

THE GREATNESS OF JESUS CHRIST AND THE ANGELS

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The human dimension of Jesus Christ was only temporary. It should not make us forget his divine dimension.

He came down to our planet earth and returned to heaven from where he had come to be incarnated here on earth in a body identical to ours. He has often been misunderstood, misrepresented or disfigured.

It is essential to refer to the Bible, the Word of God, to know him better.

This Bible booklet will help you to understand that through JESUS and THE ANGELS, the relationship between earth and heaven is made clear and that Jesus Christ is truly the SON OF GOD, the MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE. If He was for a time lowered below the angels, He was done so out of love for us, to take our place of guilt and atone for all our sins by offering His body as a sacrifice on the cross in Jerusalem.

WHERE DOES JESUS CHRIST COME FROM?

- You will learn for next Sunday the fourteen verses of chapter 1 of the Gospel of John.

This is the lesson that my teacher, Mademoiselle Biolley, aged 80, told me to learn by heart. I was attending the Sunday school of the Evangelical Church, rue Franklin, in Le Havre in 1935. The first verse begins with these words: "In the beginning was the Word". I did not understand what the Word was. When I read verse 14, the veil was lifted. The Word "made flesh" is referred to as "THE ONE AND ONLY SON FROM THE FATHER."

This son received on earth the name of JESUS CHRIST (John 1:17), a name that is said in Hebrew "Yechua-Hamachiar" and means "the Messiah Saviour".

In the beginning of the world, Jesus was present. He is the Word.

"In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God. The Word was God." (John 1:1).

John 1:1-18 :

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God. And the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and nothing that was made was made without Him.

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not received it.

There was a man sent from God: his name was John. He came to be a witness, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but he appeared to bear witness to the light.

This light was the true light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own received Him not. But to all who received Him, to all who believe in His name, He gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth: and we beheld His glory, a glory like the glory of the only begotten Son from the Father. John testified to Him and cried out, "This is He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has gone before me,' for He was before me.

And we have received from His fullness, and grace for grace: for the law was given by Moses, grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God: the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, is the one who made Him known."

This prologue to the Gospel of John, which I learned at the age of 14 when I was converted, impressed me. I understood that Jesus Christ was not only the child of Bethlehem or the man from Galilee.

The greatness of Christ is beyond our imagination. The Bible reveals its immensity to us.

About our origin, we say: "I was born in Paris, Nantes, Lyon..." but Jesus affirmed: "I CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN" (John 6:38)

He said, "**He who comes from Heaven** is ABOVE ALL" (John 3:31), thus revealing his divine origin and sovereignty. One day some of His disciples murmured because they did not understand the meaning of His words, and He remarked to them, "And if you see the Son of Man ascending where He was before" (John 6:62)

Previously he was "WITH GOD" (John 1:1), "**IN THE BOSOM OF THE FATHER.**" (John 1:18), "**IN THE FORM OF GOD**" (Philippians 2:6).

When He lived in human form, "He called God His own Father, making Himself **equal with God**" (John 5:18).

No wonder he said, "WHATEVER the Father does, the Son also does PERFECTLY. (John 5:19). "As the Father has LIFE in himself, so he has given the Son to HAVE LIFE in himself" (John 5:26).

We say: "I am from Alsace, from Provence, from Brittany...". He, Jesus, said: "I AM FROM ABOVE" (John 8:23).

And today, "He is seated at the right hand of the Majesty of God in the HIGHEST HEAVENS" (Hebrews 1:3). He taught His apostles to say, "Our Father who are in Heaven" (Matthew 6:9)

What are these high places? Where does God have his throne?

This seems very difficult to define when we know the extent of the Universe

With their giant telescopes, satellites and space probes loaded with electronic devices, people

hope to go back in time to the birth of the universe. In the theory of the initial "bing-bang" (the explosion that would have preceded the birth of "the heavens and the earth"), the word "creation" is now universally used. The evidence for creation is becoming increasingly clear as scientists' research progresses, particularly in the field of radio astronomy.

The Bible says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). It does not say when the beginning was. Problems arise when we try to fix a date from one theory or another.

Before infinite space and eternity, man is very small and tries in vain to explain the inexplicable of the beyond with his limited intelligence and language. The distance at which "the highest places" are found is beyond us. Personally, I bow to the Great and Glorious Christ and simply believe everything the Bible says about him.

Before offering his life on Calvary, Jesus had said to his apostles:

"I CAME FORTH FROM THE FATHER,
and I CAME INTO THE WORLD.

Now I LEAVE THE WORLD

And I AM GOING TO THE FATHER." (John 16:28)

He came to our planet "EARTH". His stay was short. "The days of his flesh, 33 years, allowed men to discover in him **the one sent by God** for their salvation.

He often repeated that he was "SENT":

"The Father has **sent** me. (John 5:36)

"The Father **who sent me** has testified **about me**. (John 5:37)

"I am not alone, but the Father **who sent me** is with me." (John 8:16)

"Whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world." (John 10:36)

"As the living Father has **sent** me..." (John 6:57)

"I am going to Him who **sent** me..." (John 7:33)

etc

When Jesus came to earth, he said to his Father, "Behold, I have come to do your will, O God." (Hebrews 10:7). That is why "the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)

God sent His Son to earth out of love for the man He created. He gave Him as an atoning victim so that man might be saved through Him.

WHAT WAS HIS MISSION ON EARTH?

In the text of the Gospel of John that my teacher made me learn, there are two words that express with force the very basis of the mission that Christ came to fulfill on this earth: LIFE and LIGHT.

"In Him (the Word) was **LIFE**, and THE LIFE was **THE LIGHT** of men" (John 1:4).

The enemy of Christ and men – called the devil – plunges human beings into darkness and death. **But the LIGHT is stronger than the darkness, and LIFE than death. Christ was sent to give man LIFE and LIGHT.**

God said at the time of creation, "Let there be light, and there was light" (Genesis 1:3)

When God decided to send His Son into the world, He sent Him as a Light.

Jesus Himself said, "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD; he who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have THE LIGHT OF LIFE." (John 8:12)

That light," says the apostle John, "was THE TRUE LIGHT which, coming into the world, enlightens every man." (John 1:9)

There are false lights, false messiahs, false teachers. The devil himself sometimes "disguises" himself as an "angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14) because he is "a liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44). But Jesus is the TRUE light.

"Whoever believes in me," he said, "shall not abide in darkness" (John 12:46).

"God, who said, 'The light will shine in the midst of darkness,' has caused the light to shine in our hearts, that the knowledge of the glory of God may shine in the face of Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:6).

