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GIG91 – The Crucifixion Of Christ – Part 2

This podcast is part two of *The Crucifixion Of Christ*. The first podcast was a summary of the topic, and I didn't really give Scriptural references or go into detail. In this podcast, I would like to give more detail and flesh out these points. So I am going to give a review first of what we discussed in the first podcast, in case you have not heard that. I would encourage you to go back and get that podcast and listen to it before you dive into this one. It will help all of it make sense to you. We are trying to go head on with this subject about who killed Jesus, or who killed Yeshua. The reason for that is because this is still such an issue to many in the Church, and it is a deep root of anti-Semitism within the Church, and it needs to be rooted out. We really need to go after it in this day and age, because we are in a time when we are seeing more and more anti-Semitism come in our churches, in our society, and so we cannot allow this tree to grow again.

We know it was out of the Church's anti-Semitism that the Holocaust happened, and we do not want to leave an open door for the doctrines and the belief systems of the Church to be what people use for their foundation in present day persecution and pogroms against the Jewish people. So I want to hit what is really a main point, and that is this idea that the Jewish people killed Jesus and therefore they deserve to suffer. They killed God, however, it is voiced. I would just say, from the very beginning, this is absolutely a lie. It is based on the twisting of facts and understanding of what transpired at the cross, and it really needs to be eliminated. It needs to be actively gone after within church and church doctrine. Today, we have the Rapture theory doctrine, which is really rooted in an anti-Semitic feeling that the Jewish people must suffer through the tribulation because of their rejection of Christ. So these things do still exist, and that is why I want to try to hit it head on.

Now, obviously, Yeshua died. Jesus died on the cross. Jesus suffered, He bled. All of those things happened in truth. But that being said, I also do not know of any Christian church or doctrine that does not believe that it was a requirement that He go to the cross – it was a requirement that He suffer, it was a requirement that He die – because He did those things in substitution for us before God, and it was God's plan that He be the substitution for us. Therefore, it begs the question, why are you looking for someone to blame for His crucifixion and His death, when it was the eternal plan of God, and it was an absolute necessity in order for forgiveness and grace to be brought to the world? Someone had to, according to the way God's forgiveness worked, spill their blood. So there is a lot we can go into, and I have a lot of Scriptures here, and I will try to move very quickly through it. But I encourage you: study on this subject. Do not be ignorant about the cross. Do not be ignorant about your salvation, how it was won, what was required for your reconciliation to the Father. Because remember, especially as Gentiles, you were in the world without God, and there was no hope for you. You were conscripted to death and hell, and without any solution. And it was the Jewish people, and through the Jewish people, that God brought about His plan and executed His plan of salvation for all mankind. Therefore, there is no reason to be looking, number one, for someone to blame for the death of Christ, when it was a necessity for the reality of salvation to transpire. And that needs to be really prayed over by people who have this idea

that the Jewish people have to suffer, or that they did something in the crucifixion of Christ that must be paid for. That is ridiculous.

I want to go through the Scriptures, and I want to go through the crucifixion itself, and use as much Scripture as I can to show the fact that there were those culpable for the death of Christ. There were many involved in it, and without their involvement, and without these things happening, the Scripture would not have been fulfilled; and therefore, there would be no salvation. We remember the fact that many people died on the cross during the days of Roman rule, during the days of Yeshua's life. Thousands of people, including Jews, died on crosses, and none of them won salvation; because none of them were fulfilling the plan of God or the Scriptures or the prophecies. Only in Yeshua were those prophecies and those Words from God fulfilled; and because of their perfect fulfillment, His death succeeded in bringing about salvation. Let's remember that. And that takes us to the first person, individual, who is culpable for the death of Jesus, Yeshua, and that is the Father Himself, the Creator of the universe. This was His eternal plan. The cross was predestined. It was a predestined plan of God, and it was predestined to bring about salvation and deliverance for all mankind. God sacrificed His Son on that cross to bring about salvation to the world.

