

# TEMKIT FOR CHILDREN

## TEMKIT'S MISSION:

To provide Bible based, true reading material for children and youth.

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### CREATION CORNER SPARROWS PT. 2

Sitting beside the craft lodge in Kings Mountain State Park, South Carolina, my flying fingers busy with a project for the coming class, I became aware of bird sounds all around. They were the remarks of a group of tiny chipping sparrows that had come to search the premises for food since all the campers were at the beach. They worked the edges of the volleyball court, then moved on down the slope under the trees around the craft house.

One little fellow hopped to within a yard or so of my feet. One or two quick glances in my direction, then he went over every inch of the ground for crumbs or insects.

Watching, I wondered. If I had come close to a living being as different as I was from him, and as much bigger as I was bigger than he, would I go as near to that thing as he came near to giant me? I don't think so! Yet that little bird, scarcely bigger than my two thumbs, trusted me enough to come within reach of a blow.

Or did he? Maybe he knew he had wings, and I could no more have caught him than I could fly myself. Anyway, he came near, and I sat entranced. Later, in my class, a girl told me of "Tommy" Titmouse whom she taught to eat from her hand,

and who scolded her if she did not come to feed him when he wished. He felt himself quite within his rights to ask and seek, expecting to find and receive.

This shows us little glimpses of how it must have been in Eden before the shadow of man's sinning fell on the innocent creatures. No doubt in the new earth these tiny ones will have a confiding trust in the kindness of the larger creatures. In the meantime we who are not really so big ourselves, except in our own opinions, can follow the example of the little birds and trust our good heavenly Father, who opens His bountiful hand and satisfies the desire of every living creature.

Not only the sweet chipping sparrows but the pesky English sparrows teach us lessons of trust. Did you ever see an English sparrow moping because he is not popular? The Creator planted the instincts of life in those little beings; and live they will, whatever difficulties come.

Perhaps one reason God chose sparrows as symbols of His own children is that He wants us to go ahead not afraid of the dislike the world may feel for us, or the hatred it may express for those who will try to live godly. In the eyes of the world

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those whom God calls “saints” may appear as “sparrows.” We need not fret. God knows; God cares.

Like the sparrows, God’s children should be everywhere. Like the sparrows, we may not always be welcome; but if we are truly like sparrows, we will not worry about that. Ears that want only flowery sermons may find our always talking about the second coming of Christ and the unchanging law of God, as boring as the chirping of the sparrows. But should that stop our song?

Fashionably dressed people in grand churches may find our simple houses of worship as dull as the plain brown dress of sparrows, in contrast with the colorful beauty of the bluebird or the scarlet tanager. But as followers of the meek and lowly One, who outwardly had ‘no beauty that we should desire Him,’ should we not be as simple and humble in our dress, our homes, and our churches?

The time is soon coming when those who refuse to disobey God’s law will be thought even greater pests than sparrows are now. Professed ‘lovers of God’ will be told to destroy them. Governments will make laws to get rid of them. Men admired in business, professional, and religious circles will, as Satan’s agents, lay traps to ensnare them.

In a last futile effort to starve them out, the world will decree that they can not buy nor sell, not even to get their most necessary food. When that time comes, as come it will, may we like the sparrows be able to ‘sing our humble song without a fear,’ knowing that we serve a God who “notices even sparrows.” = ^ .. ^ =

**God Sees the little sparrow fall  
It meets His tender view  
If God so loves the little birds,  
I know He loves me too!**

## HISTORY

### **The Christian Church: part 13 Like His Lord**

John 15:20 “Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.”

In 1415, the papists finally had a huge ‘trial’ to sentence John Huss to be burned at the stake. It is very interesting to see how many things in the trial

and death of Huss were just like what the wicked church rulers of Jesus’ day did to him under the guidance of Satan. Sometime when we read these things we feel afraid, but always remember Jesus is with His people when they suffer for Him! It is He that makes them brave and strong and He will do that for the weakest one who trusts in Him!

They lied about Huss and hired false witnesses. In fact one of them, when he saw the dignity and calmness of Huss, refused to tell the lies he was hired for and publicly declared that he had been bribed. This made the rulers so angry they dragged the poor man away and tied a stone around his neck and threw him into the river.