"The people who walked in darkness see a GREAT LIGHT," said the prophet Isaiah, foretelling the coming of Jesus (Isaiah 9:2 and Matthew 4:16).

Darkness had entered the heart of man since the devil infiltrated the earthly Paradise. He sowed doubt and led the human creature into disobedience to his Creator. This resulted in moral disorder, desolation, suffering, sin, and death throughout the earth for centuries. It was into this world chained by evil, shrouded in darkness and dominated by the devil that Christ descended.

He came to cast out darkness and overcome sin, death, Satan, and empower those who believe in Him to become children of God (John 1:12), to turn from darkness to LIGHT (Acts 26:18) and from death to LIFE (John 5:24).

"He who believes in me," he said, "has eternal LIFE." (John 6:47).

WAS JESUS ACCOMPANIED BY ANGELS WHEN HE CAME TO EARTH?

At the time of Jesus' coming, angels appeared on our planet.

– **AN ANGEL NAMED GABRIEL** was sent by God to Nazareth to a virgin named Mary to tell her that she would miraculously give birth to a son to whom she would give the name JESUS (Luke 1:26-28)

– AT THE TIME OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, **AN ANGEL** appeared to the shepherds who were tending their flocks near Bethlehem. He said to them, "Do not be afraid; for I bring you good news...that today in the city of David a Savior has been born to you, who is Christ (Messiah), the Lord." (Luke 2:8-12)

– **THEN A MULTITUDE OF ANGELS** joined him in praising God, saying:
"Glory to God in the highest." (Luke 2:14)
After that the angels returned "to heaven" (Luke 2:15).

By accompanying the first coming of Christ to earth, the angels thus demonstrated the existence of the link between heaven and earth.

How is this possible when you consider how far we are from the stars?

The nearest star visible to the naked eye is Alpha Centauri which is about 4 light years away. The light year is based on the speed of light, which is 300,000 km per second. To reach this first star, we must travel for 4 years at 300,000 km per second. The most distant object, also visible to the naked eye, is the Andromeda galaxy, which is about 1.5 million light years away. Their light has traveled for 4 years or 1.5 million light years to reach us. As a result, we are looking into the past. But this is true in both directions.

If you were on one of those stars, assuming you had a proper telescope, you'd see the earth as it

existed in the past. From the star Sirius you would see what you were doing on earth nine years ago.

Yes, everything you have done you are still doing, the ghost of your past haunts the universe!
Remember that God is omnipresent. This means that for God any sin you have committed, any evil thing you have done, you are still doing it and will do it forever if God's forgiveness does not intervene. Only God who controls all factors of time, space and matter can remove sin forever. To do this, He sent His Son Jesus Christ to offer His life on the cross.

Moses said in one of his prayers:

"Lord, before the mountains were born and you created the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting, you are God...for a thousand years are in your sight like yesterday's day when it is no more." (Ps 90:4)

Taking into account the speed of light in the cosmos, it is possible for angels to come to earth and return to heaven, to the highest places, with such speed that we cannot conceive it.

Indeed, what is time? "The simplest thing when you don't think about it, the most complicated when you try to understand it" said Augustine 1,500 years ago.

The apostle Peter wrote, "Before the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day" (2 Peter 3:8).

– **"ANGELS CAME TO JESUS AND MINISTERED TO HIM** (Matthew 4:11). They came to Jesus at the end of His fast, after His victory over the wiles of the devil.

We do not know what the service of the angels consisted of, but this relationship between Jesus and the angels allows us to understand that Christ remained in permanent relationship with heaven, as he himself said to Nathanael:

"Verily, verily, from henceforth you shall see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending above the Son of man." (John 1:51).

– AT GETHSEMANE, when Jesus was in agony and praying earnestly, **"AN ANGEL** appeared to him from heaven to strengthen him" (Luke 22:43). What did he say to him? The Bible does not specify. Christ "made man" was suffering, bent under the weight of the faults of men which He had to atone for. He had lowered Himself for a time below the angels (Hebrews 2:7). One of them came to support Him in this struggle.

– AT THE MOMENT OF HIS RESURRECTION, **AN ANGEL** DESCENDED FROM HEAVEN, came and rolled away the stone from the tomb and sat on it (Matthew 28:2). His task was to tell the women who had come to the tomb that Jesus had risen. Since the angels could speak in the languages of men, he said to them in Hebrew, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here. HE IS RISEN." (Matthew 28:5-6)

– AFTER HIS ASCENSION, **TWO ANGELS** in human form came to the apostles to tell them that Jesus would return in the same way they had seen him go to heaven (Acts 1:10-11)

So Jesus returned to heaven.

The history of mankind has a finality and cannot be dissociated from what happens in heaven.

The relationship between heaven and earth can only be understood through the existence of Christ. The universe only makes sense THROUGH HIM.

NOTHING HAS BEEN CREATED WITHOUT HIM

"For **in Him** were created all things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.

EVERYTHING WAS CREATED BY HIM AND FOR HIM.

He is **before all things**, and in Him all things endure." (Colossians 1:16-17)

This is also taught in the Gospel of John: "All things were made through Him (the Word) and without Him nothing was made that was made" (John 1:3)

"The world was made through Him (the Light)" (John 1:10)

The greatness of Christ is unfathomable!

He is not the "little Jesus of the manger" as we like to tell our grandchildren.

He is "the firstborn of all creation, **the image of the invisible God**" (Colossians 1:15)

Can't the text in Proverbs (8:23-26) about "wisdom" be attributed to him?

"I have been established for eternity."

(The prophet Micah confirms this with these words:

And you Bethlehem...out of you shall come forth one who rules over Israel, whose origin is from ancient times, from the days of **eternity...**" Micah 5:1-2)

From the beginning, **before the origin of the earth.**

He had not yet made the earth, nor the countryside, **nor the first atom of the dust of the world.**

When he arranged the heavens, I was there.

When he drew a circle on the surface of the abyss,

When he fixed the clouds on high and the springs of the abyss gushed forth with strength,

When he set a boundary for the sea, so that the waters would not go over the edge,

When he laid the foundation of the earth,

I WAS AT WORK WITH HIM, and every day I was his delight, playing **on the globe of the earth**, and finding my happiness among men.

Blessed is the man who hears me, for he who finds me has found LIFE. But he who sins against me harms his soul. All who hate me love death."

"God has spoken to us through His Son Jesus. He appointed him heir of all things. **Through him he also created the world.**" (Hebrews 1:2)

The apostle Paul tells us in his letter to the Colossians (1:16) that "**ALL THINGS EXIST THROUGH HIM, things visible and invisible**".