The second individual is Yeshua Himself. He chose to do the will of God, which was to fulfill the prophecies, and to fulfill the plan of salvation that God had established, and to bring about that salvation through His death. No one took His life – by His own admission. He said, “No one takes My life. I lay My life down.” So in that sense you could say, He laid His life down, no one killed Him. All right? Or you could say the Father killed Him. Now these are not things that we necessarily think about or want to hear, but these are truths, Scriptural truths and realities.

The third entity of culpability in the death of Yeshua on the cross is satan himself. It was demonic forces that influenced the humans to crucify Yeshua. We know that satan entered the very heart of Judas to betray Him. We also see the influence of demonic forces throughout the whole of the crucifixion of Christ, people acting out of character in order to accomplish that crucifixion. So there was a lot of demonic involvement. That demonic involvement goes back to the very Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve, when he influenced them to be disobedient. Now, that does not clear them of their disobedience, just like satan's involvement doesn't take away from the involvement of the children of Israel, the Jewish people, at the crucifixion. But you cannot remove this reality of the force of the demonic that was initiating much of the activity. In fact, the Scripture itself says that had satan known, had they known, “they would not have slain the Lord of glory.” The demonic forces brought about their own judgment by their involvement in influencing people, as the demonic forces have influenced people down through history. And now, at the cross, they influence people once again; only this time, they pay the price, and judgment is brought against satan and his hordes.

Number four, the involvement of the children of Israel. Yes, the Jewish people were involved at the cross and in sending Christ to the cross, crying for Him to go to the cross. Of the Jewish people, I would say this: part of the fulfillment of the Scriptures that had to be made by Christ in His death was the fulfillment of Passover. And we see that that was done. He was the lamb that was sacrificed. And they even cried out at the time of the cross, “His blood be on us and our children.” To me, that is prophetically stating the fact that His blood covers their sins and their children's sins down through history. And that was prophetic to what will transpire, and has transpired.

Number five, we see that the High Priest was involved in the crucifixion of Christ, and he had to be for there to be a valid atonement. The only pattern of atonement that had been created by God was the

Day of Atonement, and that pattern had to be fulfilled at the crucifixion of Christ. For the atonement to be validly fulfilled, the High Priest had to be the one who chose the lamb to be sacrificed; and that was done, and that was fulfilled. So we see that had to be done. It was also the High Priest who had to proclaim that one die for the all; and that was done by the High Priest. See, these things validated the pattern and fulfilled them in order for salvation to work.

The last group would be that of the Gentile world. They were represented by the Romans. We have to remember, it was the Romans that crucified Yeshua, that hung Jesus on the cross, that nailed Him to the cross, that did many things; that beat Him, that whipped Him to a point of almost death before He could get to the cross. This was done by the Romans. This was done, in a sense, in the name of the Gentile world. These actions and involvements, therefore, extended the salvation process and brought salvation to the Gentile world.

This is a quick summary of what we are going to cover here by going into detailed Scriptures. So I would say that Christ came into the world to die for the sins of all mankind – past, present, and future. His death had to satisfy every Scriptural requirement, and it had to fulfill every prophecy, in order to bring that salvation to the world. He couldn't just die; He had to fulfill the plan of God in His death. Salvation was released to all mankind, all of humanity. Salvation was released at the moment Yeshua proclaimed, "Father, forgive them." Because of His obedience, and because of His willingness and choice to fulfill these prophecies, He was enabled to say these words, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." He had the choice. He could have come down from that cross at any moment. And He also could have, at His death, not forgiven. He could have held mankind liable, but He did not. He forgave, and He took upon Himself, as He said He would, laying His life down on the cross for the Father. Also, we know that the Son of God was manifest in this earth, according to 1 John 3:8, in order to destroy the works of the devil. So on the cross, He had to accomplish that also. Therefore, the death of Christ had to bring judgment upon satan, as it was stated in Genesis 3:15.