They wicked priest made fun of Huss and called him ‘Goose-head’ as the name ‘Huss’ was said to mean ‘Goose’ in Bohemian. When he would try and speak to answer the charges they would yell and stamp and make noise so he could not be heard. When he knelt down to pray, they mocked and jeered at him. But all the time his quiet dignity showed he was godly and their rude and vicious ways showed them to be of the devil. There were people who saw that and it changed their hearts.

He always answered them that if they could show him from the Bible he was wrong, he would recant. (Say that he was wrong) They sentenced him to death but they really had nothing against him.

The Emperor was really feeling badly as he had promised Huss safety and he had allowed Huss to be harmed. The priests that told him he need not keep his word to a heretic. He would blush with shame at the trial, and sometimes turn pale and have to rush from the room.

They set a day for Huss to die and people came from all over. They had clowns and puppet shows and lots of free food and all the wine the people could drink. Most got very drunk. They dressed Huss in a priest’s robe and then as they asked him once more to recant they tore his robe off piece by piece and fought over the pieces like animals.

Huss asked for water and a soldier offered him wine but he would not drink it, just like Jesus, he refused anything that would cloud His mind. Huss asked for water again, which they gave him.

They cut a star on his head with a razor and made spit balls of mud and spit and threw them at him, laughing like the fools they were when they hit his face. Huss quietly prayed that God would forgive them.

Finally they burned some of his books while

clowns did tricks and made fun of Huss. They tied him to the stake and set fire to the pile but there was no wind and so many cloth decorations and things on the pile that it didn't burn well but smoked. Huss prayed for God to receive his soul and God showed him what would happen in the future. Huss told the papists, "Today you roast a goose, but a hundred years from now you'll hear a swan sing and him you will not silence." Sure enough, one hundred years later Martin Luther stood up against the wicked church rulers.

Huss cried out, "Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me!" and when next the smoke cleared it was seen he was dead before the fire ever touched him. They cremated his body and put the ashes into the skin of a deer and threw it in the river. This, like with Wycliffe, was a symbol that his teachings would continue to go through the world even though his enemies sure didn't mean to say that!

Some people say they can't stand to read about the deaths and trials of the Martyrs of Jesus, but that is just what Satan would want them to do. Satan keeps us afraid as he knows that when we read about these things and see the wonderful way Jesus is with His dear people when they stand for Him, that we will become as bold as a lion. Jesus can give even little children all the courage they need and when people see the calm, brave Christian and the rude, cruel ones who are charging them, they know who is right! Go all the way with Jesus and serve Him no matter what people do or say, and you will never, never be sorry! = ^ .. ^ =

## **TRUE-STORY-TIME**

### **"NO DEVIL STRINGS" part 8 Prison Nightmare**

In the morning of his third day at Nono, Rangoso heard that in the dark early hours of the morning, ten Japanese soldiers in a small boat had entered Marovo Lagoon. As they came, the people had fled, most of them to the lagoon in canoes or hiding in the jungle. The Japanese had taken a position on an island in the lagoon about two miles away.

When he heard this news, Rangoso quickly called the boy who had come with him and they left for Batuna, which was close to the Japanese position. He had left his wife and their children there; and he thought, too, of all the other women and children at the station.

At six o'clock, as the sun was setting, Rangoso

met many canoes loaded with people fleeing from Batuna. He spotted the one that carried his own family. Vizo told him that two men had stayed at the mission and did not plan to leave until the very last moment.

Rangoso put the boy that was with him into his wife's canoe and sent them on. He went to Batuna to see the two men left in charge. But he had been there only two hours when a messenger arrived saying that a Japanese boat had gone very close to where his wife and children were hiding. He left for the place immediately and got there about three in the morning. The Japanese had not landed, and he felt happy to find his family safe.

An hour later the mission ship arrived. The ship did not anchor, and the engine was kept running. A voice called out from the ship, "Send Rangoso aboard in a canoe." Rangoso and a friend named Londi launched a canoe and paddled toward the ship. As soon as he was on the ship, Rangoso met the district officer, who looked angry. The mission ship had been taken by the officer and his armed men.

"Sit down there," the officer said, pointing to the wooden deck. "You are a prisoner."

"What has happened? What have I done?" Rangoso asked.

"Do not talk, but sit down," the officer replied. He also told Londi to sit down and placed him under arrest. Then the engine speeded up, and the ship headed for an island about two miles from where the Japanese were hiding.

