

The Advent  
of the Messiah  
and  
the Purpose of  
the Second Coming



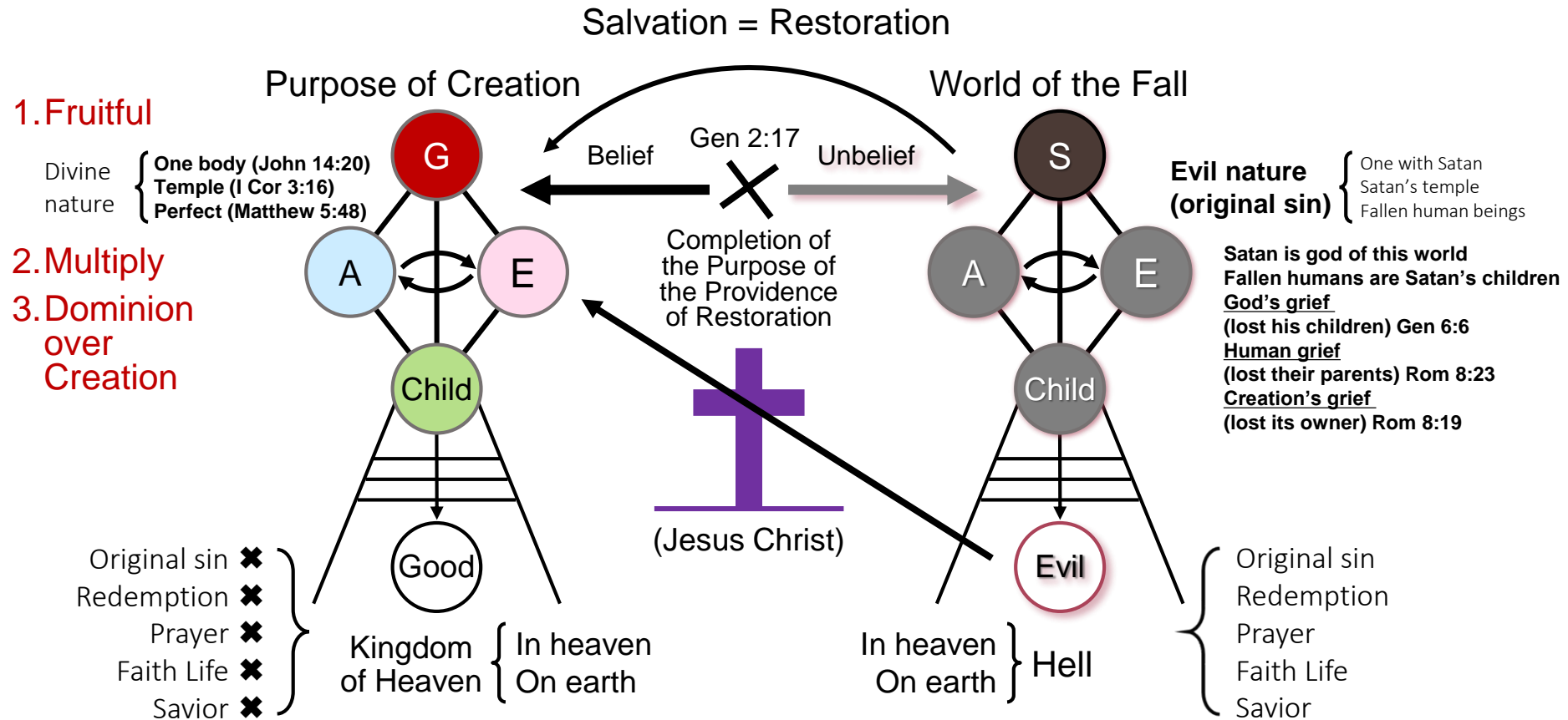
# Introduction

'Messiah' is a Hebrew word that means "the one anointed", in particular signifying a king. The chosen people of Israel believed in the Word of God as revealed through the prophets, which promised that God would send them a savior as king who would bring salvation to Israel. This belief became the messianic thought of Israel. God sent this Messiah in the person of Jesus Christ. Here, the expression 'Christ' is the Greek word with the same meaning as 'Messiah', and is generally understood to signify the Savior.

# 1. The Providence of Salvation through the Cross

Christ → Savior → Jesus – at age 33 (†) resurrected and ascended to heaven.  
 Christianity → Church of the Cross → Faith in the cross (salvation through the blood)

## 1) The Purpose of Jesus' Coming as the Messiah



## 2) Was the Providence of Salvation Completed through the Redemption of the Cross?

(1) Conclusion: The providence of salvation was not completed.