The things visible to the naked eye and the invisible things that science has discovered and those that are inaccessible to it, ALL exist through Jesus! Isn't it amazing to have a Savior so Great, so Powerful?

"May the God of our Lord JÉSUS CHRIST illuminate the eyes of your heart,

So that you may know what it is to us who believe

THE INFINITE SIZE OF ITS POWER....

HE DEPLOYED IT IN CHRIST

By raising him from the dead

And making him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places."

(Ephesians 1:17-20)

WONDERS OF CREATION

During my visit to the MOODY Institute of Science in Los Angeles, USA, where only Christian scientists are working to demonstrate irrefutably that these two books "THE BIBLE—the book of books—and NATURE" are in perfect agreement, the Director stated with conviction: "The Bible and Nature have the same author," and he added: "After a lifetime of study, we have not found a single case in which there is a conflict between these two books. The Bible always says exactly what it means."

Listening to the talks of this man of unshakeable faith, and reading the documents which have resulted from the work of the scholars of the Institute, I was greatly impressed by the perfections of creation. Christ, through whom and for whom everything was created, appears in all his strength and in all his glory through the marvels that are highlighted.

1900 years ago, the apostle Paul wrote to the Romans: "The invisible perfections of God, his eternal power and divinity, have been seen as with the naked eye since the creation of the world" (Romans 1:20)

Indeed, how can we fail to recognize these perfections in nature?

(Matthew 6:28) "Consider how the lilies of the field grow," said Jesus who was present at their creation.

The different shapes of the flowers, their fragrances, their colors, what a wonder! With the help of time-accelerating cameras, man can see the flower grow with his own eyes. The cyclamen gracefully bow, the fuschias grow as if they had hiccups, the ibiscus flowers spread their petals in a twirling motion... As for the leaf, it is a food factory. The sun's rays are captured in a series of chemical reactions whose explanation has only recently been found with the appearance of new techniques.

(Matthew 6:26) : "Look at the birds of the air," Jesus says, inviting us to observe them to increase our faith. What beauty: their plumage, their colours, their songs, their instincts! Man's best instruments cannot compare in simplicity, conciseness and efficiency with those of birds.

Migratory birds have a long-distance guidance system whose perfection seems supernatural:

- The carrier pigeon left 800 km from its loft will rise, quickly describe a few circles, and then unerringly head for its home.
- The Pacific golden plover, this amazing seabird, breeds in Eastern Siberia and Alaska, but winters in Hawaii, travelling over 3,000 km. After the parents leave, the young follow the same route, without a guide!
- The Arctic sea swallow flies from the North Pole to the South Pole, a 35,000 km round trip.

What's inside a bird's little head to enable it to perform such feats of navigation?

We could also talk about fish.

God said, "Let the waters bring forth living creatures in abundance" (Genesis 1:20)

The sea is not really the world of silence.

It is an unknown and wonderful part of the universe. The valuable discovery of electronics and its application in devices capable of listening to the sea have made it possible to collect noises and locate signals that are common on the sea floor, coming from fish and crustaceans, sounds analogous to the singing of birds or the buzzing of bees.

The fish are equipped with special equipment, more varied than all the instruments in a symphony orchestra, and adapted to work underwater.

The MOODY Science Institute presents many other wonders and mysteries of life that surround us in masterful demonstrations, some of which are listed below. They allow us to admire the greatness and perfection of Jesus Christ "through whom all things were made and without whom nothing was made" (John 1:3)

(Matthew 6:25) "Is not the body more than the clothing?" said Jesus.

The study of the human body shows us this.

What is more common than the human body?

Yet it contains the most complex and efficient chemical machinery that any man has ever formed. The food the body receives is transformed into blood, skin, muscle, bone, teeth, as well as heat and motion. Despite all these activities, the body maintains itself at a uniform temperature.

It has several tens of thousands of millions of parts and a million billion cells!

- The hand. What other mechanical device can thread a needle and perform surgery as well as lift a tree trunk?
- The eye. The principle of the automatic diaphragm, which adapts to different light levels, is directly copied from eye studies.
- The ear. Inside are extremely sensitive fibers that distinguish 1500 different tones in an octave interval.
- The heart. It pumps enough blood in the average lifetime of a man to fill a row of tankers 50 miles long, without a single interruption or repair. It beats more than 100,000 times a day.
- Blood. It has 30 million red blood cells per drop. The human body produces 2 million per second to replace damaged ones. They float in a clear liquid, plasma, and circulate, under the impulse of the heart, in vessels whose total length exceeds 160,000 km. These vessels are not mere pipes. They contain in their perfection all kinds of valves, systems, to control the pressure and circulation of the blood in the whole organism. A whole lifetime would not be enough to study everything. No wonder the Bible says, "The life of the flesh is in the blood" (Leviticus 17:11).

THE HEAVENS TELL OF THE GLORY OF GOD, SO OF CHRIST BY WHICH HE CREATED EVERYTHING!

The works of God are perfect, both in the infinitely great and in the infinitely small.

"There is only one God, the Father.

From whom all things come,

And one Lord Jesus Christ,

By whom are all things." (1 Corinthians 8:6)

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By studying the structure of molecules and the atoms that form them, scientists have discovered that the structure of atoms is very similar to the structure of the sun.

Each atom had a heavy nucleus corresponding to the sun, and lighter electrons placed on orbits, image of the planets and the vacuum that separates them. It is very interesting to note that

scientists have found the same pattern in the infinitely large and in the infinitely small.

Astronomy has confirmed these words written thousands of years ago:

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the expanse shows the work of His hands." (Ps 19:2)

To study the heavens, men have instruments, such as telescopes, which can show us in the heavens what the human eye can never see.

For many years, astronomers have noticed strange hazy masses in the sky: they have called them "nebulae" and have listed them by the thousands.

In 1925 the Hoover telescope was pointed at the large "spiral" nebula in the constellation Andromeda. Photographs taken at the time revealed that this glowing cloud was composed of thousands of stars: the nebula was a galaxy, **an island in the Universe, at a distance then estimated at 75,000 light years.**

This discovery helped explain our own galaxy, the Milky Way, where the solar system is located. **It is composed of stars spread over a diameter of 100,000 light years. The sun revolves around the center of the galaxy at a speed of 360 km per second. At this speed, it will take 200 million years to complete its revolution.**

How many stars are there? About 100 billion in a galaxy. There are about 100 million galaxies in known space. If Einstein is right, the universe is a billion times bigger!

There would be 10 billion million stars in space. This is inconceivable! But Sir James Jeans helps us: he says there are about as many stars as there are grains of sand on the seashore, according to Jeremiah 33:22.