Now let's back up and go through each one of these who were involved in this plan, and the execution of this plan, that we call the crucifixion of Christ. So we back up, we go to the Father. God's plan from the very foundation of the world was this event of the cross. 1 Peter 1:18-20 says, "Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you." In other words, Peter is saying this was the plan of God from the very beginning, that the blood of Christ would bring about the salvation of the world. It was from before the foundation of the world. The crucifixion was no accident. It was not something that happened spontaneously and immediately, thought up by the Jewish people or the High Priest or the Romans. It was something that God had carefully planned and established the patterns of and for, from before the foundation of the world. All of those patterns were executed, and therefore His precious blood brought about, in those last days, the redemption for the world.

Ephesians 1:3-5 says, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world." Can you please get that? We were chosen in Him before the foundation of the world. In other words, this plan of salvation, this plan of the cross, was something that was envisioned and was then executed by God from before the foundation of the world – including us at this time, happening thousands of years after the cross took place. "That we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love

He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will." These things happen because of the will of God. He predestined our adoption, He predestined our salvation, through the act of the cross. This was not something done and invented by the people who were there at the moment. And therefore, you cannot try to affix some blame and say, "Oh, it was their idea. Oh, they did this." No, this was a beautiful plan in the heart of God that He understood before the worlds were founded, and He then executed in a way that it would bring about this kind intention of His will for all of us.

So we see it was a plan from before the foundation of the world, and we see that it was a predetermined plan of God. We see in Galatians 3:8-9, talking about Abraham, "The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, 'All the nations will be blessed in you.' So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer." Genesis 26:4-5 says, "I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven, and will give your descendants all these lands; and by your descendants" – by your descendants – "all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; because Abraham obeyed Me and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws." Who was He speaking to here? This was the covenant then being made with Isaac. So we see it began with Abraham; it came down to Isaac; and now we will read in Genesis 28:14 about Jacob: "'Your descendants will also be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west to the east and to the north and to the south; and in you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed.'" See, the salvation that came to mankind was brought through the choosing of Israel, the choosing of the Jewish people as a covenant people. God made the covenants with him. He established the patterns for atonement and salvation with them. And He gave them the difficult job of then fulfilling the requirements of that salvation, which included the crucifixion of Christ. Christ was a Jew. He was part of that plan. It required Him choosing and being obedient, becoming perfect, and going to the cross Himself. So again, through the Jewish people, through the line of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, all the families of the earth would be blessed. And all of the families of the earth have been blessed. Thank God for the Jewish people, their relationship and walk with the Lord, and their fulfilling of the covenant job that they had to do to bring about salvation to mankind, through this perfect plan of God that had been created before the foundations of the world.

In Acts 3:18, it says, "But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled." God has thus fulfilled it, that Christ would suffer. It was His plan, announced by all the prophets. Acts 2:23, "This Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death." I love this one because it includes so many parties to the event. It is talking about the predetermined plan of God, the foreknowledge of God. And then he says, "You guys had Him nailed to the cross." How did you do it? You didn't nail him to the cross yourself; you did it through these godless Romans, you did it through the Gentile world. Why? Because the Gentile world was bound to be a part of the salvation that was won through this event of the cross.

Luke 22:21-22 says, "But behold, the hand of the one betraying Me is with Mine on the table. For indeed, the Son of Man is going as it has been determined." See, He went to the cross, all these events happened as they had been determined. And He says, "but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed." Notice this: it is talking about Judas, "Woe to the man." It doesn't say, "Woe to the Jewish people," for their involvement. It only talks about this one event of Judas betraying. Interesting. So, there was no curse brought on the Jewish people by virtue of the events of the cross.

Acts 4:27-28, "For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontus Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur." So who was involved? Well, here we see those who were brought against Jesus, again, not forgetting the force of the demonic that was motivating people in their involvement. But there was Herod, there was Pontius Pilate, there were the Gentiles, there were the people of Israel – and they were doing what? "Whatever Your hand purposed and predestined to occur." So we know that He was the Lamb of God, chosen of God through the plan of God, to take away the sins of the world.

