

**Message# 229\_2-19-2023 - You Call Yourself a Christian, Come out of the Closet**  
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Good morning everyone. Thank you for tuning into the message this morning.

I want to remind you again of the prayer requests that are on the website. Please visit the website and be sure and keep those requests in your prayers. And, if you would like to be added to the prayer requests, just send me an email and I'll get your request added.

Alright. Let's get right into today's message. Last week, I preached a message to you, titled, "You Call Yourself a Christian, Come out of the Closet." It is my intention to continue that somewhat this morning, then, hopefully get back into answering some emails that are requiring me to once again address - not just the word - but the concept "church." This goes hand-in-hand with the message concerning "Come out of the Closet."

Eventually, this is going to get into "How does coming out of the closet bring about change?" How does living a life outside of men's little g "governments" bring about change? I am, of course, I am, going to show you examples from the Scriptures showing you how living a life according to the belief that the only Government that is God Ordained - the Only Government that is not living in rebellion to the King of kings and Lord of lords - is the only way to bring about any meaningful culture change.

You have, if you have listened to my messages in the past, you have heard me say that if those who called themselves Christians - would begin to act like it - the world could be turned upside down - if not overnight - but in a relatively short period of time.

That statement, in my opinion, has not only NOT received a lot of traction, but in some ways has actually been scoffed at. Irregardless of the clear teaching from the Word of God that when men and women, boys and girls DID actually live like the Christian examples from the Scriptures, the Bible records - well - let's just look at it again. Of the several passages of Scriptures that I often refer to in trying to make the foundational point that we - those of who claim to be followers of Jesus Christ are to be exclusive Citizens of the Commonwealth of Israel, we are to be obey only the Statutes contained in the Word of God and what God has revealed to us in nature - in His Creation - this is one of - what should be - the easiest passages of Scriptures for Christians to

understand.

Please turn to Acts chapter 17. Let's begin with verse 1.

[1] Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews:

[2] And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

[3] Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

We have to remember this. He preached CHRIST. Jesus was the Christ.

[4] And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.

[5] But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

[6] And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

[7] Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another King, One Jesus.

[8] And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.

As I have read and studied and tried to apply these principles in my own life for so many years, verses 6, 7 and 8 are the verses that have impacted me most.

Verse 6:

And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

Friends, make no mistake what is taking place here. The followers of Jesus Christ are being publicly accused to the - as the KJV Bible says - "rulers of the city."

In Mr. Strong's elementary dictionary - and I'm not making light there - I'm just reminding us that his dictionary concordance is very basic Greek - he says the word here is *politarchēs* [πολιτάρχης] which means

a town-officer, i.e. magistrate:—ruler of the city.

If you were to go to page 528 of Mr. Thayer's Greek Lexicon, you'll pretty much find exactly the same thing that Mr. Strong said; a ruler of a city or citizens. In Mr. Strong's definition he says to see

*πόλις πόλις, pol'-is; probably from the same as G4171, or perhaps from G4183; a town (properly, with walls, of greater or less size):—city.*

He also says to reference G757 *archo* which means

*to be first (in political rank or power):—reign (rule) over.*

Again, make no mistake about this, friends. This passage is not talking about religious “church” leaders with nothing more than figure-head power or authority - as in today. We are talking about those men who were in places of having power - power to imprison people, power to execute people. This is the “government” of their day - with cops and persecutors and judges and courts. This is the same situation we find ourselves in today. Because men and women boys and girls refuse to obey and follow *the King* - and because they continue to set themselves up as rulers over other men - what these men - Paul and Silas were going through on that day - was exactly the same as if men were brought into the courts of men today. To face accusations, to face persecutors, judges, courtrooms - it's the same thing.

These town officers are cops, clerks, persecutors; they were magistrates, judges. And their accusers said to the *politarchēs* -

These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

I did some research to try to find out possibly, when this occurred. I realize that historians simply cannot be trusted. But there have been some men who have tried to analyze the Book of Acts as best they can - and some of them reason that these events recorded here in Acts chapter 17, took place around 49 ad. If the death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ took place somewhere around 30 ad (give or

take) - we are talking about a mere 19 years or so - since the apostles of Jesus Christ were accused of turning the world upside down.

It doesn't matter whether we have the exact dates figured out or not - the point is - this was a relatively short period of time. It did not take very long for the world to stand up and notice that the Gospel of King Jesus - was changing the world - to the extent the accusation was called "turning the world upside down." Friends, this creates another issue that must be addressed.

What did it mean "upside down?" Let's go back to our Greek dictionaries of words used at the time. Mr. Strong says the Greek word is *anastatoō*.

And it means,

*turn upside down (1x), make an uproar (1x), trouble (1x). properly, to drive out of home, i.e. (by implication) to disturb (literally or figuratively):—trouble, turn upside down, make an uproar.*

Mr. Thayer describes it this way.

