Resurvection Life of Jesus Church BACK TO THE BOOK OF ACTS (BBA) RLJ-1122 JOHN S. TORELL FEBRUARY 24, 2008 PART 14: THE SECOND ADAM

In the history of mankind, the Bible talks about two Adam's, with each being unique and different from all other humans.

THE SECOND ADAM

Some 4,000 years later, Jesus entered the world once again, not as the Creator but in a human body. The prophet Isaiah was given a prophecy around 700 B.C. about the coming Messiah; this is where we get the term "the Suffering Servant." **Isaiah 53:1-11**

The Bible tells us that Jesus was God and man at the same time. His mother gave Him flesh and bones through her egg and the Holy Spirit gave Him divine blood through the virgin birth. **Luke 1:26-35**

It is important to note that Jesus was not created; He was God clothing Himself in a human body. This human body began in the womb of Mary, was given a natural birth, and the body grew from an infant into a full grown man. Because Jesus was abiding inside this body, he was able to grow up without sin. **Romans 5:17-19; 1 Corinthians 15:45-47; John 3:13, 31-36**

Just like the Devil was given a chance to tempt Adam and Eve, so Jesus also had to be tempted too. The human body of Jesus could be tempted, but because God through Jesus lived inside this body, Jesus succeeded where Adam and Eve failed. **Luke 4:1-13**

SALVATION

Forgiveness of sins, salvation and eternal life was never achieved through sacrifices, keeping God's laws or through circumcision (only men were circumcised). Beginning with Adam and Eve, it was faith in God and that He alone would someday send a Messiah that would bear the sins and be salvation for all who believed on Him.

- Abel was saved, but never was circumcised.
- Enoch was saved before the covenant with Abraham.
- □ Noah was saved by faith in God.
- □ Abraham was saved by faith in God.
- □ Job, an uncircumcised descendant from Noah, who lived at the same time as Abraham was also saved by faith. Job 19:23-27

All of them died without having received the promise, but they knew that someday they would be redeemed. **Hebrews 11:13-40**



THE MESSAGE OF THE APOSTLES

The task of the Church of Jesus Christ as recorded in the Book of Acts was to proclaim that Judaism had derailed from the truth, the first covenant had been replaced with a new covenant and sacrifices and circumcision were no longer needed. Having faith in the Messiah and repenting of your sins is all that is needed for a man to be born again and receive eternal life. **John 1:1-14**

We need to get back to the basics of the Gospel message: Jesus is the Son of God and there is no salvation apart from Him. John 3:14-21

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