(2) Why was it not completed?

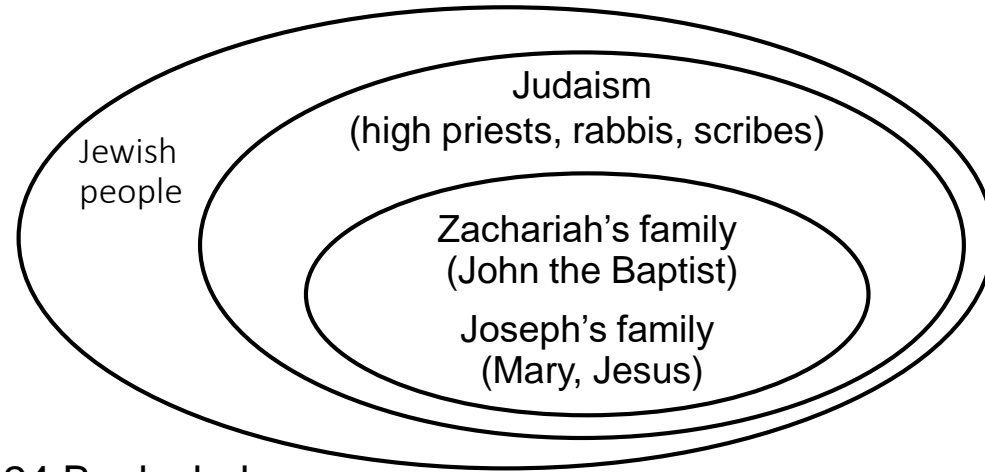
→ Because Jesus Christ died on the cross

(3) The purpose of the providence of salvation was not accomplished.

- Liquidation of original sin ✘ (Rom 7:23, I John 1:8-10)
- Restoration of original human nature ✘
- Prayer, faith still required for indemnity (I Thess 5:17)
- Descendants still need salvation, life of faith (Rev 22:14)

### 3) Was Jesus' Death on the Cross a Pre-determined Outcome?

(1) From the perspective of God's providence



(2) Jesus' words and deeds

(John 6:29, John 10:38)

authority to do miracles → Matt 12:24 Beelzebub

(3) Heart of indignation

{ Matt 23:37 'as a hen', John 5:39-40 'you study the scriptures'

{ John 5:43-46 'in my Father's name', Matt 23:36 foretells of wrath

(4) Testimony of the Disciples

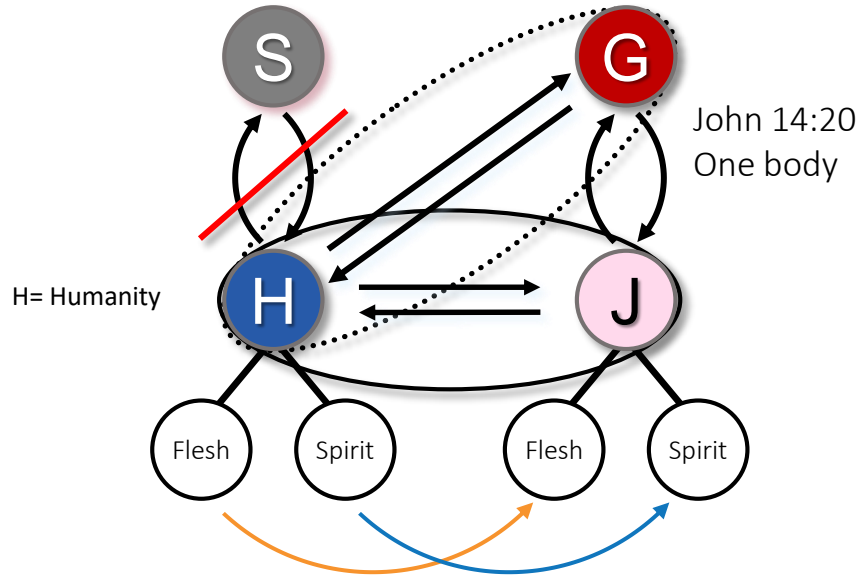
{ Stephen: (Acts 7:52-53 And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.)

{ Paul: (I Cor 2:8 None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory.)

Jesus' death on the cross = the result of ignorance and unbelief  
Jesus' death on the cross was not a pre-determined fact.  
We receive a "limited salvation".

