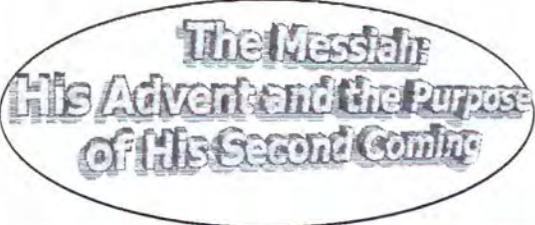


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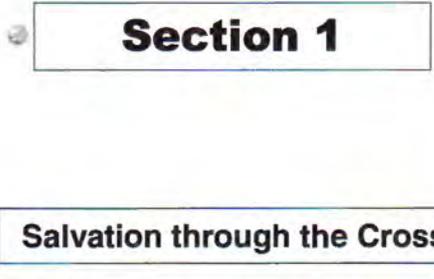
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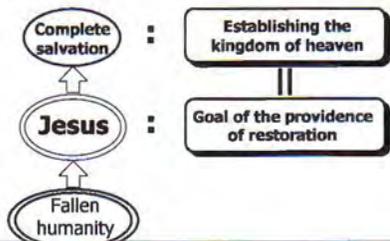


Section 1

Salvation through the Cross

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The Purpose of Jesus' Coming as the Messiah



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Jesus came as the Messiah for nothing less than the complete salvation of humanity.

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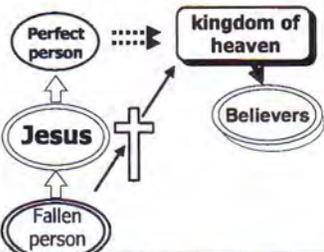
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Did Jesus' crucifixion fulfill the purpose of the providence of restoration?

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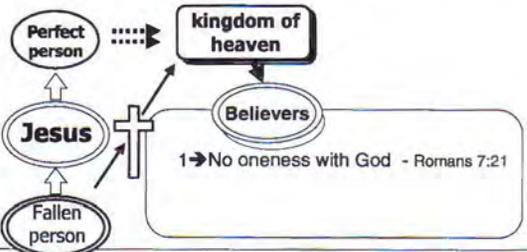
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If so, faithful believers in Jesus would have restored their original nature and built the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

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Salvation and the Cross



1 -> No oneness with God - Romans 7:21

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Salvation and the Cross

Perfect person kingdom of heaven

Jesus

Fallen person

Believers

- 1 → No oneness with God
- 2 → Need redemption, prayer, and devotion
- 3 → Transmit original sin

In spite of our rebirth, Christian parents continue to transmit the **original sin** to their children.

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Salvation and the Cross

Perfect person kingdom of heaven

Jesus

Fallen person

Believers

Original nature not perfectly restored

- 1 → No oneness with God
- 2 → Need redemption, prayer, and devotion
- 3 → Transmit original sin

It teaches us that the grace of redemption by the cross has neither fully uprooted our original sin nor perfectly restored our **original nature**.

Jesus' Death on the Cross

1) Disciples

Considering:

The words and deeds of the disciples

Purpose of the Messiah

St. Stephen – The First Martyr:

Acts:7:51 - "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers."

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Jesus' Death on the Cross

1) **Disciples**

2) **God**

Considering:

God's Providence

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John 6:28-29 Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

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Jesus' Death on the Cross

1) Disciples →
2) God →
3) Jesus →

Not God's Original Will → Suffering of the Israelites

Considering:

Ever since Jesus died on the cross, the people of Israel became scattered over the face of the earth, suffering oppression and persecution.

Jesus' Death on the Cross

1) Disciples →
2) God →
3) Jesus →

Not God's Original Will → Suffering of the Israelites
Cross of the Christians

Considering:

Also many faithful Christians have shouldered the cross as their portion to restore the rejection of Jesus

Jesus' Death on the Cross

1) Disciples →
2) God →
3) Jesus →

Not God's Original Will

Considering:

Words and deeds of Jesus himself that Jesus' death on the cross was not the most desired Will of God

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Lk:19:44 - "And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation."