Since the American space shuttle "Challenger", scientists have studied our sun to try to determine the origin of the universe. The sun is located 160 million kilometers from the earth. It would take only 8 minutes and 19 seconds to reach it at the speed of light, or 300,000 km per second. Now, scientists claim, based on their calculations, that the beginning of the creation of the Universe goes back 15 billion light years.

In reality, there is an infinity that man can never reach. Did not King David rightly write: "When I behold the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you have created, what is man that you remember him?" (Psalm 8:4-5)

The God of the infinitely great and the infinitely small remembered us, his creatures, and sent his Son, through whom he created the heavens and the earth, to our little planet. He sent him to die on the cross so that through his death we might have eternal life and access to the Kingdom of Heaven.

OUR ENTRY INTO THE SPIRITUAL WORLD MADE POSSIBLE BY JESUS

Jesus came to make God and his love known to us. "No one has ever seen God; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, is the one who made him known." (John 1:18)

He came to introduce us to the spiritual world.

He was with God before the creation of the world. He mentioned this in his priestly prayer:

"Glorify me with the glory that I had with you, BEFORE THE WORLD WAS. (John 17:5)

He also said in prayer:

"I came out of you" (John 17:8 and 13)

"I am going to you" (John 17:11 and 13)

With these words, He expressed both His origin, which goes back "to the days of eternity," as the prophet says (Micah 5:1), and His eternal destiny. "Your years shall not end," says the epistle to the Hebrews (Hebrews 1:12), which adds:

"JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER." (13 :8)

After His death and resurrection, Jesus entered HEAVEN AGAIN (Hebrews 9:24)

"He is at the right hand of God and makes intercession for us" (Romans 8:34)

He opened the way for us to go to God.

"Through him we both have access to the Father" (Ephesians 2:8)

Entry into the invisible spiritual world, as real as the visible world, is within our reach through faith in Jesus.

Jesus said to the lawyer Nicodemus:

"Unless a man is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." (John 3:5-6)

From these words it is clear that there are two worlds:

- the physical world: the flesh,
- the spiritual world: the spirit.

The spiritual realm cannot be known by our physical senses, which is why a fundamental transformation described by Jesus as a new birth is necessary to know it. This spiritual realm is the fifth dimension of reality.

The first dimension is the line, the second is the surface and the third is the cube, as we learn in geometry. Then there is the fourth dimension, that of thought, of intelligence which belongs to man and, finally, the fifth, that of communion with God and into which Jesus Christ can lead us.

Some people believe that the existence of a spiritual world is impossible because, they say, only that which can be grasped by the senses exists. This statement is erroneous since many scientific facts are based on measurements of realities beyond the realm of the senses.

The existence of a spiritual world and a physical world is clearly demonstrated in the Bible. The relationship between these two worlds was destroyed by sin. But Christ became flesh and came to dwell among men.

Through his death and resurrection, he can serve as a bridge between these two worlds, between earth and heaven, between people and God. He makes it possible for man to cross the barrier and return to God.

"Now you who were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who has broken down the dividing wall." (Ephesians 2:13-14)

"There is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (1 Timothy 2:5)

JESUS WAS LIKE MEN

Jesus emptied Himself, taking on "the form of a servant, **becoming LIKE ONE OF THE MEN**; having appeared **LIKE ONE OF THE MEN**, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even to the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:7-8)

In order to become like men, it was necessary for him to have a human body.

"Therefore, Christ **entering the world** says: you did not want any sacrifice or offering, but **YOU FORMED ME A BODY.**" (Hebrews 10:5)

His body was formed in the womb of the virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:18 and Luke 1:35). Then He offered His body as a sacrifice on the cross.

"By virtue of this will we are sanctified, through THE OFFERING OF THE BODY OF JESUS CHRIST once for all." (Hebrews 10:10) for "He Himself bore our sins **in His body** on the tree..." (1 Peter 2:24).

He lived simply as a man to give to those who believe in him spiritual wealth, salvation of the soul, eternal life.

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who for your sakes **MADE HIMSELF POOR**, even as He was rich, that by His poverty you might be enriched." (2 Corinthians 8:9)

In coming to earth, "He shared in blood and flesh" (Hebrews 2:14)

"He has been made like his brothers in all things." (Hebrews 2:17)

He thus lowered himself below the angels "for a little while" (Hebrews 1:9).

All the angels knew that the child born miraculously to the virgin Mary in Bethlehem was the Savior. Many of them came down to earth to the shepherds to greet his birth (Luke 2:13-15)

This "baby" whom the shepherds saw lying in the manger was like any other baby. His adoptive father Joseph and his mother took him to Egypt, **as instructed by the angel of the Lord** who appeared to Joseph in a dream, because King Herod was looking for the little child to kill him (Matthew 2:13). **It was at the command of an angel** that Joseph went back to Israel and came to live in the city of Nazareth (Matthew 2:19-23)

From there, Jesus' parents went every year to Jerusalem at the Passover feast (according to Jewish custom). When Jesus was twelve years old, they took him with them. It was a long journey of more than 100 kilometers on foot.

On the way back, Jesus failed to keep company with his parents, who did not notice his absence until after a day's walk with other pilgrims. They returned to Jerusalem and after three days of searching, they found him in the Temple, among the doctors of the law, whom he astonished with his intelligence and his answers. He was not a "gifted" child but "THE SON OF GOD" who had made himself "SON OF MAN" to enlighten men and save them.

When his parents asked him the reason for his attitude, he replied, "Didn't you know that I have to take care of **my Father's** business?"

His parents did not understand at that moment what he meant. When the sun rises, it gradually drives out the darkness. So Jesus, the Sun of Righteousness, announced by the prophet Malachi (4:2), had to wait patiently for the moment when, in the synagogue of Nazareth, he revealed himself as THE MESSIAH, the ANOINTED ONE OF GOD, and rose to announce the time of grace:

"Jesus went into the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read. They gave him the book of the prophet Isaiah.

When he had unrolled it, he found the place where it is written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has ANOINTED me to preach good news to the poor...to proclaim a year of the Lord's favor. Then he rolled up the book...and began to say to them, Today this word of Scripture which you have just heard is fulfilled." (Luke 4:16-21).

Raised in Nazareth, known as "the son of Joseph" (Luke 4:22), He was called "Jesus of Nazareth" (Matt. 10:47, Mark 14:67, Luke 24:14, John 19:19, Acts 2:22 and 10:38).

He grew up and played with his peers. He went with them to the synagogue every Saturday. He was a manual laborer whom the townspeople often met in the streets and the square of Nazareth.