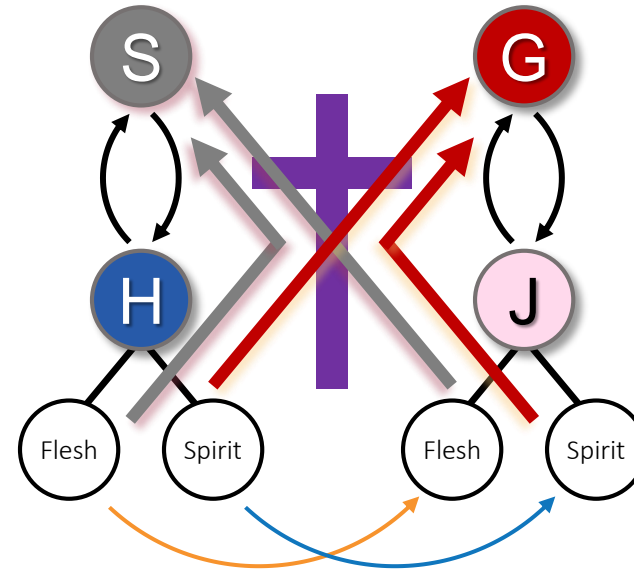
## 4) The Limits of Salvation through the Cross and the Purpose of the Second Coming of Christ

If faith in Jesus prevailed

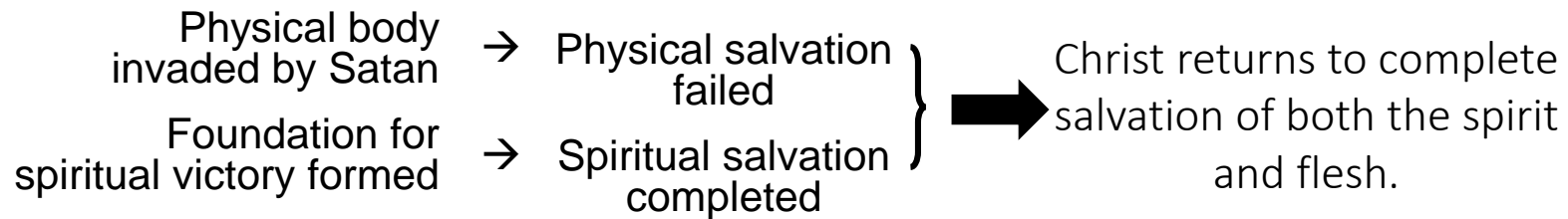


(Isa 9:6, Matt 16:27)

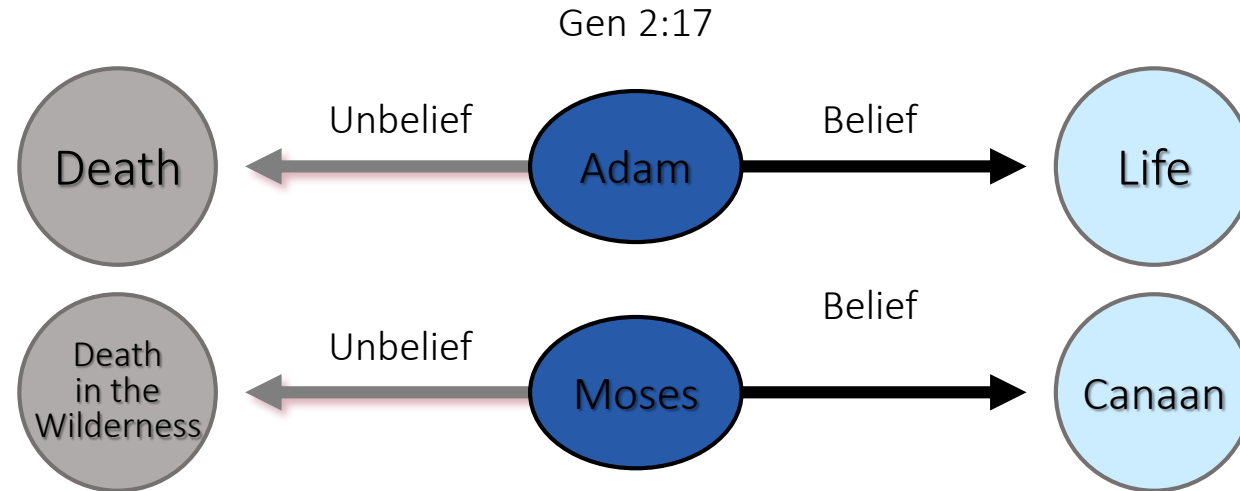
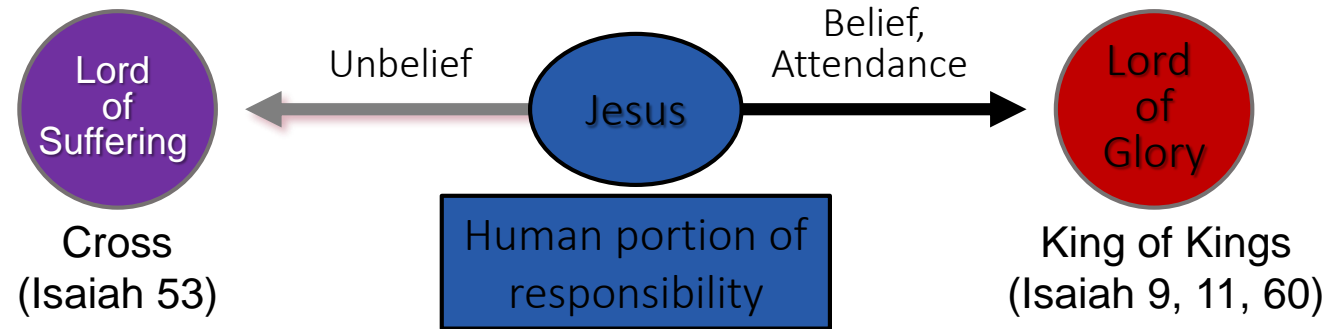
If unbelief in Jesus prevailed