*ἀναστατόω, -ῶ; 1 aorist ἀνεστάτωσα; a verb found nowhere in secular authors, but [in Daniel 7:23 Sept.; Deuteronomy 29:27 Graecus Venetus] several times in the O. T. fragments of Aquila [e. g. Psalm 10:1] and Symmachus [e. g. Psalm 58:11; Isaiah 22:3], and in Eustathius (from ἀνάστατος, driven from one's abode, outcast, or roused up from one's situation; accordingly equivalent to ἀνάστατον ποιῶ), to stir up, excite, unsettle; followed by an accusative*

*a. to excite tumults and seditions in the State: Acts 17:6; Acts 21:38.*

*b. to upset, unsettle, minds by disseminating religious error: Galatians 5:12.*

Very interesting that Mr. Thayer says to see Daniel 7:23. Now listen to me, please. I have cited Mr. Thayer - and yes - authoritatively in many instances because of his obvious command of the ancient Greek. That doesn't mean he's infallible. That doesn't mean he didn't make any mistakes. If he had said something that didn't line up with Scripture - I'd absolutely toss it out. But, when he cites Scripture references to make his Greek points, I perk up even more. Take a look at Daniel 7:23 that he referenced regarding turning the world upside down.

Daniel 7:23 is speaking of the final kingdom/government of men and the establishing of

the Kingdom of Christ. It's the final Kingdom, the final Government in the vision that Daniel was interpreting. Read what was said about that last and final government of men - one that God allowed to exist because of the rebellion of men. Then, read about the Government that replaced that one. This is the Government established by King Jesus in the first century when He took the Promised Throne of David.

[23] Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

[24] And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

[25] And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

[26] But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

[27] And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

[28] Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

The apostles knew the teachings of Daniel. They knew that Jesus Christ was born to be King. They said it, over and over and over. They understood His life, His ministry. They understood Daniel's prophecy

And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

Then, they understood the fulfillment of Daniel's interpretation to mean the implementation of the Government of God - that *that's* what their purpose was. That's what their job was. That's what gave their life meaning and they taught this and lived it - and because of it - they caused great tumult - even rising to the accusation of sedition among those that heard this Gospel.

Paul and Silas, in preaching the Gospel of the Government of God were driving men from their comfort zones. They were challenging their minds and their preconceived ideas and concepts that it's perfectly fine for men to rule over each other with their own statutes and "laws" - when continuing to believe and live that way is a total violation of the Laws, Statutes, Judgements and Perfect Will of God.

Now verse 7 of Acts 17. Do you want to know how to change your world? Do you want to know how to turn the world upside down for Jesus Christ and His Government?

What message is it that

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*b. to upset, unsettle, minds by disseminating religious error: Galatians 5:12.*

[7] Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another King, One Jesus.

Before you do anything else this morning. Take out your pen and change that little k in the word king to a capital K. In the very first KJV 1611 - before the hundreds of editions that were made to that book - that word King here in Acts 17:7 was capitalized. Just like it was in I Peter chapter 2. In the 1599 Geneva, the word King was capitalized here in Acts 17. Of all the passages in our Bibles that are just as clear as can possibly be - here it is.

Turn the world upside down - and here's how to do it.

I hope you were perfectly disgusted by what I read last week regarding the queers coming out of the closet. And I hope you were even more disgusted when I said that the queers did it better than 99.9% of the so-called "Christians" ever even thought about it.

In a very short period of time - the freaks, the queers and the perverts completely turned the world upside down. They say the 1969 was the official start of their revolution and look what they have done since only 1969.

Compare that to what the so-called "church" has done in that same amount of time. While the freaks, the queers and the perverts have completely turned the world upside down - the "church" has done absolutely nothing in the culture war and has become a

laughing-stock, an approach in the eyes of God.

Cowering in their closets bowing to the demonic lie of futurism. Claiming that “Jesus is their King” - but all the while making sure that the whole world knows “He's not really King right now - just a coming king.” They turned the true Government of God - the Government that a King gave His life for to begin. Followed by saint after saint being persecuted, being killed, being imprisoned in order to lay the foundation for that Government. Men and women, boys and girls that actually lived their lives without fear of what men - the town-officers, the “magistrates” might do to them because they dared to live and teach, “Another King, One Jesus.”

Then, today, and for the last several generations, those that have claimed the Name of Jesus - and even call Him King - live in their closets cowering in fear - claiming a “Jesus” - but fully identifying with a “government” that exists in total open rebellion to the Creator and His Son.

You want to know how to turn the world upside down for Jesus Christ?

Believe this

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Then, live it. And let's see what will happen.

The freaks, the queers and the perverts took over the world in a very short period of time when they determined to come out of their closets. When the true followers of King Jesus decide to obey the clear blueprint from the Word of God - we, too, will see a revolution in the world just like they did. And you know what - whether we see it or not - it's still our obligation - it's still our purpose - it's why we exist. To live and teach the exact same Gospel once delivered to the saints - and here it is in Acts 17 live and in action.

Why do people not see something so clear, so simple as what this passage teaches?

Friends, we know there are mainly two reasons. There's probably more, but these two stand out. The first, is the damnable lie and heresy of futurism. And I don't just mean the lie of a “future return of Jesus Christ.” I will also include the lie of futurism that we

are supposed to be here to simply point out all the evil things that are going on around us today - and that's all our job is. We talk about all the evil and, well, some future generation is going to look back at all the things we said and then they'll start to live according to the Government of God.