John 1:28-29, "These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing. The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!'" Again in John 1:35-36, "Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God!'" Then we see in Revelation 5:9, "And they sang a new song, saying, 'Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.'" Do we get that? He purchased with His blood, and through His suffering, for God, men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. So this was the great plan of God. And we have to remember, John 3:16-17: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

Romans 8:31-32 says, "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son" – How did His Son die? God did not spare Him, but He "delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?" God delivered Him over for us all. God did it. God was very involved in this plan and its execution. Another aspect that we don't think about too often, in how all of this transpired, is the fact that it was actually God's commandment: God made, told, Christ to go to the cross and lay His life down. John 10:18 says, "'No one has taken it away from Me.'" This is Christ speaking about His life. "'No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.'" The Father commanded Him to lay His life down. It had to be a commandment. It has to go back to the Garden. It has to be, "Don't eat the apple," you know, "Don't eat the fruit of this tree." There has to be a commandment given that Christ can be obedient to, absolutely obedient to, in order for salvation to be won. So, the Father told Him to go to the cross.

John 14:31, "'But so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me. Get up, let us go from here.'" These words immediately follow Gethsemane, where He asked the Father that He not have to go to the cross, that He not have to suffer. But the Father did not take it away. The Father commanded Him to go, at that time in Gethsemane, and He said, "In order that the world may know that I love the Father and I do exactly as the Father commanded Me, I am going to the cross."

Philippians 2:8-9, "Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name." That is what happened – He was obedient, even to death on a cross. Christ gave Himself in obedience to the plan of God, and He was absolutely obedient; and it was that obedience and His will to do the will of the Father that bought salvation for us with His blood.

John 15:10, "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love." So we see that the first and most important aspect of the cross is that it was the will of the Father. It was a predestined plan of the Father. It was a plan of the Father from before the foundations of the world that these events of the cross happen. And as difficult as they are, and as much as Christ suffered, and as much as He bled, and as much as He died a painful death, feeling rejected, He did it in obedience to the Father. It wasn't His idea. In fact, He asked that there be another idea when He was in Gethsemane. But when there wasn't, He was obedient to the plan of the Father. So we see, if we are going to blame anyone for the death of Christ and the suffering of Christ, the first person that comes to mind, really, is the Father. It was His plan, and it was executed perfectly, as He required it to be.

Now, let's look to Jesus. Let's look to Yeshua Himself. He said, "I came to do the will of the Father." "I come to do Thy will, O God." Hebrews 10:5-7 says, "Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, 'Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, but a body You have prepared for Me; in whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come (in the scroll of the book it is written of Me) to do Your will, O God.'"" And in Matthew 26:39, it says, "And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.'" "What You will, Lord, let that be done." Again, in Matthew 26:42, we are still in the Garden of Gethsemane: "He went away a second time and prayed, saying, 'My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done.'" Mark 14:36 says, "And He was saying, 'Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will.'" In other words, He was saying, "God, nothing is impossible to You. You can make a new plan." Now I am sure that Yeshua realized that this plan had been in place since before the foundation of the world, but it never hurts to ask. And I think the biggest thing of importance in His asking is that we can read about it today, and recognize that He chose to do the whole will of God, absolutely in obedience to the plan and what God had foreordained for Him to do.

John 19:28, "After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, said, 'I am thirsty.'" Jesus went to the cross, and He knew it wasn't just some random act; He knew that there were very specific details of the plan of God that were being fulfilled. And there came the moment when it says that He knew that the Scriptures had been fulfilled, and that all had been accomplished. And so, from that moment, He was able to say, "Father, forgive them" – because now all that was necessary for salvation had been done, and it remained with Him to bring about that forgiveness.