(Rom 7:23, I John 1:8-10, I Thess 5:17)



## 5) Dual Prophecies Concerning the Cross

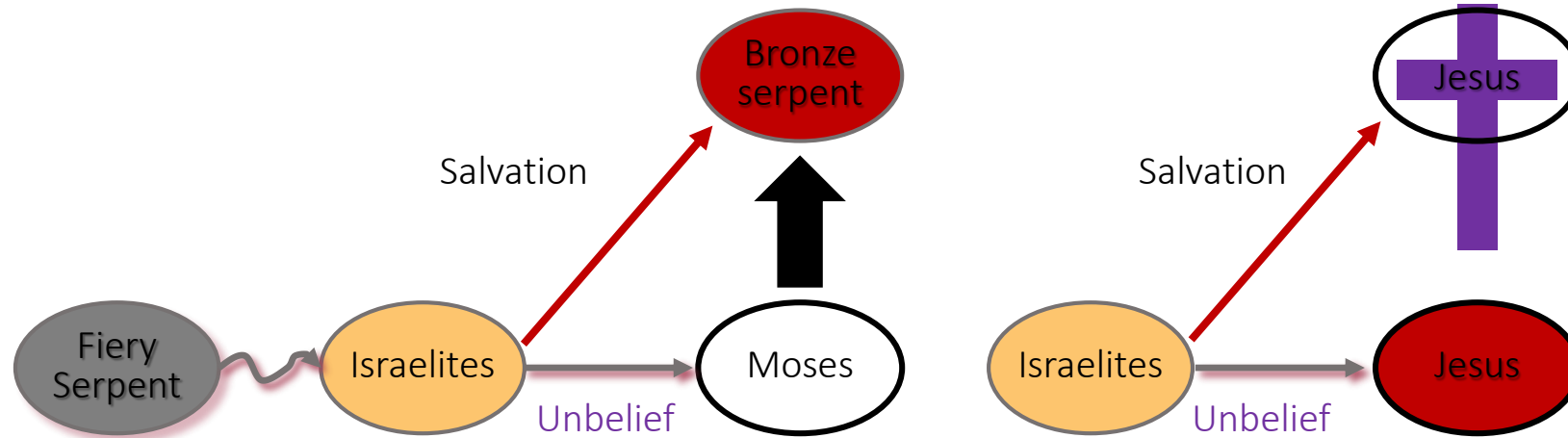




6) Elucidating Passages in Scripture which Appear to Indicate that the Crucifixion was Inevitable

(1) **John 3:14**

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up...



(2) **John 19:30** “It is finished”

Jesus asked his disciples “Who do men say that I am?”

Simon (Peter) said “The Son of God.”

However, Peter betrayed Jesus in the courtyard of Caiaphas’ house.