Well, brethren, I have news for you. The future generation is right now. I wake up every single morning and look at that "future generation" right square in the face. Whether I'm looking at my children or my grandchildren, I'm seeing the future generation right now. These same preachers who think their ministry is supposed to be about enlightening people to all the evil that's going on - and then they refuse to provide the solution and then live it themselves - you aren't helping. You aren't helping the cause of Jesus Christ by telling people that there are drag queens going into the public libraries and teaching the little kids in their godless world. We know all of that. We know about the freaks, the queers and the perverts that have slithered out of their closets and have changed the world - while people who call themselves Christians act like they are appalled and offended at what's happened - while they were in their closets telling everyone that would listen - "It's okay, it's okay. The Bible prophesied all of this. God said this was all supposed to happen. Don't worry. Just stay in your closet and pray. Someday, very soon, (I've heard that garbage for more than 50 years of my life) Jesus is going to come back to this earth and set it all straight again."

Reminds me again of the email I shared with you a couple weeks ago from a preacher friend of mine. I care about this guy. I believe he's well meaning. But he's dead wrong. Not only is he dead wrong - but he's part of the problem. He wrote this to me, quote, and this is from one of the better preachers, in my opinion:

*If you think that we are going to rebuild the world and society to completely usher in paradise on earth and a world society that will follow the laws of God and "reclaim" what mankind lost from the beginning of creation I'm afraid that you are living an illusion built on the humanistic doctrine that man can "heal" himself by converting the world to following God's righteous kingdom laws. That just isn't Bible Charlie.*

The freaks, the queers and the perverts completely ushered in their world and their society. They changed the "laws". They changed society. They changed their world. And they did it without the power of God. They changed the world with the power of the queer. Do you hear what I'm saying?

Then we have preachers with the mindset that it simply isn't Bible that we can rebuild a



world and a society that you follow the Laws of God and reclaim what mankind has lost? Then he asks me, "What is our purpose?" If all Bible Prophecy has been fulfilled, what's our purpose?

THAT'S what our purpose is. Our purpose is to reclaim a world and a society that will follow the Laws of God and reclaim what has been lost - how - how is this done? It's simple. It's totally simple.

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It's simple, yes. Nobody said it's not painless. The freaks, the queers and the perverts constantly talk about all the pain they went through - and are still going through to a certain extent - thank God - in coming out of the closet. Yes. Jesus died because a whole nation of people forsook the Laws of God - and He was the Leader, He was the instigator, He was the driving force in bringing that nation back to His Father. He died because He came to a world that hated His Father, hated His Laws, hated His Ways - but in spite of all the hatred - He lived His life in obedience to His Father's Laws, Ways and Perfect Will.

"He died for our sins." That's what *that* means. He died because He came to a world that was not obeying His Father. He was the One that *was* obeying His Father and He was killed because He would not disobey His Father like the rest of His nation was doing.

If He had come to a Nation that was already obeying His Father, already obeying the Government of God - He never would have been executed. They would have accepted Him. They would have embraced Him. He told them that many times.

But He came to a world that was in darkness. They needed Someone to show them the Light. They desperately needed a Saviour that would lead them back to the Father, His Laws, His Government and His Perfect Will.

"He died for our sins" means that He died because the nation of people that He was sent to were a rebellious, God forsaking people.

Then, when they realized Who He was, what He did, and they repented of how they had been living - they realized - "He died for their sins." He was executed because they

had created a world that was living in total defiance, in total rebellion to the Creator, the God of heaven.

This idea that Jesus died for me. Jesus died so that I don't have to. We need to shake that "church" garbage out of our minds and replace it with the truth of why He died. He was executed by the state - because He would not obey the state and disobey His Father and they hated Him for it. Just the same way they went on and hated His followers after He left.

So, yes, while the blueprint is simple

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it may not be painless. We are living in pretty much the same type of world today as the disciples lived in, in the first century. This is a world of our own making. The world that we live in today was created - not by God - we need to stop the blasphemy in blaming God for all the evil that's going on in the world today. It's not God's fault. It's our fault. It's our fault because we refused to believe and live the simple, ridiculously simple, principles found in Acts 17. We cowered in the closet and let liars and deceivers tell everyone that Acts 17 can't possibly mean what it so clearly says - because "Jesus is really just a coming king."

And friends, we've heard enough from these guys saying, "Well, He's my King now, but He's also a coming king." That's a cop out. That deception leaves the door wide open for people to continue living out their lives identifying with men's little g "governments" and I'll assure you with just about every confidence I can - that these guys who preach these "dual comings of a king" - if you were to open their billfolds and ask for identification - you'd instantly see how they identify.

They talk about all the evil. Every evil imaginable today, they talk about it. They talk about all the evil that is sanctioned by, promoted by, licensed by, "government" - and their billfolds identify them as card carrying members of that "government."

The queers the freaks and the perverts constantly talk about their identity. They identify as this and identify as that. Well, who do you identify as? Do you identify as a Citizen of the Commonwealth of Israel - or do you identify as a citizen of the world?

The lie of futurism has destroyed the true Gospel of Jesus Christ - at least in the minds of those who refuse to study for themselves in order to seek and to find the Government of God.