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Matthew 23:37 - "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!"

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John 8:37 - "I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you."

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John 8:39-41 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.

But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. Ye do the deeds of your father.

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John 8:42 - "Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me."

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Matthew 21:35-37 - " And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise. But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son."

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Matthew 23:13

'Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You **shut the kingdom of heaven** in men's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to.

Luke 19:41-44

As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, **he wept over it** and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace but now it is hidden from your eyes. . . because **you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you.**"

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Matthew 21:38-39 - But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.

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Matthew 21:40 - "When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen? They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons."

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Matthew 21:43

"Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit."

Jeremiah 18:9-10

"And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it."

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Matthew 23:13- "But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

23:15 - Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

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Matthew 26:37-42 -

And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, done.

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Mt:26:38 - Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

John:6:66 - From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

The Extent of Salvation through Redemption by the Cross and the Purpose of Jesus' Second Advent

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If Jesus had not been crucified, he would have accomplished both the spiritual and physical aspects of salvation.

Purpose of the Messiah

The Extent of Salvation through Redemption by the Cross and the Purpose of Jesus' Second Advent

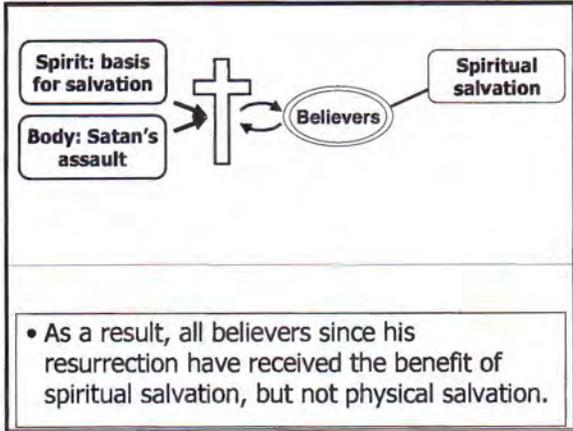
He surely would have established the everlasting and indestructible Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

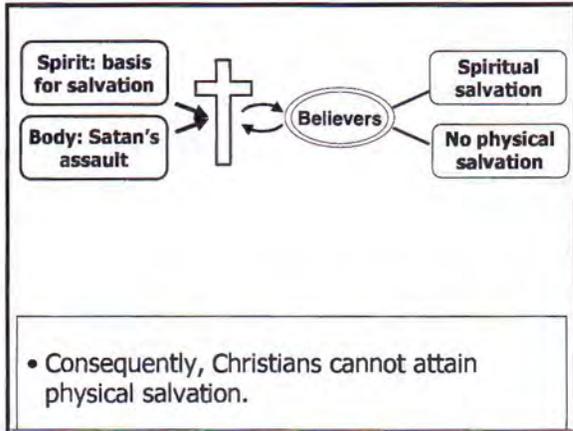
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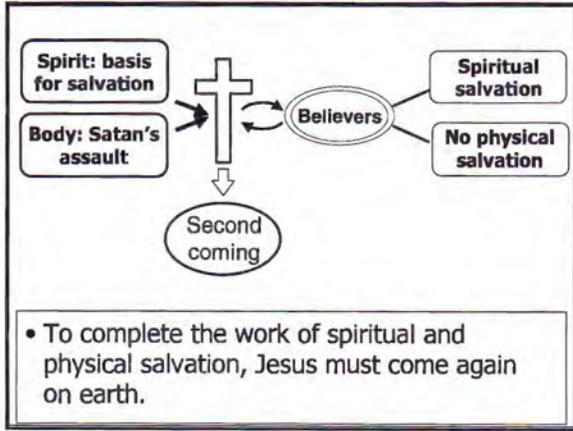
- The people led him to the cross, Jesus' body was exposed to **Satan's assault**, and he was killed.