Yeshua went to the cross willingly to fulfill the Scriptures. At any moment, He had the choice, and sometimes we forget that. It was an issue at the time: in Mark 15, they would jeer at Him from below the cross, saying, "Save Yourself and come down from the cross." It was the temptation, once again, of satan, that He not be completely obedient to the will of the Father. But Yeshua went to the cross willingly. And we see in Matthew 26:52-53, "Then Jesus said to him," this is when they came to take Him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?" This is very important for us to recognize. There was never a moment, from the time He was arrested until the time He died on that cross, that He did not have a choice. It had to be. For salvation to come, it had to be that He did it by choice to be obedient and do the will of God. Every moment of it had to be according to His will to do the will of the Father. That is what He proclaimed when He first came: "I came, as it is written of Me, to do Thy Will, O My God." And so, He

recognized that He had the ability, even though He had prayed and decided "I am going to go do this." He had the ability all the way through to come down off of the cross. That is why satan, I think, was motivating the jeering of the crowd and the Roman soldiers, saying, "Well, come down, save Yourself." The high priests were saying that, the elders were saying that: "He saved others, but He can't save Himself. Come down off the cross." No, He had at any moment, until the second He died, that ability to come down. He had at His disposal from the Father twelve legions of angels. That mathematically works out to 72,000 angels. There were 72,000 angels at the ready, surrounding Him, ready to take Him down off the cross. All He had to do was say the word. All He had to do was say, "Get Me down, I changed My mind." He had to have that ability to come down; and satan was tempting Him to come down, and He would not come down. He was determined to do the will of God. Verse 54: "'How then will the Scriptures be fulfilled, which say that it must happen this way?'" So He knew He had to fulfill the Scriptures, and therefore He never violated that plan that God had.

Matthew 26:56, "'But all this has taken place to fulfill the Scriptures of the prophets.' Then all the disciples left Him and fled." So this is what we see, that Christ was driven and given; He decided, He chose to go, He had chosen to suffer. It wasn't delightful, it wasn't fun, but it was His will. It is what He came for. He came to bring salvation, and to bring judgment upon satan. And in those moments when He did not call out to those angels to take Him down off the cross, He was bringing that final judgment. As satan was tempting Him to do so, He refused it. As He had said in the wilderness, "No, I will worship and serve God only." And that is what He did, from the moment of defeating satan in the wilderness, to this moment of defeating satan on the cross.

We go to the next player, which is satan himself; and he is judged at the cross, just as we are saying. It had to be fulfilled that the seed of the woman would crush his head. Humanity had been influenced into sin and disobedience by satan from the moment of the Garden, where God prophesied his judgment by the seed of the woman. In Genesis 3:13-15, "Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' And the woman said, 'The serpent deceived me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you more than all the cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you will go, and dust you will eat all the days of your life; and I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.'" Certainly Christ was bruised on the cross, and it was done with much of the same temptation upon humankind by him.

Now we know in the Garden that Adam and Eve were not released from their disobedience and the punishment of disobedience because of the fact that they were deceived into it by the serpent. And so they suffered under their consequences of sin, and mankind suffered under sin until this day of the cross. But you have to remember, at the cross He says, "Father, forgive them." And He breaks this bondage of satan's manipulation of mankind, and He brings that judgment back upon satan's head, not upon man's head. Upon man He places grace. Upon satan He places judgment. And we have to remember this. And so when people look to say, "Oh, there must be punishment on the Jews! They must go through the tribulation!" That is lies, it is deceptions, it is spitting in the face of Christ on the cross and His winning of grace and mercy for all humankind. Because this was the great plan of God. Don't be a part of that. Don't be a part of the lie of it and the deception of it. Believe in the grace and mercy of God. This is where He corrected man's deception from the temptation that satan brings.

James 1:13-14 says, "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am being tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone." Man is not tempted by God, he is tempted

by the devil. "But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust." So we see it is the need of salvation in us that opens us to this temptation by satan. Only Christ won over his temptation. He was perfect in that way. We have all failed under the temptations, and we have all suffered the consequences of our sin. And Christ came and went to the cross as the solution to those consequences of death and punishment for our sin. Verses 15-16, "Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren." We should not be deceived. We should understand how this has worked, how satan has worked down through history, beginning at the Garden. He has used that weakness within us to tempt us. God never tempts us, it's only the devil. And we can't be absolved from our participation, because he is successful due to the wickedness of our own hearts in our choice to be disobedient. But at some point, satan pays the price; and it is the cross where that happens.