I am challenging you this morning. I'm not trying to beat anyone up. Maybe I am. Would you rather be beaten up a little and get pointed to the only way of salvation? Or would you rather just be left alone and die in darkness without the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ?

People need to wake up. There is no rapture. There is no return of Jesus Christ to this earth. To stop the evil that is coming - and you know what - I wouldn't be surprised at all if the freaks the queers and the perverts are just a diversion from what is really coming.

For instance, the explosion of the electric car. Thank God they can't overcome God's Laws in nature. But what looks like this constant barrage of trying to force people to electric cars. Can we really not see this is a major step in those people having more control over the common man?

These maniacs openly talk about their 15 minute cities. These are people who want everyone to live in a city and be physically restrained - if they have to - from anyone being more than 15 minutes away from where they sleep at any given time. This is total insanity. But this has real momentum. There are men's little g "governments" that are totally onboard with this and want this to be a reality.

And, they are winning the war for this to happen, because the only thing that can stand in the way, is hiding in some closet, cowering in fear, with the thought in their mind that, "No way will I go through this, because "Jesus" is going to come any minute and rapture me away." Ok. So some claim that there is no "rapture." Good for you that you have realized that a word that's not even in the Bible - the concept created from that word is not true.

But neither is the concept that some "Jesus" is going to come back to this earth and rescue people that aren't even trying to live for His Government anyway.

The return of Jesus Christ to this earth - for the second time which took place in the first century - was for the purpose of rescuing those who had refused to take the "mark of the beast" from Revelation 13. Those people were having their heads cut off because

they refused to be identified by a “government” that was not the Government of God - and Jesus Christ Himself came back and rescued many of them before man's “government” could cut their heads off.

We live in a world today, where men's little g “governments” have done all they can do to keep people from living a decent life unless they take a number in their hand or in their forehead. In the U.S., it's called a social security number - SSN. In Canada, it's called a SIN number. A SIN NUMBER. And how those morons in those “churches” in Canada have not revolted over that just amazes me. The Philippines has an SSS.

Germany has a social security number. Taken from the website, settle-in-berlin.com quote:

*Your German social security number (Sozialversicherungsnummer) is a 12-digit number used to track all of your social security contributions and identify you with the German public pension office (Deutsche Rentenversicherung). At various times you will also see this number referred to as: the insurance number (Versicherungsnummer), pension insurance number (Rentenversicherungsnummer), SVNR, or RNVR. Rest assured, there are all different words for the same thing.*

*Who needs one?*

*If you are registered and working in Germany, you need a social security number. This applies to the CEO of the hottest tech startup as well as the cashier at your local Aldi. There are, however, a few scenarios in which you wouldn't need a social security number, but we'll take a look at these a bit further down.*

In other words - they've got everybody. From the richest CEO to the cashier at ALDI, they have everyone.

*Social security number exemptions in Germany*

*While almost everyone is liable to contribute to social security in Germany, there are a few exceptions. The German social insurance laws don't apply to the following people:*

*Foreign employees who have been sent to Germany by a foreign employer.*

*Foreign employees who are employed or self-employed in several countries.*

*Foreign employees who are subject to an exceptional agreement with another state.*

This is interesting:

*Officials, judges, public servants & soldiers. [They're exempt.] However, since people belonging to those 3 categories are almost always born in Germany, they get one at birth.*

The German exemption - for lack of a better word - for a Christian? It's called foreigner. All Christians are supposed to be foreigners to men's little g "governments." That's because our Citizenship is supposed to be exclusively with the Commonwealth of Israel.

To my knowledge, there is not a "government" in the world today that cuts people's heads off because a Christian refuses to violate the principles found in Revelation 13:18 and I John 4:3. In the Book of Revelation, the founders of our faith had their heads cut off because they refused to be identified by the men's little g "government" of their day. We have nothing like that in our world today - yet the "christian" that's cowering in his closet fully identified by men's little g "government" thinks that Jesus is coming to rescue him from the drag queens at the library.

Christians refusing to stand against men's little g "government" demands today - is a mockery of what our founding fathers and mothers and cousins went through in the first century. How dare the "churchians" of today compare their lives to what those people went through and rob them of the Biblical, historical fact that they were rescued - just like the Bible said - by Jesus Christ - because of their testimony, their faith, their loyalty to the One True King - even in the face of death!

A SIN number to the north of us. Thank God for you beloved followers of Christ in that land who have refused to bow and live your life without that identifier. There's not a lot of them - but when I check the statistics on Sam's live stream - every time I check - there's at least one from Canada that's listening to these messages.

Keep up the good fight. All of you that continue providing great testimonies of your witnessing and your stands for the Government of God. There's so many great reports coming in here lately, I could go on and on this morning from the testimonies that are coming in. Back to the message.

Why then, I ask. If the solution is so simple, so clear from the Word, why do so few people get it? The lie of futurism. Of course, that's huge.

And then there's the lie of "church" - the word and the concept. I don't know which one is bigger. Maybe they are equally damning. That's probably the case. We need to revisit this, this morning, then, hopefully, next week, we will get into some more practical issues regarding coming out of the closet - how to - and provide Biblical examples as why living outside of men's little g "governments" will change the world.