(Luke 23:43) { The thief on Jesus’ left did not have faith.  
The thief on Jesus’ right acknowledged Jesus as  
the Messiah → Paradise.

**Meaning of the words “It is finished”:**  
i. Received testimony as the Messiah  
ii. Accomplished spiritual salvation

These words by Jesus do not mean that he  
accomplished the entire Will of God.

### (3) Matt 16:23 Jesus words to Peter: “Get behind me, Satan!”

Luke 9:30 “And behold, two men talked with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, and when they wakened they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah’ - not knowing what he said.”

At this time, it was decided to forgo physical salvation, pursue the path of spiritual salvation and that Jesus’ body would go to the cross. Satan then entered Peter with the intention of blocking even the way to spiritual salvation.

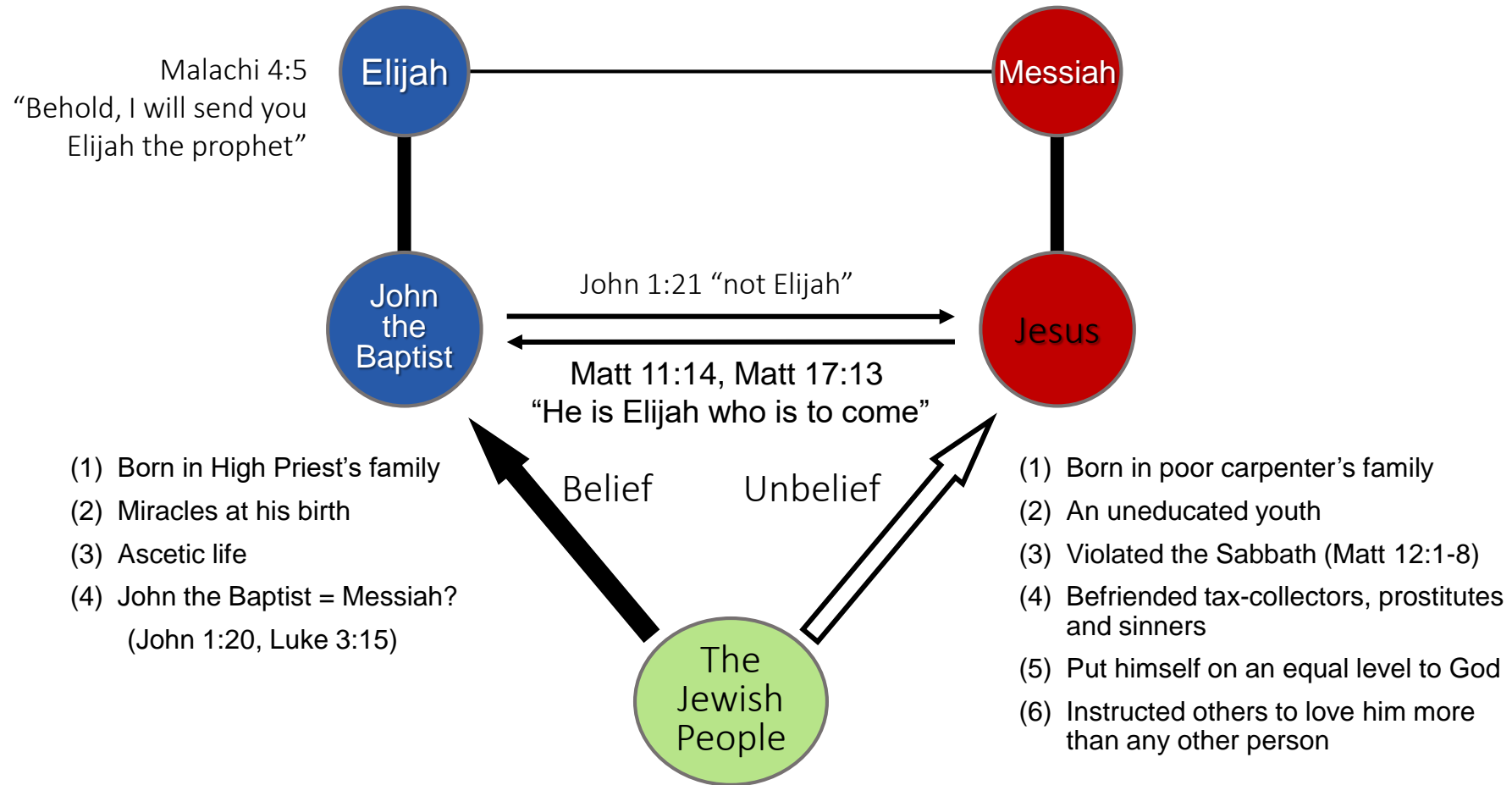
In the end, Satan enters Judas to betray Jesus.