Ephesians 2:1-3 says, "And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world." See, we walked according to the course of this world, according to these influences, "according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest." All humanity has been caught up in this and enclosed with it, and that is why all humanity needed salvation that came at this moment of the cross.

Ephesians 6:12 says, "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places." Mankind has warred against the powers, the principalities, the world forces of darkness. We know that the Scripture says that satan is the god of this world; he is the prince of the power of the air. And he has manipulated mankind by our own weakness, which we are not absolved of because of his temptation; we are still guilty of the openness that we have. Every time we are obedient to his temptation, we choose him as a father, and his lies we choose as our thinking. So God comes to deliver us, because we have lost the war against the principalities. As the Scripture says, he is the one who is stronger than we; but God comes to deliver. That is the reason we need a Messiah. The purpose of Messiah is to stand between us and the one who is stronger and greater than us, that we have been defeated by time and time and time again. Christ comes on the cross, and He wins that victory. So we see that it was the predestined plan of God for Christ to be sacrificed for our sins. However, He did not tempt or manipulate anyone into participating in the crucifixion. I want that to be clear – we are not trying to give anybody a break here. We are recognizing that we were tempted, just like mankind has always been; and it just proves the need for the cross. So He did not tempt us. However, we know the manipulation was there, and mankind was manipulated into sinning and into disobedience in participating in the crucifixion. And instead, we see that the time of the cross was the hour of satan's manipulation of people to accomplish his greatest desire, which was the destruction of Christ. Remember, it was the same Jewish multitude that days before were worshiping God and declaring Yeshua to be the Messiah. It was obvious that satan's influence and demonic forces were that which turned them into the mob which cried, "Crucify Him!" just as it was satan who entered the heart of Judas to betray Him. So we understand this; we have to understand, we have to see the evidence – because if we don't recognize the depth of manipulation and the part that satan played in it, then we don't understand how he was judged through his acts which brought about the cross.

In Mark 11:7-10, it says, talking about this same multitude of people, "They brought the colt to Jesus and put their coats on it; and He sat on it. And many spread their coats in the road, and others spread

leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. Those who went in front and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David; Hosanna in the highest!'" This is this multitude. This is the same group of people. They are worshiping, they are crying out; they are recognizing, they are moving in the absolute revelation that Christ Himself said that they had the have. And they reached into that. Remember, it was in Luke 13:34-35 that He said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, just as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not have it! Behold, your house is left to you desolate; and I say to you, you will not see Me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'" And so when we come to these Scriptures about His triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, in Mark 11 and in other places, they are saying exactly what Christ said that they must come to the point of saying. They are saying, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." They are seeing the revelation that He is the Messiah. They had the very revelation that Christ was crying over that they did not have, crying over their resistance to Him gathering them. And so we see, again, the fact, the reality, that it was through this temptation of this multitude of people. My God, how could they change that quickly? One moment they are worshiping, crying out, declaring Him the Messiah before all of Jerusalem; and the next moment, two days later, short time later, how can they be crying out, "Crucify Him!" without there being some influence other than what we see evidently on a natural level?

This is why Yeshua Himself, when He was in the Garden, kept warning the disciples. In Luke 22:40, it says, "When He arrived at the place, He said to them, 'Pray that you may not enter into temptation.'" Christ wasn't just saying, "Pray for Me that I can make it through these events." He was saying, "Pray for yourself that you not be influenced and enter into the temptation, because as this begins to unfold, the greatest temptation that humanity has ever seen is going to come into its power, to influence and make happen the destruction that satan thinks he can bring by hanging Me on that cross." In Luke 22:46, "And He said to them, 'Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not enter into temptation.'" In John 13:26-27, "Jesus then answered, 'That is the one for whom I shall dip the morsel and give it to him.'" So when He had dipped the morsel, He took and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. After the morsel, Satan entered into him. Therefore Jesus said to him, 'What you do, do quickly.'" We see here with Judas that satan actually entered his heart; satan was manipulating and motivating his betrayal; he was motivating all that was happening, because he saw here, finally, his big chance to destroy Yeshua; he saw the opening, and he was going to take it, and he had to use human instruments in order to accomplish that. So he entered the heart of Judas, and he was influencing people. And Yeshua understood it, and He was telling the disciples, "Look, you better pray, because if you do not pray, you are going to be swept up in this temptation yourself." And in fact, they were swept up enough that they all left Him, and were not there at the side of the cross.

