

VINDICATION AND VALIDATION

“Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him” - Revelation 1:7.

“...ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven” - Mark 14:62.

Men of the world spend fortunes trying to clear their names. There is nothing so terrible as a man dying under suspicion or wrongful accusation. That is how the Saviour died. His accusers said *“that deceiver said...” (Matthew 27:63)*. *“He saved others: let him save himself, if he be the Christ, the chosen of God” (Luke 23:35)*. It was plain to see that they understood the implications. They believed that there would be a Messiah, but a Messiah that ended up on a cross must be a fraud.

The chief priests protested to Pilate because they did not believe his claim to be the King of the Jews: They said *“Write not, the king of the Jews; but that he said, I am the king of the Jews” - John 10:21.*

The last time the nation of Israel saw Him, He was impaled in shame on a tree!

What a shock it will be to the national conscience, when their Messiah enters Jerusalem via the Mount of Olives, bearing the marks of Golgotha’s crucifixion. The prophet Zechariah says that *“they will look upon him whom they have pierced and mourn for him as a man mourns for his only son”*. And the thrice spoken words from the excellent glory will be seen to be true *“THIS IS MY BELOVED SON IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED”*.

And what about the validation of His claims?

Is He the Son of Man? YES!

Is He King? YES! *“The Lord shall be king over all the earth” (Zechariah 14:9)*.

Is He truly the Messiah, the anointed of Jehovah? YES! And when Israel sees Him, they will cry out, *“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows” (Isaiah 53:4)*.

Two reasons, therefore, why the Lord Jesus must and will return:

THE VINDICATION OF HIS NAME,
THE VALIDATION OF HIS CLAIMS.

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