAVIOR. Even as close as 37 BC, when Herod imported as 'High Priest', a priest from Babylon, named Hananel. (Babylonia is now part of modern day Iraq).

It helps to understand that Herod was born, (72 BC), —not from the Jewish Bloodline. His father 'Antipater' an Idumaen was conquered, and forcibly converted to Judaism by John Hyrcanus I. Around 107 BC. (in 42 BC, Caesar is counted as 'god of the state')— So (king) Herod Traveled to Rome (40 BC) where he was "Appointed king of the Jews" a Puppet, by the Roman Senate. Later (30 BC) Octavian confirms him as "king of the Jews" because he bowed his Crown to Octavian Caesar- (deemed, 'son of god', soon to be named "Augustus" or "Revered one", yes, man had already set his 'gods' in high places of power, before the **REAL SON OF GOD rode into Bethlehem!**



TRAVELING THE HIGHWAYS TO EGYPT

The Son of GOD, was also the **Son of Man. Born into the hardships of Mary, his Natural family.**

Born in a Stable around 6 BC, Announced by Angels & Shepherds. Taken to the Tem-

ple, a month old. Visited by Wise men, endowed with gifts. -But old king Herod commanded His slaughter. So Mary & Joseph took Him to Egypt.



Traveling the Highways to Nazareth

Mt 2:19-23 "But after Herod's death an Angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said to him, "Rise from sleep, and take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." So he roused himself and took the Child and His mother and came into the land of Israel. and went and settled in a town called **Nazareth**, in order that these words spoken through the Prophets might be fulfilled, <"He shall be called a **Nazarene**.">

After having spent 2



or 3 years in Egypt, the birthplace of the Jewish Nation, Having escaped death, like Moses, as an infant. Jesus crosses the Desert back to Palestine.

By now some important changes have taken place. Herod, the 'puppet king' is dead and his kingdom is no more. Caesar Augustus divides Herod's rule between his 3 sons, but none are given the title of "king". (The next to be titled "King of the

Jews" will be Jesus Christ by the Roman Governors Herod of Galilee & Pontius Pilate of Judea (Matt 27:37) Jesus' family settles in the town of Nazareth. There, consecrated by and dedicated to GOD, He would work in Joseph's Carpenter Shop till He was 30 yrs old and Called to GOD'S Service for His final 3 1/2 yrs.



Traveling on to the Jordan River

At this stage I want to remind you that THIS ULTIMATE HIGHWAY-MAN did all His Traveling by Foot or Donkey. We could not even measure the dusty miles He covered to Care for others. Matt 3:13-17 "Just at that time Jesus, coming from Galilee to the Jordan, presents Himself to John to be **Baptized** by him. John protested. "It is I," he said, "who have need to be **Bap-**

tized by You, and do You come to me?" "Let it be so on this occasion," Jesus replied; "for so We ought to fulfill every religious duty." Then he consented; and **Jesus** was **Baptized**, and immediately went up from the water. **At that moment THE HEAVENS OPENED, and he Saw THE SPIRIT OF GOD**

DESCENDING LIKE A DOVE AND ALIGHTING UPON HIM, while A Voice CAME From HEAVEN, Saying, "THIS IS MY SON, THE DEARLY LOVED, IN WHOM IS MY DELIGHT!"



40 DAYS THROUGH THE DESERT

Can you imagine spending the heat of the Day in the Desert Sun, no water, no food, ALL ALONE? How about 40 days and nights with no Water or food? Now add -the Devil on your case! Mt 4:1 "At that time Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the Desert in order to be Tempted by the Devil.



Mt 4:2 There He Fasted for Forty days and nights; and after that He suffered from hunger. So the Tempter came and said, "If

You are the **Son of GOD**, command these stones to turn into loaves." "It is written," replied Jesus, "It is not on bread alone that a man shall live, but on whatsoever **GOD** shall appoint." Then the Devil took Him to the Holy City and caused Him to stand on the roof of the **Temple**, and said, "If you are **GOD'S Son**, throw yourself down; for it is writ-

ten, <"To His Angels He Will Give Orders Concerning Thee, and on their hands they shall bear Thee up, lest at any moment Thou should strike Thy foot against a stone."> "Again it is written," replied Jesus, "Thou shalt not put the Lord thy **GOD** to the proof."

The Devil rarely comes himself to tempt a man, but **THIS WAS THE SON OF GOD/SON OF MAN**, the Devil recognized that!

UPON THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN

Matt 4:8 "Then the Devil (Diabolos) Took Him to the top of an exceedingly lofty mountain (beyond measure, very chiefest, Tallest. Denoting Influence and honor, Aspiration To Power), from which he caused Him to See (Exposed His eyes to) all the Kingdoms (Dominion and Rule) of the world and their Splendor (exterior brightness), and said to Him, "All this (these things, kingdoms, individually and collectively) I will give (over to) YOU, if YOU will kneel down (lower Yourself Positionally, to worship) and do me homage."

"Begone, Satan!" Jesus replied; "for it is written, <`To the Lord thy GOD thou shalt do homage, and to Him Alone shalt thou Render Worship.">

THE ULTIMATE HIGHWAYMAN was proven to be Faithful to His GOD, now Diabolos saw there was no chance of buying Him Out. Disappointed, he left Jesus Christ SON OF GOD!