- However, Jesus laid the basis for spiritual salvation by securing the victorious foundation for his resurrection through the redemption by his blood on the cross.

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Section 2

The Second Coming of Elijah and John the Baptist

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John the Baptist = Jesus (Matt. 11:14) (Matt. 17:13) = Returning Elijah

Elijah Come again (Mal. 4:5) ↓ Returning Elijah

The prophet Malachi foretold that Elijah would come again before the Messiah.

Malachi 4:5 "Behold, I will send you Eli'jah the prophet before the great and terrible day of the LORD come."

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Matthew 11:14

"...and if you are willing to accept it, he is Eli'jah who is to come."

Matthew 17:10 -13 And the disciples asked him, "Then why do the scribes say that first Eli'jah must come?" He replied, "Eli'jah does come, and he is to restore all thingsThen the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

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Jesus testified that the prophesied coming of **Elijah** was realized in none other than **John the Baptist**.

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Jn:1:19: And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elijah? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.

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The Jewish Belief in the Return of Elijah

Since the disciples already believed that **Jesus** was the Messiah, they willingly accepted his **testimony** that John the Baptist was Elijah.

The Jewish Belief in the Return of Elijah

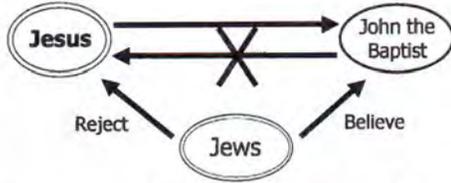
Yet how could the other **Jews** who did not know Jesus accept this controversial claim?

The Direction the Jewish People Would Choose

Jesus testified that John the Baptist was the very **Elijah**.

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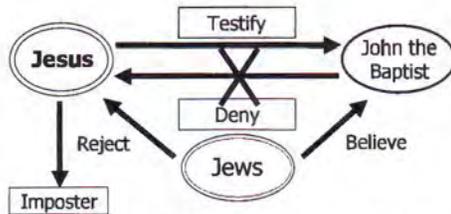
The Direction the Jewish People Would Choose



On the contrary, **John the Baptist** himself flatly denied this claim.

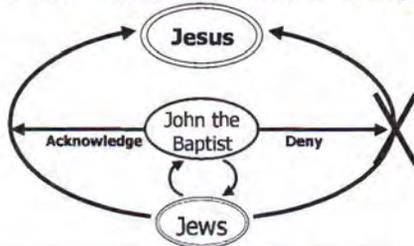
At that time, the **Jewish people believed** John the Baptist more than Jesus.

The Direction the Jewish People Would Choose



Thus, they rejected Jesus' words as a fabrication concocted to support his dubious claim to be the Messiah. Consequently, Jesus was condemned as an imposter.

The Faithfulness of John the Baptist



Here we have come to understand that the main reason why Jesus had to die on the cross was the failure of John the Baptist.

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Matthew 11:2-3 Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?

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Mt:11:11: Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

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The Sense in Which John the Baptist Was Elijah

Inherit the Mission
(Luke 1:17)

Elijah
(Second coming)

As recorded in the Bible, John the Baptist was to inherit and complete the mission which Elijah had left unfinished on earth.

Elijah: Expected on the Clouds

2 Kings 2:11

Mal. 4:5

- Matt. 17:10-13
- Matt. 11:14
- John 1:21
- Luke 1:17

Elijah

John the Baptist

The prophet Malachi foretold that Elijah would return before the coming of the Messiah. [Malachi 4:5]

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The Sense in Which John the Baptist Was Elijah

Inherit the Mission
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John the Baptist

Elijah
(Second coming)

Hence, in terms of his mission, John was the **second coming** of Elijah.

Purpose of the Messiah

Our attitude toward the Bible

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Until today, no one has ever uncovered this heavenly secret.
This is because we have been reading the Bible based on the unquestioned belief that John the Baptist was a great prophet.

Our attitude toward the Bible

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We should dispense with the conservative attitude of faith which makes us afraid to question conventional beliefs and traditional doctrines.

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