

"JESUS CHRIST - A MAN APPROVED OF GOD (<u>Acts 2:22</u>)" Miracle #38 - "MALCUS' EAR CUT OFF" <u>Matt 26:51; Mark 14:47</u>; <u>Luke 22:50-51; John 18:10</u>

These **four** gospel accounts tell the same story ... with John adding the two names.

Matthew 26:51	<u>Mark 14:47</u>	Luke 22:50-51	<u>John 18:10</u>
51 And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched	<i>47 And one of them that stood by</i>	50 And one of them	10 Then Simon Peter having a
out his hand, and	drew a sword,	<i>smote</i> the servant of the	sword drew it, and
drew his sword,		high priest,	
	and smote a		smote the high
<i>and struck a servant</i>	servant of the		priest's servant,
of the high priest's,	high priest,		
, s , s , s , s , s , s , s , s , s , s	J F ,	and cut off his right	and cut off his
	and cut off his	ear.	right ear. The
	ear.		servant's name
and smote off his		51 And Jesus answered	was Malchus .
ear.		and said, Suffer ye thus	
		far. And he touched his	
		ear, and healed him.	

1. Malchus represents Israel

Peter was striking and cutting off Israels ear.

2. Christ smites the high priest

As Malchus represents the high priest, it's as if Christ is saying to the high priest "Move over ... your time has finished ... I'm the new high priest ... you've been struck down and cut off!"

3. Israel had become deaf and will be cut off

Israel had become deaf ... having rejected Christ's kingdom of heaven.

4. Peter strikes Malchus first then cuts off his ear

It's an interesting twist that Peter ... with the gospel to circumcised, Israel (<u>Galatians 2:7</u>), should be the one that symbolically **strikes** the circumcision (Israel) ... first of all saying "Israel, I am Peter, do I have your attention?"

Next, it's God's plan that Peter, given the gospel to the circumcision ... Israel ... that he should also be the one to symbolically **cut off** Israel from the kingdom of heaven dispensation saying "Israel, cop this ... God now wants you to stop hearing about the kingdom of heaven. It will be replaced very shortly."

Dear Reader, if you want **two witnesses** ... there's the **striking** and then there's the **cutting** (<u>Matthew 18:16</u>).

5. Christ can make them hear again

Christ then says "Look I'll attach your ear again Israel. Yes, I've cut you off from the kingdom of heaven dispensation, but I'll attach your ear again, so that you may be able to hear about the kingdom of God dispensation that will replace the former."

6. Israel gets a 'second' chance to hear

It's as if Christ says ...

"Look Israel, you've **suffered** under my gospel of the kingdom of heaven aka The Sermon on the Mount, but you haven't taken it to heart ... have you? ... so that's enough suffering. Now I'll re-attach your ear ... so you'd better listen up big time! You no longer have to suffer with impossible rules and commandments and animal blood sacrifices and so on ... I'll make it easy for you ... I'll no longer be your Messiah but your Saviour. You have never received me as your Messiah ... so that time has gone now ... so we are going to move on ... you'd better have me as your Saviour! If you don't know what I mean, please study Paul's book, Hebrews, that he'll write to you ... in about **thirty five years from now!** Yes! It will take you that long ... and then just under another 2,000 years after that ... when I'll open your ears in the Tribulation! Yes, you'll have ears to hear but you'll be stone deaf till that time! Don't get too upset Israel ... it's all been prophesied! YOU WILL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!"

7. Does Pastor Peter preach at your church?

These Peter type-of-preachers are very good at 'cutting' the ears off people with their **constitutional Peter-swords** ... you know stuck in the Sermon on the Mount and the kingdom of heaven gospels ... but never are able to re-attach the ears, so that the congregation can hear about the kingdom of God.

Pastor Peter cuts off people from hearing Paul's gospel of the kingdom of God.

Conclusion ... three questions ...

- 1. Dear Reader, which Christ will you hear ... the Messiah or the Saviour?
- 2. Where do you get your doctrine from ... the gospels or from Paul?
- 3. Do you follow Christ or will you follow Paul as he follows Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1)?

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