He remained incognito on earth until the age of thirty, in the form of a SIMPLE MAN, a Jew among Jews. He lived a normal family life with his parents, brothers and sisters.

That is why the people of Nazareth, when they heard him teaching in the synagogue later in his ministry, were astonished and said, "Where did he get this wisdom and these miracles? Is this not the carpenter's son? Are not James, Joseph, Simon and Jude his brothers? Are not all his sisters among us? (Mat. 13:54-56)

THE HEAVENS OPENED UP AT HIS BAPTISM

When he was baptized in the Jordan by his cousin John the Baptist, extraordinary things happened. As he came up out of the water praying, "heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, like a dove. And a loud voice came from heaven, saying, You are my beloved SON; in you I am well pleased." (Luke 3:21-22)

It is well written that "HEAVEN WAS OPENED" and that a voice was heard "FROM HEAVEN". The relationship of HEAVEN AND EARTH through the presence of Jesus here on earth, both Son of Man and Son of God, was A REALITY. This is beyond our comprehension. Therefore, let us put aside our imagination. Let us recognize the divine interventions that confirm the divinity of Jesus in his humanity and let our simple faith lead us to worship Jesus, the Lord of the Universe.

Biblical revelations are the very basis of our faith. They are not legends or myths.

"I AM FROM ABOVE" says Jesus. And behold, that which is **FROM ABOVE** is manifested **BELOW** on the earth.

The battle for the redemption of man is great.

THE VOICE OF GOD himself is heard: "YOU ARE MY SON".

The HOLY SPIRIT manifests Himself, takes the form of a dove and descends upon Jesus.

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are three distinct persons. Their agreement is total in the realization of the plan of salvation to redeem men and make them children of God.

"YOU ARE MY SON" says God.

Jesus IS the Son of God and he is made Man.

It is not the man Jesus who is made the Son of God.

THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

After his baptism in the water of the Jordan, Jesus "filled with the Holy Spirit", "led by the Spirit", "clothed with the power of the Spirit" (Luke 4:1 and 14) returned to Galilee.

He performed his first miracle in CANA by transforming water into delicious wine, a gesture turned towards the joy and celebration of men, but before that he refused to carry out the suggestion of the devil who asked him to transform stones into bread to demonstrate that he was really the Son of God. Jesus could have done this in an instant, and it would have been easy for Him, for He had all power, but, having become a man, He did not turn away from the will that the essential thing for man is not the bread, but the Word of God. He later taught His disciples by saying, "Seek first the kingdom and the righteousness of God, and all things will be added to you. (Math. 6:33)

All the laws of nature exist through Jesus. It was therefore normal that Jesus could intervene to upset or restore them and thus accomplish MIRACLES. For example:

- He crossed the Lake of Galilee on foot. He walked on the water and had the apostle Peter walk on it. (Mark 6:48)
- He commanded the wind to stop and the storm to cease. This extraordinary miracle caused the disciples to admire and wonder:
"Who is this," they said, "to whom even the wind and the sea obey?" (Mark 4:35-41)
- He multiplied seven loaves and some small fish to feed 4,000 people (Mark 8:1-8)

The Gospels are full of miracles. They are indispensable to understand the greatness of Christ. They have the stamp of the Spirit of God.

The miraculous healings are innumerable.

Jesus healed :

Gimpy,

Blind people,

Paralyzed people,

Lepers,

Epileptics...

He delivered the possessed and raised the dead.

At the end of his Gospel, the apostle John wrote:

"Jesus did yet, in the presence of His disciples, MUCH MORE MIRACLES which are not written in this book" and He made this last remark: "...if they were written down in detail, I do not think that the world itself could contain the books that would be written." (John 20:30 and 21:25).

The eminent Jewish scholar, Albert EINSTEIN, did not believe that Jesus was a legend. He said, "No one can read the Gospels without feeling the authentic presence of Jesus. His personality vibrates in every word. No myth can contain such a living presence."

UNLIMITED POWER OF JESUS

Jesus said to his apostles on the day of his ascension:

"ALL POWER has been given to me IN HEAVEN and ON EARTH." (Math. 28:18)

It does say "in heaven and on earth". Heaven and earth are under the power of Jesus. He is truly the Master of the Universe. Everything is subject to Him. (1 Corinthians 15:27)

He has "power over ALL FLESH" (John 17:2) and He has "POWER TO ASSUME ALL THINGS" (Philippians 3:21)

He has unlimited power, the power of God, his Father.

JESUS IS THE ONLY SON OF GOD

The apostle John wrote:

"JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF THE FATHER" (2 John 3), and the apostle Paul:
"GOD IS THE FATHER OF THE LORD JESUS" (1 Corinthians 11:31)

Jesus himself stated:

"I AM THE SON OF GOD" (John 10:36)

When He spoke of God, He often said "MY FATHER", or "MY FATHER IN HEAVEN" (Luke 2:49, Mat. 10:32, 16:17, 18:10, 18:19, 26:39 etc.).

It was because Jesus called God His own Father that the Jews sought to put Him to death. (John 5:18)

He used language that was sometimes difficult to understand when he said, "The Father is in me" (John 14:10) or "I am in the Father" (John 10:38), thus affirming his unity with his Father. (John 14:10) or "I am in the Father" (John 10:38), thus affirming his unity with his Father: "I and the Father are ONE" (John 10:30)

Although he was ONE with his Father, he was not confused with him. He made this clear on several occasions, especially when he said: "My Father is acting until now, I am ALSO acting. He exhorted his disciples to put their faith in God and in Him with these words:
"BELIEVE IN GOD and BELIEVE IN ME" (Jn 14:1)

And to make it clear that he is distinct from God, he declares to the Pharisees who disputed his messiahship:

"I AM NOT ALONE, but THE FATHER who sent me IS WITH ME" (John 8:16)

We cannot explain God who "dwells in unapproachable light" (1 Timothy 6:16) for "No one has ever seen God; **THE ONLY SON** who is **IN THE BOSOM OF THE FATHER** is the one who MADE HIM KNOWN;" (John 1:18)

To know God, one must know JESUS, his Son. Without him, God remains unknown and distant to man.

That is why "God so loved the world that He sent HIS ONLY SON, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

"God in these last days **has spoken to us by the Son** through whom He created the world and who, being the reflection of His glory and the imprint of His person....made the washing away of sins and sat down at the right hand of the divine majesty." (Hebrews 1:2-3).

When Jesus said "I AM THE SON OF GOD" (John 10:36), He did not say "I was" or "I will be", but "I AM".