But for this morning, turn please to Matthew chapter 16. This will be the second part of what we started reexamining several weeks ago - when I discussed "No man knows the day or the hour."

Begin please, with verse 1.

[1] The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired Him that He would shew them a sign from heaven.

[2] He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red.

[3] And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?

[4] A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And He left them, and departed.

At some point soon, I plan to get into the Prophet Jonah. His closet was the belly of a whale, by the way. Verse 5.

[5] And when His disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.

[6] Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

[7] And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no bread.

[8] Which when Jesus perceived, He said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?

[9] Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

[10] Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

[11] How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?

You know, once again, Jesus is saying to His disciples, just like we say today, it's the principles that we are to glean from Scripture and apply those to our lives.

[12] Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

Remember some of the doctrine of the Pharisees and the Sadducees? Go on over to Matthew chapter 22 and read more of the doctrine of the Pharisees and the Sadducees. You will find it's a doctrine regarding the Government of God vs the little g "governments" of men. Verse 13:

[13] When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

This is it. This begins the foundation, in my opinion, this is Jesus Christ. Jesus the Christ. Jesus, the Anointed King of Israel.

Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

[14] And they said, Some say that Thou art John the [Washer]: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

"That's fine. I've heard some of the same things...." (Jesus may have said.)

[15] He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

In the end of all things, this is what matters. "Who do you say that I am?" That's what mattered the most then, it's what matters the most today.

[16] And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

The text does not say that Simon Peter said, "You are Jesus." It does not say you are Mary and Joseph's son. The text says that Peter calls Him The Christ.

You are the One that was prophesied to be the King in Israel. Mr. Strong's say the Greek word here is

*Χριστός Christós, khris-tos'; from G5548; anointed, i.e. the Messiah, an epithet of Jesus: —Christ.*

Mr. Webster, in 1828, says that epithet is

*An adjective expressing some real quality of the thing to which it is applied,*

Christos, Christ is the expression of the real quality of Jesus. That being, the Anointed King of Israel. Mr. Thayer says this. Listen close, please, this is very interesting:

*χριστός, χριστή, χριστόν (χρίω), the Sept. for χριστή, anointed: ὁ ἱερεὺς ὁ χριστός, Leviticus 4:5; Leviticus 6:22; οἱ χριστοὶ ἱερεῖς, 2 Macc. 1:10; the patriarchs are called, substantively, οἱ χριστοὶ Θεοῦ, Psalm 104:15 (Ps. 105:15); the singular ὁ χριστός τοῦ κυρίου ( ἡ ψηφιστὴς ἡ) king of Israel (see χρισμα), as 1 Samuel 2:10, 35; (1 Samuel 24:11; 1 Samuel 26:9, 11, 23); 2 Samuel 1:14; Psalm 2:2; Psalm 17:51 (Ps. 18:51); Habakkuk 3:13; (2 Chronicles 22:7);*

Stop right here for just a minute. I want you to take your Bibles and turn to II Chronicles chapter 23. 22:7 kind of begins this - but chapter 23 is what I want you to see in relation to the word anointed. When I think of the word Christ here in Matthew 16 - this is what I have always believed was in the mind of Peter when he said that Jesus was the Christ - the Anointed One.

What Mr. Thayer is saying is that when christos is found in the Greek Septuagint of what we call the Old Testament - it refers to an actual king. In II Chronicles 23, we are seeing a slight variation of christos in verse 11. But all of this relates to christos and the disciples knew exactly what it meant when Peter said, "Thou art the Christ."

Begin in verse 1, please. This tells one of the few stories where a king in Israel had at least - for a time being - had it right.

[1] And in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him.



[2] And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.

[3] And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD hath said of the sons of David.

[4] This is the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you entering on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, shall be porters of the doors;

[5] And a third part shall be at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people shall be in the courts of the house of the LORD.

[6] But let none come into the house of the LORD, save the priests, and they that minister of the Levites; they shall go in, for they are holy: but all the people shall keep the watch of the LORD.

[7] And the Levites shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand;

(Does this sound like “church?”)

and whosoever else cometh into the house, he shall be put to death: but be ye with the king when he cometh in, and when he goeth out.

[8] So the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded, and took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that were to go out on the sabbath: for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not the courses.

[9] Moreover Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds spears, and bucklers, and shields, that had been king David's, which were in the house of God.

[10] And he set all the people, every man having his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and the temple, by the king round about.

I believe, and I'll be the first to tell you it's pure conjecture, maybe even eisogesis. But when I think of Christ - the Anointed One - this is what I think of. And I believe this is what Peter thought when he looked at Jesus and called Him Christ, the Anointed Son of God.

[11] Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and gave him the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, God save the king.

[12] Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the LORD:

[13] And she looked, and, behold, the king stood at his pillar at the entering in, and the princes and the trumpets by the king: and all the people of the land rejoiced, and sounded with trumpets, also the singers with instruments of musick, and such as taught to sing praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, Treason, Treason.

[14] Then Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth of the ranges: and whoso followeth her, let him be slain with the sword. For the priest said, Slay her not in the house of the LORD.

[15] So they laid hands on her; and when she was come to the entering of the horse gate by the king's house, they slew her there.