### Conclusion

Jesus did not come in order to die on the cross. Rather, his death on the cross was a result of the unbelief of the Jewish people and the faithlessness of his disciples.

## 2. John the Baptist and the Second Coming of Elijah

### 1) The Direction of the Mind of the Jewish People



(The path the Jewish people would go)

## 2) The Mission of John the Baptist

(1) The Mission to Testify { John 1:23 : 'Make straight the way of the Lord'  
John 1:33 : Testify to Jesus at the Jordan river

(2) The Mission to Attend: "...to serve him ... in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life." Luke 1:75

Unbelief of John the Baptist → Unbelief of the Jewish people as a whole → The Crucifixion of Jesus

## 3) Causes behind the Unbelief of John the Baptist

- (1) Ignorance concerning God's Will and providence (Matt 11:17)
- (2) Evaluated Jesus from his own viewpoint
- (3) Mistaken view of what the Messiah is
- (4) Lack of faith in Jesus' words and deeds
- (5) Worried about his social prestige, reputation
- (6) Believed the Old Testament in a literal way

## 4) Christ's Reproaches towards John the Baptist

"Among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet even the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." Matt 11:11

## 5) Conversations between John the Baptist and the Disciples

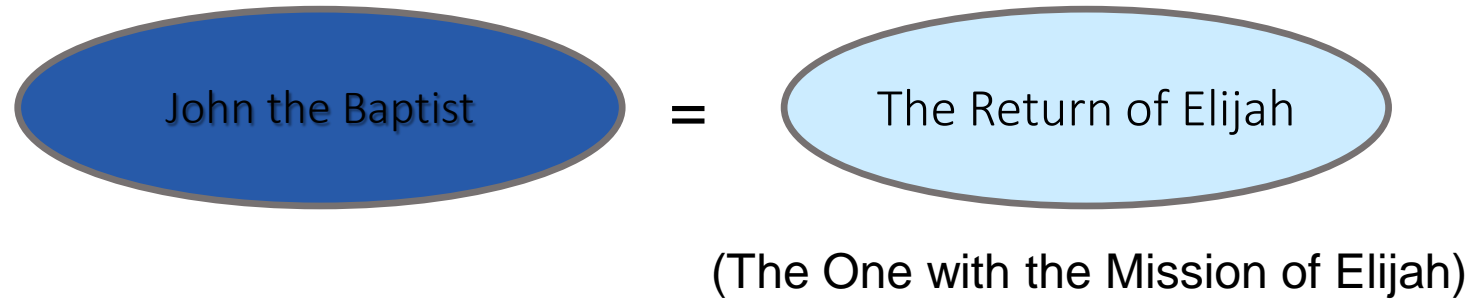
- (1) In relation to Jesus, John the Baptists says “He must become greater; I must become less.” (John 3:22-30)

Many saints have understood these words to show how both humble and great John the Baptist was. This viewpoint, however, comes from a misinterpretation of the scripture. Actually, if the teacher is to increase, then his disciple and follower will also increase. Thus, these words by John indicate that he had chosen to go a path different from the path of Jesus.

- (2) “When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?” (Matt. 11:2-3) In response to this, Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.” (Matt. 11:4-6).
- (3) Observing how the ruler of Israel, Herod, had married his younger brother’s wife, Herodias, John the Baptist said “it is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” In response to this, Herod had John seized and thrown into prison (Mark 6:17-28).

We need to view the Scripture from a new perspective.

## 6) The Reason why John the Baptist was Elijah



Luke 1:17

“...and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”

## 7) Our Attitude Towards the Bible

Heavenly  
Secrets



No one knew  
these secrets

The ignorance and unbelief of John the Baptist towards Jesus brought about unbelief by the Jewish people, and this unbelief by the Jewish people is what eventually forced Jesus to walk the path of the crucifixion.

Why? Because we have always read the Bible based on the predication that John the Baptist is and was unconditionally a great and successful prophet.

- (1) We have to put aside and separate ourselves from conventional customs and concepts of faith based in habit.
- (2) We have to consistently invest ourselves to practice a faith that is internally correct in both spirit and in truth.