It has been proclaimed, confirmed by His resurrection that He REALLY is. (Romans 1:4)

The Jew Ellis RIVKIN, professor of Jewish history at Hebrew Union College, wrote: "In addition to his life, his speeches, his miracles, it was by his resurrection that he proved in a clear way that he is the MESSIAH."

The apostles "beheld his glory, a glory like the glory of the **ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON FROM THE FATHER.**" (John 1:14)

Jesus, the only Son of God, manifested Himself for a very short period of time, on the scale of man, whose nature is inferior on this earth to that of the angels, since it is limited in space and time, whereas the angels are not.

HOW SHOULD WE SEE HIM TODAY?

HOW SHOULD WE KNOW HIM?

Man has a tendency to see Christ only in his own human dimension when in reality we should no longer see Him as man.

"If we have known Christ according to the flesh," says the Apostle Paul, "WE NO LONGER KNOW HIM IN THIS WAY. (2 Cor. 5:16)

He took on our humanity. He had at the time of His incarnation a "body of flesh" physically similar to ours with all its needs, all its limitations, all its fetters, without committing sin. (Hebrews 4:15)

"He was SIMILAR TO MEN." (Phil. 2:7)

Jesus knew three things:

1. That the Father had given all things into his hands
2. That he came from God
3. That he was going to God (John 13:3)

He came from God and went back to God. After His ascension, He sat down at the right hand of God in heaven (Rom. 8:34, Rev. 22:3) where He possesses a "BODY OF GLORY" (Philippians 3:21) that has retained the human morphology, a face of a son of man. (Philippians 3:21) which has retained the human form, the face of a son of man.

"I saw one like a son of man," said the apostle John, who wrote in his book, Revelation, what he saw in a vision when he was caught up in the spirit (Rev. 1:13).

Then the apostle describes this "someone" who says to him:

"Fear not, I am the first and the last and the LIVING One. I was dead, and behold, I AM ALIVE forever and ever." (Rev. 1:18-18)

He was: "clothed in a long robe and had a golden belt on his chest.

His head and hair were WHITE as snow.

His eyes were like a FLAME OF FIRE.

His feet were like BURNING brass.

His face was like the SUN when it SHINES in its strength. (Rev. 1:12-16)

Christ appeared to him in HIS CELESTIAL SPLENDOR AND GLORY, characterized by WHITENESS AND LIGHT.

The resurrected and living Christ is maintained only in the dimension of God and no longer in that of man. He is at the measure of the Universe.

WHAT GREATNESS TO OUR SAVIOR!

ACCESS TO THE WORLD OF LIGHT THROUGH JESUS

When Jesus stopped Paul on the road to Damascus, he said to him:

"I have appeared to you to make you a minister and a witness of the things you have seen and of the things for which I will appear to you. I have chosen you from among this people and from among the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you, that you may open their eyes, that they may turn FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT. (Acts 26:18)

The living Christ indicated to Paul the reason and the importance of the mission he entrusted to him by giving him the order to announce salvation by grace to all men.

Faith in Jesus gives us access to the world of Light. Through Jesus we can enter into communion with God and live happily.

"GOD IS LIGHT ... if we walk in the light, as he himself is in the light, we are mutually in Communion, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin." (1John 1:5-7)

Let us no longer live in fear of condemnation, in fear of the hereafter, for God has shown us his love in Jesus his Son.

This mystery is great, as the apostle Paul wrote to Timothy:

"He who was
MANIFESTED IN THE FLESH,
JUSTIFIED BY THE SPIRIT,
SEEN BY ANGELS,
PREACHED TO THE GENTILES,
BELIEVED IN THE WORLD,
RAISED IN GLORY."
(1 Timothy 3:16)

. If you are a Christian, rejoice that you have entered this world of light through Jesus, and make every effort to walk in it as the Word of God exhorts us:

"Once you were darkness, but now **you are light IN THE LORD. Walk as children of light.**"
(Ephesians 5:8)

. If you are not yet his disciple, know that, despite his greatness, he is love. He stands at the door of your heart, into which he wants to bring his forgiveness and his peace, for he says: "If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with me." (Revelation 3:21).

THE ANGELS

THEIR APPEARANCES IN WHITE CLOTHES

The existence of angels is not a hypothesis because the Bible, which is the basis of our faith, reveals what they are.

Angels are real beings from the world of light. They have been seen and heard by men and women. Their testimonies are recounted in the Bible where they are mentioned more than 300 times.

Although normally invisible to human eyes, they have the power to make themselves visible and take on a human appearance, almost always dressed in white.

Angels have been intervening on earth since the beginning of man's creation.

At the time of Jesus' ascension, two angels presented themselves to the apostles on the Mount of Olives as men:

"Behold, there appeared to them two men **dressed in white**" (Acts 1:10)

Mary Magdalene, on the day of Jesus' resurrection, stooped to look into the tomb and saw:

"Two angels dressed in white." (John 20:12)

The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus for the Passover feast in Jerusalem went to the tomb early in the morning after the Sabbath, carrying spices to embalm the body of Jesus, and "two men appeared to them in **splendid apparel**." (Luke 24:4)

The evangelist Mark says that they saw in the tomb **"a young man dressed in a white robe."** (Mark 16:5)

Angels come from heaven (Luke 2:15) and return to heaven. (Matthew 28:2)

They have the power to appear and disappear. They speak in the tongues of men and yet have their own languages as the apostle Paul says: "When I speak in the tongues of angels" (1 Corinthians 13:1).

DO THEY HAVE A PHYSICAL BODY?

When they take on human form, even resembling young men, they are different from men. In the resurrection it is the men who will be like the angels:

"In the resurrection men shall not take wives, nor wives husbands, but they shall be **AS THE ANGELS OF GOD IN HEAVEN.**" (Matthew 22:30)

"They shall not be able to die any more, because they shall be **LIKE THE ANGELS.**" (Luke 20:36)

Angels do not take the appearance of the dead. They are not ghosts either. These apparitions of the dead and of ghosts belong to the spiritist world, therefore demonic.

Angels are "ALL SPIRITS in the service of God, sent to minister to those who are to inherit salvation." (Heb. 1:14)

Angels do not have physical bodies. They are "spirits". They are immaterial and possess a power and mobility that we do not have.

They move from heaven to earth and from earth to heaven at a speed we cannot conceive. In this, man is inferior to them and that is why it is written that "Jesus was made a little lower than the angels by becoming a man" (Hebrews 1:9)

Jesus is not an angel in human form. He is the SON OF GOD. God never said to one of His angels, "You are My Son." (Heb. 1:5)

He had really "MADE HIMSELF FLESH", that is, "MADE HIMSELF A MAN".