[16] And Jehoiada made a covenant between him, and between all the people, and between the king, that they should be the LORD's people.

[17] Then all the people went to the house of Baal, and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

[18] Also Jehoiada appointed the offices of the house of the LORD by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as it is written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, as it was ordained by David.

[19] And he set the porters at the gates of the house of the LORD, that none which was unclean in any thing should enter in.

[20] And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of the LORD: and they came through the high gate into the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom.

[21] And all the people of the land rejoiced: and the city was quiet, after that they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

The kings in Israel were anointed. They were supposed to be pictures of Christ. Mr. Thayer goes on to say this of christos.

*also of a foreign king, Cyrus, as sent of God, Isaiah 45:1;*

Now listen to this definition. There's some interesting things here:

*of the coming king whom the Jews expected to be the saviour of their nation and the*

author of their highest felicity: the name ὁ χριστός (ܩܝܫܬܐ, Chaldean ܩܝܫܬܐ) is not found in the O. T. but is first used of him in the Book of Enoch 48, 10 (cf. Schodde's note); 52, 4 (for the arguments by which some have attempted to prove that the section containing these passages is of Christian origin are not convincing (cf. υἱός τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, 2 and references)), after Psalm 2:2 referred to the Messiah; (cf. Psalms of Solomon 17:36 Psalm 18:6, 8). Cf. Keim, ii., 549 (English translation, 4:263f; Westcott 'Additional Note' on 1 John 5:1. On the general subject see Schürer, Neutest. Zeitgesch. § 29.) In the N. T. it is used:

1. of the Messiah, viewed in his generic aspects (the word, that is to say, being used as an appellative rather than a proper name), ὁ χριστός: Matthew 2:4; Matthew 16:16; Matthew 23:10; Matthew 24:5, 23; Matthew 26:63; Mark 8:29; Mark 12:35; Mark 13:21; Mark 14:61; Luke 3:15; Luke 4:41; Luke 20:41; Luke 22:67 (Luke 22:66); Luke 23:39; 24:26,46; John 1:20, 25 (John 1:41 (John 1:42) Rec.); John 3:28; 4:29; 6:69 Rec.; John 7:26, 31,41; 11:27; 12:34; 20:31; Acts 2:30 Rec., Acts 2:31; Acts 3:18; 8:5; 9:22; 17:3a; 18:5,28; 26:23; 1 John 2:22; 1 John 5:1; ὁ χριστός κυρίου or τοῦ Θεοῦ, Luke 2:26; Luke 9:20; Acts 4:26; without the article, Luke 2:11; Luke 23:2; John 1:41 (John 1:42) L T Tr WH; John 9:22; Acts 2:36; ὁ χριστός, ὁ βασιλεύς τοῦ Ἰσραήλ, Mark 15:32; ὁ χριστός so used as to refer to Jesus, Revelation 20:4, 6; with τοῦ Θεοῦ added, Revelation 11:15; Revelation 12:10.

2. It is added, as an appellative ('Messiah', 'anointed'), to the proper name Ἰησοῦς  
a. Ἰησοῦς ὁ χριστός, Jesus the Christ ('Messiah'): Acts 5:42 R G; Acts 9:34 (R G); 1

And it goes on and on. I'll not read the whole thing, but it is in the notes.

Corinthians 3:11 Rec.; 1 John 5:6 (R G L); Ἰησοῦς ὁ λεγόμενος χριστός, who they say is the Messiah ((cf. b. below)), Matthew 27:22; without the article Ἰησοῦς Χριστός, Jesus as Christ or Messiah, John 17:3; 1 John 4:2; 2 John 1:7 (but in all three examples it seems better to take χριστός as a proper name (see b. below)); ὁ Χριστός Ἰησοῦς, the Christ (Messiah) who is Jesus, (Matthew 1:18 WH marginal reading (see b. below)); Acts 5:42 L T Tr WH (R. V. Jesus as the Christ); Acts 19:4 Rec.

b. ὁ Χριστός is a proper name (cf. Winers Grammar, § 18, 9 N. 1; (as respects the use of a large or a small initial letter the critical editions vary: Tdf. seems to use the capital initial in all cases; Treg. is inconsistent (using a small letter, for instance, in all the examples under 1 above, except Luke 22:67 and John 4:29; in Matthew 1:1 a capital in Mark 1:1 a small letter, etc.); WH have adopted the principle of using a capital when the article is absent and avoiding it when the article is present (1 Pet. being intentionally excepted; the small letter being retained also in such examples as Luke 2:11; Luke 23:2; Acts 2:36, etc.); see WH. Introductory § 415]])): Matthew 1:17;