When the ship had anchored at the island, the white man swore. "Rangoso, you are the worst of men," he stormed, and he prodded Rangoso in the chest with a gun.

"Sir, what have I done wrong?" Rangoso asked. "You know that I do not break the law."

"Do not say another word to me or I will shoot you," the officer I said. "Nor should you talk to any of the people on this ship or you will be shot!" The ship stayed at the island until the next night. At seven o'clock a canoe came with a message that the Japanese soldiers had left the nearby island in the small boat and sailed off. The district officer ordered his men to pull up anchor and go in search of the boat.

He ordered Londi to take the wheel, for he knew well the waters of the lagoon. Then, for greater security, he had Rangoso locked in the ship's cabin. Less than an hour later Rangoso heard the boom of the big gun which the officer had mounted on

the deck of the little mission ship.

Knowing that the fighting had begun, he knelt down and prayed, "Jehovah, I am Your servant. This is an awful time, for the blood of men is being spilled. If You know my work here or in some other place is not finished, You save me, Jehovah; and save this boat which belongs to You. Please take away the sins of the men who are doing wrong. But I put myself in Your hands to do what You like with me. Amen."

The fight continued, and with each firing of the gun, the ship lurched as in a storm. When all the Japanese had been killed, the boat returned to the government base about three in the morning. A soldier took Rangoso from the ship cabin. Prodding him roughly with the barrel of his rifle, he led Rangoso to a barbed-wire compound where the prisoners were kept. The soldier unlocked the gate with a key; then he shoved Rangoso inside, and the gate lock clicked shut.

As Rangoso entered, the other prisoners asked many questions. Many of them knew him. "Why are *you* a prisoner, Rangoso? What have you done wrong?" He answered that he did not know why he was a prisoner. He had not done anything wrong. He had not broken the law.

At nine o'clock the next morning, May 20, a guard entered and called for Rangoso. "You are summoned to court." As he entered the hut that served as a court, the soldiers aimed their rifles at him. He stood before the district officer, whose face twisted in rage.

"Rangoso, do you know that I have made you a prisoner and that you will remain in prison until the end of the war?" the officer demanded.

"Sir, I have done nothing to deserve prison," Rangoso answered. The officer's rage overflowed, and he stood up from his chair and slapped Rangoso across the right side of his face, then the left. Blood came from Rangoso's mouth. The officer grabbed Rangoso's hair and twisted it around his hand; then he knocked his head against a post until blood spurted from his nose and more blood flowed from his mouth.

Now with the butt of a gun he hit Rangoso across the back of his head three times; and this man, who could not bear to sit on a jury and allow the beating of his own people, fell down on the floor in a pool of blood. But the officer yelled at him to hurry and stand, and as Rangoso struggled to his feet the officer's gun smashed into his face. He fell to the ground a second time. Wide gashes

crisscrossed his forehead and nose, and blood covered the floor. As Rangoso lay there, he felt that the time had come for him to die.

Then Magiko, a Island girl, whom the officer kept with him, started to cry. "Oh, master!" she said in her simple English, "Stop! No killim Rangoso. Him good pastor belong Seven-day. Stop! no killim more." She continued to plead, and because of this the officer lost heart for the beating.

But now he raged verbally at Rangoso. "You, the leader, the minister of the Seventh-day Adventists, you think you are the big man of them all. But you are nothing, only a traitor, a deceitful, sneaking native."

Then he swore at Rangoso and told a soldier to shoot him on the count of three. The officer counted to three and the soldier pulled the trigger, but the rifle would not fire. A second time the officer counted but the rifle did not fire. At the third attempt, the officer stuttered and couldn't say the word "three," so the trigger was not pulled. Exasperated and exhausted, the officer ordered Rangoso back to the prison, where a guard stood over him with a gun.

Less than ten minutes passed before soldiers came with orders for Rangoso to go again up the hill to the court. On arrival Rangoso found that an empty oil drum had been rolled into the courtyard, and six husky men stood before it. The officer had stationed himself behind it. The captain of the soldiers shoved Rangoso against the drum, making him lie over it. Other guards stretched his arms over the top. The officer barked, "Now!" and the soldiers began beating Rangoso with a piece of jungle cane as long as Rangoso's arm and as thick as his thumb. They took turns beating him until he had been whacked fifteen times and his back was raw and bleeding. Then they put him back in prison.