Back in heaven he sent HIS ANGEL to the apostle John to reveal to him "the things which must shortly come to pass" (Revelation 1:1).

In this revelation, the apostle saw many angels. He described some of them:

"I saw a mighty angel coming down from heaven....and **his face was like the sun**, and his feet like pillars of fire." (Revelation 10:1)

"The seven angels who held the seven plagues came out of the temple clothed in pure, bright linen, and having GOLDEN belts around their chests." (Revelation 15:6)

The Evangelist Matthew states that the appearance of the angel who appeared to Mary Magdalene and another Mary was "**like lightning and his garment white as snow**" (Matthew 28:3)

Everything is white, bright, pure, resplendent, in this world of Light.

WHAT IS THEIR POWER?

"Bless the Lord, you his angels, who are **mighty** in strength and do his bidding by obeying the voice of his word." (Ps. 103:20).

Angels can intervene on matter and defy the laws of nature.

An angel of the Lord opened the doors of the public prison in Jerusalem where all the apostles had been imprisoned during the night and carefully closed them again after the apostles were released, and the guards did not even notice! (Acts 5:19-23)

When Peter was imprisoned a second time because of his ardent faith in Jesus, "an angel of the Lord came and a light shone in the prison – Peter was bound with two chains and was sleeping between two soldiers who were guarding him. The angel awakened Peter by striking him on the side and saying, "Get up quickly." (Acts 12:6-11).

At that moment, in a mysterious way, the chains fell from Peter's hands. The angel told him to put on his belt and sandals, wrap his cloak around himself and follow him. When they arrived at the iron gate of the prison, the door opened by itself, like when you enter a store whose door is opened automatically by an electronic system.

It was not a dream. When he came to himself, in the street, while the angel had left him, Peter said:

"I now see for certain that the Lord has sent his angel and that he has delivered me." (Acts 12:11)

Angels have an amazing strength which is not however of the physical realm, since angels are "SPIRITS".

At the time of Jesus' resurrection, an angel rolled away the very large and heavy round stone that closed the tomb and was sealed (Mat. 28:2). One man alone could not move it. He rolled it away without difficulty.

The prophet Daniel was thrown into the lions' den in Babylon by order of King Darius and God intervened on Daniel's behalf and sent his angel to shut the lions' mouths. How did he do it? Did he paralyze the lions? In any case, what is certain is that the lions did not harm Daniel and no wound was found on him, thanks to the intervention of the angel (Daniel 6:22-23).

Angels are superior to men in strength and power according to 2 Peter 2:11.

Other texts also speak of their power:

"A POWERFUL angel came down from heaven" (Revelation 10:1)

"An angel who had AUTHORITY over fire" (Revelation 14:18)

"An angel who had GREAT AUTHORITY" (Revelation 18:1)

WHAT ARE THEIR MISSIONS?

1. God sometimes uses them to exercise his judgments on earth:

"A destroyer" destroyed the firstborn of the Egyptians, but did not touch the families of the Israelites who had placed the blood of the Passover lamb on the lintels of the doors and windows of their houses. (Exodus 12:23 and 29)

"The angel of the Lord killed 185,000 men in the camp of the Assyrians who were about to destroy Jerusalem." (2 Kings 19:35)

"An angel struck the proud king Herod, who died of worms, for not giving glory to God. (Acts 12:22)

"Two angels urged Lot to leave the city of Sodom, for, they said, we will destroy that place."

(Genesis 19:13)

The book of Revelation reveals the role of several angels in the fulfillment of God's wrath at the end of time:

"The four angels who were ready for the hour, the day, the month and the year were released to kill the third part of men." (Rev. 9:15)

"I saw seven angels in heaven holding the seven plagues, the last ones, for in them the wrath of God is fulfilled." (Rev. 15:1)

I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth." (Rev. 16:1)

These judgments only concern the world of unbelievers who live in darkness, far from God. Christians, the children of God, who walk in the light, are on the other hand helped by angels.

2. In the Bible, there are many examples of the help and intervention of angels on behalf of believers:

- An angel appeared to Moses in a flame of fire in the middle of a bush. (Exodus 3:2)
- An angel helped him in his mission to liberate the people of Israel and went before him. (Exodus 32:34 and Acts 7:30-35).
- An angel spoke with him on the mountain. (Acts 7:38)
- An angel was sent by God to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt and protect them.
"The angel of God went before the camp of Israel." (Exodus 14:19, 23:20, Numbers 20:16)
- An angel twice came to the aid of Hagar, Abraham's servant, when she was in trouble. (Genesis 16:7-12, 21:14-21)
- An angel came to Elijah's aid in the Negev desert and brought him a cake and a jug of water. (1 Kings 19:5-8)
- An angel of the Lord warned Joseph of Herod's criminal plan for Jesus and told him to flee to Egypt (Matthew 2:13)
- An angel of the Lord spoke to Philip and told him to go to an Ethiopian, a minister of Queen Candace, to make him understand the redemptive work of Jesus according to the text of Isaiah 53, which was read on his chariot. (Acts 8:26)
- An angel came into the house of Cornelius and told him to fetch the Apostle Peter. (Acts 11:13)
- An angel of God appeared to the apostle Paul and warned him of the shipwreck that was about to take place. The angel told him not to be afraid, warning him that his life and the lives of the sailors would be spared. (Acts 27:23).

AND TODAY?

Apparitions of angels also take place today. I have heard and read many stories about them. Recently I listened attentively as missionary Bernard Johnson recounted how God intervened through angels while he was on an evangelistic campaign in South Africa.

"Masked men threw firebombs on the stage," he says. "I also saw them pour petrol on the Mercedes car that a friend had given me and set it on fire. At that moment, I called on the Lord and the fire instantly stopped. Afterwards some people asked us: where are these twelve men in white robes that came to stop the fire? They disappeared into thin air. They were obviously angels. Surprisingly, the stage that had started to burn had no burn marks and there was still gasoline on the Mercedes and no burn marks. This is inexplicable. Because of this miracle, 2,500 people were converted to Jesus Christ that day."

Churka, a good Norwegian gypsy Christian, told me how a young man came to him several times to warn him not to leave the place where he was parked, to wait for the next day because there was danger ahead. After some hesitation, he heeded the warning. He later learned that huge rocks had fallen at exactly the same time and in the same place where he was to pass with his caravan on the mountain road. He then started looking for the young man in the village. No one knew him.

Perhaps he was an angel? It is written in the Bible that there are some "who have entertained angels without knowing it" (Hebrews 13:2)
I could extend this list because such events have been reported many times..

The angels can indeed intervene on behalf of Christians in very particular situations as they did in the time of the apostles.

