

Christophanies

WHEN CHRIST APPEARS

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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 without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John 1:1-4 ESV

Christophany Signs from Joshua 5-6

- A “man” described as “The Angel of the LORD”, “Angel of the LORD of Hosts, or “Commander of the Armies of the LORD”.
- The angelic being receiving worship and accepting it.
- Warning about Holy Ground and the removal of sandals.
- Speaking as the “LORD” or being referred to as the “LORD” by the author

God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

Exodus 3:14 ESV

"I am that I am"

In the original Hebrew language

אֶהְיֶה אֲשֶׁר אֶהְיֶה

יהוה

Are the Hebrew letters which in English are

YHWH – JHWH

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Jewish readers
replaced
with

אֲדֹנָי

Early
translators
went to

Yahweh
Jehovah

Isaiah 42:8

I am Yahweh,
that is My name.

HCSB

I am the LORD;
that is my name;

ESV

And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant.

Genesis 18:1-3 ESV

Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God.” For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.
Revelation 19:10 ESV

Let no one disqualify you, insisting on
asceticism and worship of angels, going on
in detail about visions, puffed up without
reason by his sensuous mind,
Colossians 2:18 ESV

Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly.

Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

Genesis 18:4-8 ESV

THIS CHRISTMAS ARE WE
READY TO

Receive
THE LORD

They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him.

Genesis 18:9-10 ESV

Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.” But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “No, but you did laugh.”

Genesis 18:11-15 ESV

AN IMPOSSIBLE
CONCEPTION

NOTHING IS TOO
Marvelous or Wonderful
FOR GOD TO DO

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Believe

THE LORD

And Zechariah said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.” And the angel answered him, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time.”

Luke 1:18-20 ESV

And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

Luke 1:35 ESV

ANOTHER TWO IMPOSSIBLE

CONCEPTIONS

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Romans 8:9-11 ESV

THIS CHRISTMAS ARE WE
READY TO
Recognize
THE LORD

APPLICATION

- I. Be ready to receive the LORD!
2. Nothing is too marvelous or wonderful for God to do!
Be ready to believe the LORD!
3. Be ready to recognize the LORD in your life!

Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way.

The LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do...

Genesis 18:16-17 ESV


...seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.”

Genesis 18:18-19 ESV

“Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

John 8:56-59 ESV

Jesus
IS THE LORD



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