Galatians 4:7-8 says about this, "Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God. However at that time, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by nature are no gods." So we see that he as the prince of the world was manipulating mankind all through history. The ruler of this world is judged, and Yeshua proclaimed it. In 1 John 3:8-10 he says, "The one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil." What are the works of the devil? Our manipulation, our temptation into sin. Those are the works of the devil. "No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of

God, nor the one who does not love his brother.” You say, “Well, see, there you go, you are talking about the Jews. They do not practice righteousness. They do not believe in Yeshua as the Messiah.” They do practice righteousness. The Scripture is very clear that the Torah is the righteousness of God, and it is practiced; and they do live in the love of the brethren. So it is not talking about whether they participated in the crucifixion or not. That is not what is qualified here as being “of the devil because you have sinned.” That is part of this deception that satan wants to paint; because now that Christ has been crucified, and his judgment has come, he is out to destroy the seed of the woman, the Jewish people; and that will be part of what we see played out in the end time. That is why I beg you, as Christians and believers, and as the Church, to get out of your anti-Semitism, because satan is still at work. Now, Christ is out of his grasp, and the plan has been executed; but the Jewish people have become his focus down through the history.

John 12:31-33. “Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.” He will. Trust it. “But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die.” John 16:8-11, ““And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin” – speaking about the Holy Spirit – “concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.” Galatians 6:14, “But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.” See, Paul recognized this; he had been crucified to satan, because satan's judgment came at the cross. So not only was he crucified with Christ, but the world, the prince of the power of the world, was crucified to him, no longer had the access, as it was. 1 Corinthians 2:8, “The wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.” The biggest mistake that satan ever made was participating in the cross, was manipulating the humans that were there by temptation into a participation of the cross experience. God used it to fulfill their part in who they were; but satan was trying to destroy the Christ and to destroy the whole revelation of salvation.

Christ said, “The wicked one comes and finds nothing in Me.” And that is true. Yeshua, at the time of the cross, was the only one, the only human there, that was not influenced by satan's deception and manipulation. Christ finalized His victory over satan in the wilderness temptations by living out what He proclaimed at that time, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.” And as the first of humanity to have lived in total obedience to God, He did the whole will of God by going to the cross, defeating satan and his manipulation of mankind against the will of God. Christ was not manipulated. He did not come down from the cross. He did not violate any of the prophecy – all was fulfilled. Because as Philippians 2:8 says, “Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” And it was through that obedience, the act of obedience on the cross. Yes, He lived it from the time of the temptation in the wilderness, but He displayed it and finalized it on the cross, where He was absolute in His obedience to go to death at the Father's command. John 14:29-31 says, ““Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe. I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me; but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me. Get up, let us go from here.”” Those are the words that He uttered after He had been in the Garden, praying with the disciples.

So we see how this begins to play out, and we are about halfway through the detail of Scriptures that talk about those who are involved. We still have to look at the children of Israel; we have to look at the High Priest; we have to recognize the part that the Romans played in all of this that was done. And we will get to that, but we will do it in another session. But I would just say, please, take these Scriptures, pray over them. Read through the story, and recognize that our salvation is won through a very specific plan that God had, and it was executed perfectly. Give yourself to it, and to the Word of God. I bless you in it. As we reach for the pure revelation of how the cross worked, God deliver us from all vestiges and roots of anti-Semitism. Amen.