*Matthew 11:2; Romans 1:16 Rec.; Romans 7:4; 9:5; 14:18 (here L omits; Tr brackets the article); Rom. 15:19; 1 Corinthians 1:6, etc. without the article, Mark 9:41; Romans 6:4; Romans 8:9, 17; 1 Corinthians 1:12; Galatians 2:16f, 19 (Galatians 2:20), Galatians 2:21; Galatians 3:27; Philippians 1:10, 13, 19-21, 23; Philippians 2:16; Colossians 2:5, 8; Hebrews 3:6, and often. Ἰησοῦς Χριστός, Matthew 1:1, 18 (here Tr omits Ἰησοῦς; WH text brackets Ἰησοῦς; others have, ὁ Ἰησοῦς Χριστός which is unique; see WH's Appendix at the passage); Mark 1:1; John 1:17; Acts 2:38; Acts 3:6; Acts 4:10; Acts 8:12; (Acts 9:34 L T Tr WH); Acts 10:36; 11:17; 15:26; 16:18,31 (R G); Acts 20:21 (here L WH text omit; Tr brackets Χριστόν); Acts 28:31 (Tdf. omits Χριστόν); Romans 1:1 (R G WH text (see below)), Romans 1:6,8; Romans 2:16 (R G Tr text WH marginal reading (see below)); 1 Corinthians 1:7-9; 1 Corinthians 3:11 (G T Tr WH (Rec. Ἰησοῦς ὁ Χριστός)); 1 Corinthians 15:57, and very often in the Epistles of Paul and Peter; Hebrews 13:8, 21; 1 John 1:3, 7 (R G); 1 John 2:1; (1 John 2:6 G T Tr WH); 2 John 1:7 ((see a. above)); Jude 1:4, 17, 21; Revelation 1:1, 5; Revelation 22:21 (Buttmann, G (WH brackets others omit Χριστοῦ)). Χριστός Ἰησοῦς, Rom. (Romans 1:1 T Tr WH marginal reading (see above); Rom 2:16 T Tr marginal reading WH text (see above)); Rom 6:3 (WH brackets Ἰησοῦς); 1 Corinthians 1:2, 30; (1 Corinthians 3:11 Lachmann (see above)); Galatians 3:14 (here Tr text; WH text Ἰησοῦ Χριστῷ); Galatians 4:14; 5:6 (WH brackets Ἰησοῦ); Gal 6:15; Philippians 2:5; Philippians 3:3, 14; Colossians 2:6; 1 Timothy 1:2; 1 Timothy 2:5. Ἰησοῦς ὁ λεγόμενος Χριστός, surnamed 'Christ' ((cf. a. above)), Matthew 1:16. on the phrases ἐν Χριστῷ, ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ, see ἐν, l. 6 b., p. 211b (cf. Winer's Grammar, § 20, 2 a.). Χριστός and Ἰησοῦς Χριστός ἐν τισίν, preached among, 2 Corinthians 1:19; Colossians 1:21 (others (so R. V.) would take ἐν here internally (as in the following examples), within; cf. ἐν, l. 2); Χριστός ἐν τισίν is used of the person of Christ, who by his holy power and Spirit lives in the souls of his followers, and so moulds their characters that they bear his likeness, Romans 8:10 (cf. 9); 2 Corinthians 13:5; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 3:17; a mind conformed to the mind of Christ, Galatians 4:19.*

Now go back to II Chronicles 22:7 for just a minute.

[7] And the destruction of Ahaziah was of God by coming to Joram: for when he was come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab.

In the Greek Septuagint...let me explain again why this is so important. The Greek Septuagint is the Old Testament translated from the Hebrew into Greek. Our New Testaments are Greek. The “church” and the “churchmen” - think “baptism” here also - have tried to make us think that certain things - like “church” “baptism” “christos” -

those things only popped onto the scene in the “New Testament.” Not so. The Bible is not two separate books. It's one book talking about all of the same things. Examining the Greek Septuagint - the Hebrew translated into Greek - shows us the same things in the “New” are continuations of the things that were in the “Old.” I believe we know why the “churchmen” want us to think some of these things were “new.” This is a great example. Jesus was the Christ - which means - an Anointed King of Israel - and His disciples knew exactly what that meant. Christos was not new to the “New Testament.” You can find it in the Greek Septuagint, the Hebrew translated into Greek.

That has been lost on us today - 1) from deception; 2) from our failure to study the Word from the understanding of Seek ye first the Government of God. Back to Matthew 16, verse 16:

[16] [So] Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

[17] And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

[18] And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my ekklesia;

Alright. Stop here again. Ekklesia, just like christos, just like “baptism” which should have been translated wash in most cases, who can remember how Tyndale translated the word ekklesia? Never - did Tyndale translate ekklesia as “church.” Most of the time - maybe everytime, I don't remember, he translated the word as congregation. Where have we already seen the word congregation this morning? Turn back to II Chronicles chapter 23. During the coronation of the king in Israel. In the government of Israel. Not in the weekend social organization. It was the government. Look at verses 1-3 again.

[1] And in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him.

[2] And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.

They came to the capitol!

[3] And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD hath said of the sons of David.

<https://www.septuagint.bible/-/paraleipomenon-b-kephalaio-23>

Friends, what do you think the Greek word for congregation is here? This is Israel's government. This is the Government of God over His people in Israel. Do you think Peter and the other disciples knew their own history of their nation? Of course they did. They knew what was recorded in the Chronicles of the Kings. And when Jesus used the word ekklesia - which is night and day different from "church" - their minds went exactly to the congregation - the Government of God and the people of that covenant with the king in the house of God - and it was called an ekklesia. Ekklesia is the Government of God. It is a covenant that the people make with their King who shall reign. We aren't talking about weekend social organizations. We are talking about Government. And friends, the "church" today has a covenant with the wrong kings. And when you are in covenant with the wrong kings - you are in war against the King of kings and Lord of lords.