In the days that followed, Rangoso lay in the barbed-wire enclosure, tortured with pain from his unattended wounds. He tried to understand the reasons for his arrest and beating. At first he thought the officer wanted to harm him personally. Three times during those few days, soldiers took Rangoso before the officer, who questioned him about his actions and loyalty; and at no time was the officer able to find anything that would warrant prison. But the fourth time it happened, Rangoso decided it was the work of God that the officer was attacking.

"Rangoso, your work for your church, your entire church, is finished in these islands," the



officer said. "I do not want you, or your people to help the work of the mission in any place. You must not preach. You must not direct in any way by word or letter. You must not hold any meetings. You must not write the words of the Bible to anyone, nor may you write to any of your white missionaries. You are a man without authority. You and the men who work with you must leave Batuna mission and not go back. Rangoso, do you hear my words?"

"Sir, I hear your words," Rangoso answered, "but as for me and my teachers, we have a duty to continue with the work of God in these Islands" The officer ordered Rangoso back to prison.

A few days passed in which Rangoso did not see the officer. He wondered if he and Londi would have to wait out the war in prison, and he worried for the safety of his family and the other church members.

Then about midnight, May 19, Rangoso was awakened by a voice at the gate of the prison, calling, "Where is Rangoso?"

"I am here," Rangoso replied.

"I am sent to tell you that you and Londi are free."

A key clicked in the lock, the gate opened, and Rangoso and Londi walked silently down the shadowed path to the water's edge. They heard a bird call softly across the lagoon, and a canoe approached the shore. Rangoso felt elated when he saw that friends manned the canoe. The nightmare had ended.

The men in the canoe greeted Rangoso and Londi with great joy. But when they looked closely at the beaten and bruised body of Rangoso and threw their arms around him and wept.

"All of our people have been praying earnestly for you," one of the men said as they shoved off the canoe into the center of the stream.

"When our people in Marovo Lagoon heard of your imprisonment and we chose six elders of the church to go everywhere throughout the islands to encourage the people to form prayer bands in behalf of both of you. For one whole week we prayed to God day and night for your release. The last prayer meeting was to end tonight at midnight, that is just the hour when you come to us from the prison. You see the Lord has answered our prayers."

Rangoso asked his companions in the canoe to bow their heads with and he thanked God for His help in time of trouble. To be continued = ^ .. ^ =

## ADVENT HISTORY

### Ellen White's Visions & Dreams: 2

Ellen White was shown many wonderful things. Have you ever wished you could see just what happened in certain Bible times or in History? Many of our history books are not true because wicked men often want to hide the truth from people. Well if you read some of Ellen White's books you can see she writes about some scenes and you can tell that she has seen them! She is describing just what is going on. In the older books she often says, "I was shown", or "I saw".

I think this is why we like movies too much. It gives us the feeling we are seeing what 'really' happened. We say 'seeing is believing' but this is not true about movies and TV. What we see on them is just what some people decided to make and the actors act out the scenes. It is not really what happened and not true at all and it can be very dangerous to believe a lie! In fact the name 'actor' actually came from words that mean 'a hypocrite'! That is someone who pretends to be what he is not.

But when Sister White was shown what happened, it was true. The angels showed her what really did happen. Someday if we are faithful, we will get to see all these records of history in heaven and know what really happened. If you read the story of Jesus trial and death in Desire of Ages, you will know that she was watching it happen.

In the late 1800s, Ellen spent some time in Europe and as she traveled around, she would see things she knew about and tell people what happened there in the past. She would tell them what a certain church or market looked like in the 1500s! I'd have loved to hear her do that, wouldn't you?

Many things from her visions came back clearly to her as she saw places where they had happened and some things she understood better. That is why when she returned from Europe she wrote another edition of Great Controversy in 1888 with more detail in that are not found in the 1884 one, and even a few more chapters. Both books are good to read as, like the four gospels, they each have important things in them. You will always find that anything that is important, God repeats it in different ways; so more people will understand it.

One of the things she saw was that in the dark

ages many times the papal powers would send soldiers and even whole armies after God's true people and when they were about to attack them, suddenly the armies would become very afraid and run away as fast as they could! This will happen for God's people in the last days also. No one can stay when an angel of God tells them to go!

