BEHOLD HIM

TEXT: Joh 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

TO "BEHOLD" MEANS TO SEE, TO WITNESS, TO LAY EYES ON, TO OBSERVE.

WHAT A GLORY IT MUST HAVE BEEN FOR THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED DURING THE TIME OF JESUS ON EARTH TO "BEHOLD" HIM.

CAN WE BEHOLD HIM TODAY? --NOT LITERALLY, BUT SPIRITUALLY... THROUGH FAITH.

2 Cor. 5:7 SAYS, "we walk by faith, not by sight."

Heb 2:9 We <u>see Jesus</u>, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

IT IS THIS TYPE OF SEEING THE LORD JOHN SPOKE OF IN 1Jn 3:6 WHERE HE SAID, "Whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him." AND AGAIN, 3Jn 11, "He that doeth evil hath not seen God."

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

BEHOLD HIM... 1. HIS BIRTH.

Mt 1:23 <u>Behold</u>, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David.

GOD TO MARY: Lu 1:31 And, <u>behold</u>, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

TO THE SHEPHERDS WHEN HE WAS BORN: Lu 2:10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, **behold**, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

Mt 2:1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, <u>behold</u>, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, *** (saying) we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

2. WHEN HE GREW OLDER:

Lu 2:48 And when they saw him, (in the temple discussing the Scriptures with the teachers) they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? **behold,** thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

Mt 3:16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo,

heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And <u>lo</u> a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Mt 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

3. AFTER THE TEMPTATION: Mt 4:11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, **behold**, angels came and ministered unto him.

John 1:29 The next day John (the Baptist) seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, <u>Behold</u> the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Joh 1:36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, **Behold the Lamb of God!**

4. AT THE MARRIAGE IN CANA OF GALILEE: Joh 2:9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine... -- Joh 2:11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

5. IN HIS PUBLIC LIFE...

Mt 8:2 "And, <u>behold</u>, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." AND HE DID.

Mt 8:24 "And, <u>behold</u>, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves..." JESUS STILLED THE TEMPEST.

Mt 8:34 "And, **behold**, the whole city came out to meet Jesus..."

Joh 3:26 THEY TOLD JOHN OF JESUS: "behold, the same baptizeth, and all [men] come to him."

Mt 9:18 "behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him (Jesus)..."

Mt 9:20 "And, <u>behold</u>, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind [him], and touched the hem of his garment:" AND WAS HEALED

Mt 9:32 "As they went out, **behold**, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil." AND HE HEALED HIM.

Mt 20:30 "And, <u>behold</u>, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, [thou] Son of David." AND HE DID.

Mt 12:10 "And, **behold**, there was a man which had [his] hand withered." JESUS HEALED HIM, TOO.

Mt 12:18 GOD SAID OF JESUS: "<u>Behold</u> my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles."

Mt 12:41 "Behold, a greater than Jonas [is] here."

Mt 12:42 "Behold, a greater than Solomon [is] here."

Mt 12:49 "And he (JESUS) stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, <u>Behold</u> my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother."

Luke 7:37 "And, <u>behold</u>, a woman in the city, * * * brought an alabaster box of ointment," (& WASHED HIS FEET WITH HER TEARS, AND ANOINTGED THEM WITH THE OINTMENT)

WHEN LAZARUS DIED: John 11:36 Then said the Jews, "<u>Behold</u> how he loved him!" JESUS SHOWED US WHAT REAL LOVE IS.

John 12:19 "Behold, the world is gone after him."

6. AT THE TRANSFIGURATION:

Mt 17:3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

Mt 17:5 While he yet spake, **behold**, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and **behold** a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

PETER SAID, 2Pe 1:16-18 We have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but **were eyewitnesses** of his majesty. . And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

7. AT THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM:

Mt 21:5 **Behold**, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. The people appropriately honored Him there, and crucified Him the next week!

8. THE END OF HIS PUBLIC MINISTRY...

Mt 20:18 (Jesus said:) **Behold**, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again.

JESUS PRAYING IN THE GARDEN... Mr 14:41 And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take [your] rest: it is enough, the hour is come; **behold**, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

9. BEFORE PILATE...

Luke 23:14 ... **Behold**, I, having examined [him] before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him:

JESUS HAD BEEN SOURGED... BEATEN... CROWNED WITH THORNS... THEN ARRAYED IN A PURPLE ROBE FOR MOCKERY. HE MUST HAVE BEEN A PITIABLE BLOODY SIGHT. WAS PILATE TRYING TO ENVOKE PITY?

Joh 19:4 Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, <u>Behold</u>, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. 5 Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And [Pilate] saith unto them, <u>Behold the man!</u> (IT DIDN'T WORK.) V. 6 says: When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him.

John 19:13 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, (the saying, If you let Jesus go, you are not Caesar's friend) he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. 14 And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! 15 But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. 16 Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. 17 And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: 18 Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. 19 And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.

10. HIS DEATH...

Lu 23:46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost. 47 Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man. 48 And all the people that came together to that sight, **beholding** the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned. 49 And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, **beholding** these things.

Mt 27:51 And, <u>behold</u>, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; 52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, 53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. 54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, **Truly this was the Son of God!**

11. THE RESURRECTION...

Mt 28:2 And, **behold**, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

12. THE WOMEN AT THE SEPULCHRE...

Lu 24:4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, **behold**, **two men stood by them in shining garments.**

Mr 16:5 And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. 6 And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: <u>behold</u> the place where they laid him.

Lu 24:12 Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, <u>he beheld</u> the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.

Mt 28:7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, <u>behold</u>, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. 8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word. 9 And as they went to tell his disciples, <u>behold</u>, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

14. THE MANIFESTATION...

Lu 24:39 <u>Behold</u> my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

Joh 20:27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and **behold** my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust [it] into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

15. THE ASCENSION...

Ac 1:9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

16. STEPHEN... AS HE WAS STONED:

Ac 7:56 (He) said, **Behold**, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

Rev 1:18 I [am] he that liveth, and was dead; and, **behold**, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

17. IN HIS PRAYER, JESUS PRAYED: Joh 17:24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given

me, be with me where I am; that they may **behold** my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

Rom 9:33 As it is written, **Behold**, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

18. THE BLESSING FOR US...

2Cor 5:17 Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; **behold**, all things are become new.

HE IS COMING AGAIN...

Jas 5:9 Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: **<u>behold</u>**, the judge standeth before the door.

Rev 1:7 **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. Even so, Amen.

Rev 16:15 **Behold**, I come as a thief. Blessed [is] he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

Re 22:12 And, **behold**, I come quickly; and my reward [is] with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Re 3:11 **Behold**, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

1Pe 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, **Behold**, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE: 2Co 6:2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: <u>behold</u>, now [is] the accepted time; <u>behold</u>, now [is] the day of salvation.)

Re 3:20 (JESUS:) <u>Behold</u>, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.