[17] And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.  
[18] And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my ekklesia;

Jesus is telling Peter and His disciples that it was time for Him to take the throne of David. That's what this is about.

and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

[19] And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Friends, this statement - the statement made by Peter - the announcement made by Peter - and the confirmation that followed by Christ - this is the Rock - this is the foundation for everything that we are supposed to base our faith on. Our system of belief is supposed to be based on this Rock. Friends, Peter isn't the rock. That's not what this is saying at all. Jesus is saying that

[I am] the Christ, the Son of the living God. I am the Anointed King of Israel.

That is what is the Rock, the foundation of all understanding going forward from that point on. That is the key to the Government of God. Knowing that Jesus was the Anointed King of Israel - as Mr. Thayer said:

*of the coming king whom the [Judahite]s expected to be the saviour of their nation and the author of their highest felicity:*

This was a very open, public acknowledgement that Jesus was the Christ - the Anointed King of Israel. This was as political of an announcement - this was the greatest political announcement ever made in the history of mankind.

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My ekklesia; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Upon this rock, upon this truth, that I am the Christ, I am the King, I am the Son of the living God, I will build my Government. This is not the establishment of a weekend social organization. This is the establishment of the Government of God with the Anointing of the King.

**[19]** And I will give unto thee the keys of the [Government] of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

This is not the establishment of a weekend social organization. This is the establishment of the Government of God with the Anointing of the King. The Christos.

The word here in Matthew 16 and in nearly every other instance of ekklesia should have NEVER been "church" - but should have been translated the way William Tyndale translated it - that being "congregation". The definition of which is clearly understood in the context of II Chronicles 23 - that it is the Government of God.

The reason Mr. Tyndale used the word congregation was because it was a continuation of what had been previously used in the rest of the book. There was no need to change the word to something new. All that would do is cause confusion. Same with "baptism" and wash. When they changed the word to "baptism" - knowing they did not have the authority to do so - all it did and has done has cause confusion. It has caused so much

confusion that today - countless numbers of people have placed their trust in a lie - in a deception because translators somehow decided that the Bible was 2 books instead of 1.

They did not have the authority to transliterate baptisimos - they should have translated it as wash - keeping it the same way it appeared in the previous books of the Bible - maintaining the continuity of what was already written. They did not have the authority to create an entirely different English word - from an entirely different Greek word - when they craftily translated ekklesia as "church" instead of maintaining the continuity of the previous books of the Bible where ekklesia was translated as congregation - clearly meaning the Government of Israel.

The English word "church" comes from kurios and/or kuriakon. This is so simple to see. It literally takes about 2 minutes of research to see this is the case.

In my book, Which Law for You?, I have photocopied the Webster's 1828 dictionary for the word "church." Please look at this. You will see - as plain as day - simple simple simple - the Greek word for "church" is kurios and/or kuriakon. It is not ekklesia.

The reason the word "church" is in our English Bibles is because translators were either afraid to continue with the truth that ekklesia means King Jesus - which would have been an affront to the "kings" in Europe in the 14-1600s - or - as in the case of the KJV - Richard Bancroft - the archbishop of Canterbury - flat out told the translators - you may not use the word congregation - you must use the word "church". This, too, is not hard to find.

When ekklesia is properly understood for what it is - the damnable, despicable, horrible, find the most extreme word synonymous with these and insert it - the horrible doctrine of the divine right of earthly kings must come crashing down when we understand that the Ekklesia of Christ is the final Government from Daniel's vision that displaces all of men's little g "governments" - it removes whatever temporal power it has over other men - and since that time - it has been the responsibility of every living breathing creature to submit to and obey exclusively - the Statutes of God.

Men are only allowed to obey and submit to the definitions of good and evil as defined by God Himself. I don't understand why that is so hard to understand. Mere men are not allowed to make their own definitions of good and evil right and wrong. Where God said, for instance, homosexuality is abomination. Men are not allowed to circumvent



God and say, "We have decided that it is not an abomination."

Where God said you shall not tax a man's labor. Man is not allowed to come along and say, "We will tax labour." Where God said, "You shall not have systems like social security and identification cards that assign numbers to people and make it almost impossible for them to exist unless they take and use that number," men are not allowed to come along and say, "We will do this anyway."

Where God has implemented retribution or punishment only is to be required when actual damage is done to someone or their property - man is not allowed to come along and make "statues" that fills their coffers from fines and fees. Fines and fees should be collected on behalf of actual victims and those fines and fees should go to victims - not to the retirement funds of politicians, etc.

We are supposed to be Governing our lives today according to the Laws, Statutes, Judgements and Perfect Will of God the Creator and His Son. That's what ekklesia is.

And when men get together and decide that they have the ability to create "more perfect unions" God's people are to say No. God's people are not to participate. Unless, unless, they understand that a "more perfect union" is a departure from what they set up with their CONstitutions and their laws, and their statutes - and that "more perfect union" is a return to a congregational covenant with the King of kings and Lord of lords.