I urge you young people to get the books of Ellen White and read them and read the Bible for yourselves. Don't wait for teachers or church people to tell you what is in them. You must 'eat' for yourself. By doing this you will become wise in the Lord and have great peace and courage!  
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## BUILDING FOR JESUS

### Fear Not!

When I was a teen, I used to feel very afraid of the things that were happening in the world. I knew that the Bible said that many scary things were going to happen in the last days and I got so I didn't even want to hear about religion because I would think about these things and feel afraid.

My problem was I didn't really know Jesus as He really is, and I hadn't fully given all my heart to Him and let the Holy Spirit live inside. This is the secret to not being afraid, 'even if the heavens fall'. see Psalm 46.

Did you know that the Bible says:

'Fear not' 63 times

'Be Not Afraid' 54 times

'I Will Be With Thee' 45 times

And numerous other promises like those?

Here is one example: Isaiah 43:1 "... Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine."

If Jesus tells us to do or not to do something, the very power to obey is in the command! So right in those promises that say "Fear Not" is power from God to set us free from fear!

When Jesus lived on earth the heavenly Father was all around Him and nothing happened to Him but what the Father's love allowed for the blessing of the world. Here was Jesus' source of comfort, and it is for us too. If you give your whole heart to Jesus, you live in Him; He is all around you. The blow that is aimed at you falls upon Jesus, who surrounds you with His presence. Whatever comes to you comes from Jesus. We have no need to resist evil, for Jesus is our guard. Nothing can touch us

except by our Lord's permission, and "all things" that He allows "work together for good to them that love God." Romans 8:28.

Satan can never defeat Jesus and never has! Even Satan and all the wicked men in the whole world together still cannot defeat Jesus or snatch you away from Him. Remember to let Jesus take all sin out of your life and as you live surrounded by Jesus you will not fear.. "The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion." Proverbs 28:1. = ^ .. ^ =

### Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing PG 71

"The Father's presence encircled Christ, and nothing befell Him but that which infinite love permitted for the blessing of the world. Here was His source of comfort, and it is for us. He who is imbued with the Spirit of Christ abides in Christ. The blow that is aimed at him falls upon the Saviour, who surrounds him with His presence. Whatever comes to him comes from Christ. He has no need to resist evil, for Christ is his defense. Nothing can touch him except by our Lord's permission, and "all things" that are permitted "work together for good to them that love God."



### Year 1: 2nd Quarter:

### "MESSIAH OUR PRINCE"

### WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 10:

### "JESUS, THE 'WORD' OF GOD"

For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days.

There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don't forget to learn the text too.

**MEMORY VERSE: “By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.” Psalms 33:6**

### Sunday

**Text: Deuteronomy 8:3 “... that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.”**

If you look carefully in the Bible, you will see that it says over and over ‘The Word of the Lord’ came to somebody; it says it 255 different times! It uses it to tell about God giving messages to a prophet, so he or she could tell them to the people. Not all the prophets wrote messages down, but many of them did. These written messages became our Bible, and so our Bible is called the Word of God.

In our memory verse we see that the Word of God created everything! There is great power in the Word of God. There is no real power in my word or your word; if we say, “Let the dishes be washed”, or “Let the lawn be mowed” then to make it so, we would have to go and do it, before it would be done, or we would have to get someone to do it for us.

This is not true with God’s Word; when He spoke “Let there be something” then that something was there; it was so! Not only was it so, but also it was good and not just good, but perfect!

“As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler (shield) to all them that trust in him”. 2 Samuel 22:31.

Nothing that man does is every totally perfect, and nothing that God does is ever not perfect! This shows us that if we are to be ‘perfect’ like the Bible tells us to be, then God’s powerful, perfect Word will have to make it so. (Matthew 5:48)

**Thought** - Think about the Bible as the perfect and powerful Word of God!

### Monday

**Text: John 1:1-4 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.”**

There is a most interesting fact in these texts, we see that everything was made by the “Word” of God, and the “Word” was God. In John 1:14 we see clearly that Jesus is called the “Word” of God.

How could Jesus be the “Word”? Well think about it this way, suppose I want to tell my class how to do a certain task; I could write all the instructions down and send them to the class. This would be my written word. But I could also send someone there to show you how to do the task, that person would also be my word to you, to teach you how to do the task. You see the written word represents me, and so does the messenger I send, represent my word to you.