ATTENTION AND PROTECTION OF ANGELS

The Bible contains very encouraging texts for Christians concerning the protection of angels. They are promises, certainties in which we must believe.
Here are some of them:

"The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and rescues them from danger." (Ps. 34:8)

"Beware," said Jesus, "that you despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of my Father who is in heaven." (Mat. 18:10)

We do not see it, but they see us and they can appear, when God deems it necessary.

"He will command his angels to keep you in all your ways." (Ps. 91:11)

As Christians, we are the object of the angels' personal attention.

"There is joy before the angels of God for one sinner who repents." (Luke 15:10)

The angels rejoiced when we accepted Jesus as our Savior and they rejoice every time a soul

repents and believes in Jesus. They see the evangelistic work of the church. They take part in it and experience joy. This should encourage us to win souls for the Lord.

We may even think that when we die an angel will come and take us to Paradise, as was the case with Lazarus. "Poor Lazarus died and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. (Paradise)" (Luke 16:22)

Once I was called to the bedside of a dying old man and heard him whisper the words, "I see an angel and I hear him calling my name," and then he let out a last breath. There have been other almost identical cases in the history of the church.

The Bible says that their mission is "TO MINISTER TO US" (Heb. 1:14). They are "fellow servants" (Rev. 22:9).

Thank the Lord for that!

THEIR NAMES

They are called:

- angels of God (Genesis 28:12, Judges 13-6, Matthew 22:30, Luke 12:8, John 1:52)
- angels of the Lord (Matthew 1:20, 28:2, Luke 1:11 and 2:9)
- the Angel of the Lord (Genesis 16:7, Exodus 3:2, Numbers 22:23) etc. .
- holy angels (Mark 8:38)
- chosen angels (1 Timothy 5:21)

Some have names and titles and they seem to be well organized in heaven::

- The angel Gabriel was sent to the virgin Mary. He is mentioned four times in the Bible. (Luke 1:19 and 1:26, Daniel 8:15-16 and 9:21)
- The archangel Michael is named in (Jude 9 and Revelation 12:7). He has angels under his care. He is therefore a "leader" of angels.

Some angels are referred to as "cherubim" (Ezekiel 10:1) and "seraphim" (Isaiah 6:2).

These two kinds of angels have wings.

Here are some texts that talk about it:

"the sound of the wings of the cherubim, a form of man's hand under their wings." (Ezekiel 10:5 and 8)

"God placed the cherubim at the east of the Garden of Eden...to guard the way to the tree of life." (Genesis 3:24)

"Seraphim had six wings each." (Isaiah 6:2)

Before his fall, the devil was "a cherub with outstretched wings." (Ezekiel 28:14)

With or without wings, they can move very fast:
"an angel flew through the middle of heaven." (Rev. 14:6)
"Gabriel came to me in a swift flight." (Daniel 9:21)

THEIR NUMBER

They are an innumerable army (Job 25:3); myriads forming a choir (Hebrews 12:22).

"I heard the voice of MANY ANGELS... and their number was myriads of myriads and THOUSANDS OF THOUSANDS..."

and in chorus they said in a loud voice:

"the Lamb who was slain is worthy to receive power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, **glory and praise.**" (Rev. 5:12)

If John saw many angels in his vision, it is no wonder that Jesus himself said to the apostle Peter, who wanted to defend him with his sword:

"Do you think that I cannot call upon my Father to give me immediately more than TWELVE LEGIONS OF ANGELS?"

How then would the Scriptures be fulfilled, according to which it must be so? (Matthew 26:53-59)

In an instant! What speed! Thousands of angels would have come to strike down all those who had come to stop him. He refused this help because he had come to give his life as a ransom for the salvation of mankind and he wanted to fulfill the will of God his Father to the death of the cross without which no man could have been saved.

A WAR IN HEAVEN

The invisible world is real.

"In Christ were created the things that are in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible."
(Colossians 1:16)

To our astonishment the Bible tells us of a battle in this world invisible to our eyes:

"There was a war in heaven, and Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels. And the dragon and his angels fought, but they were not the strongest, and their place was not found in heaven" (Rev. 12:7-8)

Another fight had already taken place between the archangel Michael and the dragon, that is to say the devil, over the body of Moses:

"Michael the archangel contended with the devil and disputed with him over the body of Moses..."
(Jude 9)

Furthermore, the Bible tells us that angels rebelled against God:

Angels have not kept their dignity and have sinned (Jude 6), and "God has not spared them, but has cast them into the depths of darkness and reserved them for judgment." (2 Peter 2:4)

Currently, there is great activity in this invisible world of angels who will participate in the events preparing and accompanying the return of Jesus Christ, as revealed in the book of Revelation, and the devil will be bound by an angel and thrown into the abyss:

"I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, that old serpent, which is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit." (Rev. 20:1)

JESUS WILL RETURN WITH ALL THE ANGELS

The most grandiose event will be the coming of Jesus in the clouds of heaven, accompanied by all his angels. He himself had announced his return in glory:

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, **WITH ALL THE ANGELS**..... (Mat. 25:31)

The apostle confirms this second coming with the angels in one of his epistles:

"The Lord Jesus shall appear from heaven, **WITH THE ANGELS OF HIS POWER**..." (2 Thess. 1:7)

What a formidable, beautiful and powerful heavenly army!

All these angels will make themselves visible to the Church, to Israel and to all the survivors of the sudden ruin of the nations.

Jesus will send them to :

- pull out those who commit iniquity and throw them into the fiery furnace. (Mat. 13:42)
- separate the good from the bad. (Mat. 13:49)
- gather his chosen ones. (Mat. 24:31)

It is an archangel who, with his voice, will announce the second coming of Jesus:

"The Lord Himself...with the voice of an archangel...will descend from heaven." (1 Thess. 4:16)

What a feast it will be when, with all the angels, we worship the Lord Jesus at his return!

For God says:

"LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM." (Hebrews 1:6)

"He who for a little while was made lower than the angels, Jesus, we see crowned with glory and honor because of the death he suffered, so that by the grace of God he suffered death for all..." (Hebrews 1:9)

In a moment changed, we shall, at the time of His return, be clothed with incorruption and immortality, by the power of Christ Himself. (1 Cor. 15:51-54, Phil. 3:21)

And, united with the angels, we will worship Jesus.

- THE KING OF KINGS.
- THE LORD OF LORDS. (Rev. 19:16)
- THE FIRST AND THE LAST. (Rev. 1:17)
- THE ONE WHO WAS DEAD,
- AND WHO HAS COME BACK TO LIFE. (Rev. 2:8)

That day of his return with the angels is near.
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