Matt 4:11 "Thereupon the Devil left Him, and Angels at once Came and Ministered to Him." (WNT)



PAST NAZARETH TO CAPERNAUM

When Jesus got word that John the Baptist was arrested, He returned to Galilee. He Traveled from His hometown Nazareth to the Lakeside Village of Capernaum, nestled at the base of the Zebulon and Naphtali hills. This move completed the Prophet Isaiah's Words. Mt 4:15-19 "Zebulon's land and Naphtali's land; the road by the Lake (Galilee); the country beyond the Jordan; **Galilee of the Nations!** The people who were dwelling in darkness have seen **A Brilliant**

Light; and on those who were dwelling in the region of the shadow of death, on them **light has dawned.**" From that time Jesus began to preach. "Repent," He said, "for **The Kingdom** of the Heavens is now close at hand." And walking along the shore of the Lake of Galilee He saw two brothers-- Simon called **Peter** and

his brother **Andrew**--throwing a **drag-net** into the Lake; for they were fishers. And He said to them, "**Come and follow Me, and I will make you Fishers of Men.**" —JESUS Calls THE WORKING MAN TO HIS 'HIGHWAY Of Service'!



THE ULTIMATE HIGHWAYMAN ARRIVES IN JERUSALEM

The King Born to the Jews Travels to Jerusalem! It was past time to Clean House! John 2:13 "But the Jewish Passover was approaching, and for this **Jesus** went up to **Jerusalem.** And He found in the **Temple** the **dealers** in cattle and sheep and in pigeons, and the **money-changers** sitting there. So He plaited a whip of rushes, and drove all--both sheep and bullocks--out of the **Temple.** The small coin of the brokers He upset

on the ground and overturned their tables. (not politically correct?, —He was **The Son, The Lord** of the House of GOD)



This Son of GOD didn't take lightly the Desecration of His "Father's House." There are some things that just don't belong in Christ's Church. It is a House of Prayer for All Nations. And to the pigeon-dealers He said, "**Take these Things away. Do not Turn My Father's House Into a MARKET.**" —JESUS. (WNT)

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Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man has come to Seek and to Save that which was lost."

Luke 19:12 He said therefore, `A Certain Man of (Royal) Birth went on to a far country (Heaven), to take to Himself A Kingdom, and to Return, (to Earth), A SECOND COMING! YES

JESUS CHRIST THE ULTIMATE HIGHWAYMAN IS STILL TRAVELING!

The Ultimate Highwayman, The Son of GOD, The Builder of His Church, would risk His Precious life Twice to Cleanse The Temple in Jerusalem. —(John 2:13-22 & Matthew 21:12-13).

There is a world of opposition to A Highwayman who only had 3 1/2 years to bring His Words to the world. His last week of Ministry in Jerusalem would be filled with dangers, all the same He would RIDE INTO HIS CAPITAL CITY:

HIS TRIUMPHAL ENTRY would be upon the back of a young donkey colt, never before ridden. (Luke 19:30-42 WNT) "So He rode on, while they carpeted the road with their garments. And when He was now getting near Jerusalem, and descending the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began in their joy to praise God in loud voices for all the mighty deeds they had witnessed. <"Blessed is> **The King,**" they cried, <"who comes in the name of the Lord:> in Heaven peace, and glory in the highest realms." Thereupon some of the Pharisees in the crowd appealed to Him, saying, "Rabbi, reprove your disciples." **"I tell you," He replied, "that if *they* became silent, the very stones would cry out."** When He came into full view of the city, He wept aloud over it, and exclaimed, **"O that at this time thou hadst known--yes even thou--what makes peace possible! But now it is hid from thine eyes."** — **JESUS CHRIST. PRINCE OF PEACE.**



THE DIFICULT ROAD TRAVELED TO SAVE THE WORLD

In order to better appreciate the Love of this Highwayman for the world, we will recount just a few of the events on His Road stretching out before Him.

In the Spring of 30 AD, having ridden to Jerusalem, he would first clean house at the temple, Teach there, celebrate the Passover with His disciples by instituting 'the Lord's Supper' in the upper room, wash their feet before His Gethsemane ordeal. He would suffer betrayal by one of His own, be arrested, deserted, stand trial by the high priest & Council. Be sent to Trial before the Roman Governor Pontius Pilate, facing false accusations. But Pilate finds no Fault in this

"King of the Jews". Then, a Trial before Herod of Galilean rule who finds no fault in Him, dresses THIS KING in Royal Purple and sends Him back to Pilate who is forced by False accusers to sentence Him to Crucifixion.

Luke 23:13 "Then calling together the High Priests and the Rulers and the people, Pilate said, "You have brought this man to me on a charge of corrupting the loyalty of the people. But, you see, I have examined Him in your presence and have discovered in The Man no ground for the accusations which you bring against Him. No, nor does Herod; for he has sent Him back to us; and, you SEE, there is nothing He has done that deserves death." **But they insist, so Pilate**

has Him Scourged (39 lashes), now He is lead to Golgotha (Mt Calvary), nailed to A CROSS, lives 6 more hours in pain, defended by a thief who is promised "Paradise." He gives up The SPIRIT, dies, descends into Hades, is buried, rises on the 3 rd Day. Instruct His disciples for 40 more days, gives them His Holy Spirit, promises to Return To Earth while He ascends to Heaven before many Witnesses.