God’s written ‘Word’ came from God to teach us, and Jesus, God’s messenger, also came from God to teach us. They both have the same purpose; to show us what God is like and how we can become like Him. They are both God’s Word. So we know too that they both have great power and they are both perfect.

**Thought** - Have you thought before that the Bible and Jesus are both messages, or loving letters sent by God to you?

### Tuesday

**Text: Malachi 3:6 “For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.” Ecclesiastes 3:14 “I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it.”**

If something is perfect and it was changed, it couldn’t be perfect any more, could it? God makes it very clear that He does not change, and His Word doesn’t change.

Most people today will tell you that when Jesus came to earth, He taught completely new ideas that had never been heard of before. This is not at all true. Jesus didn’t teach anything that wasn’t already in the scriptures. He was the Word of God, and He taught only what the written Word of God said.

The Gospel for Adam and Eve after they sinned, was the same as the Gospel for David and Daniel, and the same as the Gospel is for you and me. The *only* difference is that until Jesus died on the cross, people were saved by believing and obeying God by faith in a Saviour Who would come; and now we are saved by believing and obeying God by faith in a Saviour Who has come.

**Thought** - If there were different rules for



people before Jesus than for us, this would not be fair, would it?

### Wednesday

**Text: Isaiah 45:6 “That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.”**

In the Old Testament, the words “I am the Lord” are found 162 times. When Jesus was here on earth He said many times “I Am”. One of the names for God is “I Am”.

When Moses talked with the Lord (Jesus) at the burning bush, He told Moses to tell the people “I AM hath sent you”. In John 8:58 “Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I AM.”

When He said this, the leaders of the Jews were going to kill Him, because they recognized He had called Himself by the Name of God; I AM.

What does the name ‘I AM’ mean to us? Well it means that Jesus is the One who is always there for us. He doesn’t die or get sick; He doesn’t get too busy to have time for us; He doesn’t get tired of us or have to sleep; He doesn’t go away on business trips or vacations. Whatever our need may be, He is there saying, I AM your answer for all your troubles.

**Thought** - Jesus never is too busy for you; are you ever too busy for Him?

### Thursday

**Text: Revelation 1:8 “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.”**

This is Jesus talking to John in this verse, the same Jesus that held little children on His lap: the same one that tells us not to be afraid but to trust in Him.

Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters in the Greek alphabet. We would say, “I am the A and the Z.” It means He was there in the beginning creating us, and He is there now recreating us, and He will be there in the end for us as well.

When we think about Jesus as the ‘Word’, then this makes a lot of sense; a Word is made of letters and Jesus is the whole Alphabet! He is the Word that contains all other words.

He says He is the Almighty; All Mighty! In another place He says, “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in

heaven and in earth. Matthew 28:18 If All Power is given to Jesus, how much power does Satan really have? NONE. How much power do evil men have, who work for Satan? NONE. Satan can have no power over any of us, if we trust Jesus and refuse to listen to Satan’s lies.

**Thought** - There are many stories about superheroes these days. Jesus is the only real superhero.

### Friday

**Text: John 18:36 “Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.”**

There are many very false ideas that people are saying today about Jesus. We’ll look quickly at two of them, as most others are related to these. One is that Jesus was a rebel, and was stirring the people up for social reform. Our text shows clearly that Jesus did not get involved with earthly governments.

In fact there were times when the people wanted to make Him king. Now if He had wanted to be in politics, that would have been His perfect chance, but He would have no part of such an idea.

The New Age and Eastern religion people, try to tell us that Jesus went to Tibet when He was young, and He learned how to do miracles there, and all the Eastern stuff. Anyone who reads the Gospels will see, that there is never even one place where Jesus talks about any thing found in these heathen religions. Yet, sad to say, many people are fooled by those who claim that all religions worship the same God, and Jesus was just another guru.

The Bible says; “For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)” 1 Corinthians 8:5 Until you really get into reading the Bible, it is easy to be fooled, as it seems the different religions are all saying some truth; but the Bible says, look at the fruit. Satan’s religions may sound good, but they always bring people down into confusion and slavery; while the pure religion of the Bible has POWER in it to lift people up, and set them free from Satan’s chains, to become like Jesus.

**Thought** - The best way to know Jesus is to read all about Him in the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy, asking the Holy Spirit to help you understand and know truth. = ^ .. ^ =