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Amazing parallels today to Jesus and the Holy Spirit pointed out



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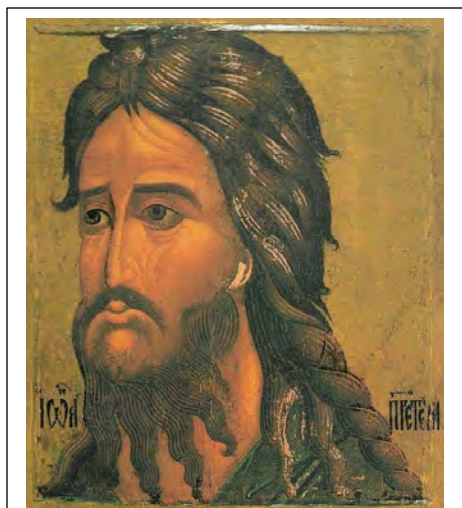
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I'll keep reading [from a provisional translation from Korean of presentation by Dr. Hyeon-seob Do, the president of Sunhak UP Graduate University, Asan, South Korea]:

"As a result [of all these failures - see [part 2](#)], the Jewish leaders did not believe in Jesus. They slandered and criticized him, accusing him of being a lawbreaker, a blasphemer, a seditious agitator, and so on."

In history, of course, there have been very unpleasant reactions or attitudes toward the Jewish people about crucifying Jesus. But when we understand, through the [Unification Principles](#), that they weren't even given a chance to understand who Jesus was, because the main people did not fulfill their [providential](#) duty, we realize that the Jewish people became victims of those failures.



John the Baptist, 16th Century Russian icon

It's important that we understand that the [True Parents](#) and Jesus were doing so many things to reach out. But important people like John the Baptist did not recognize their responsibility, and therefore Jesus was rejected.

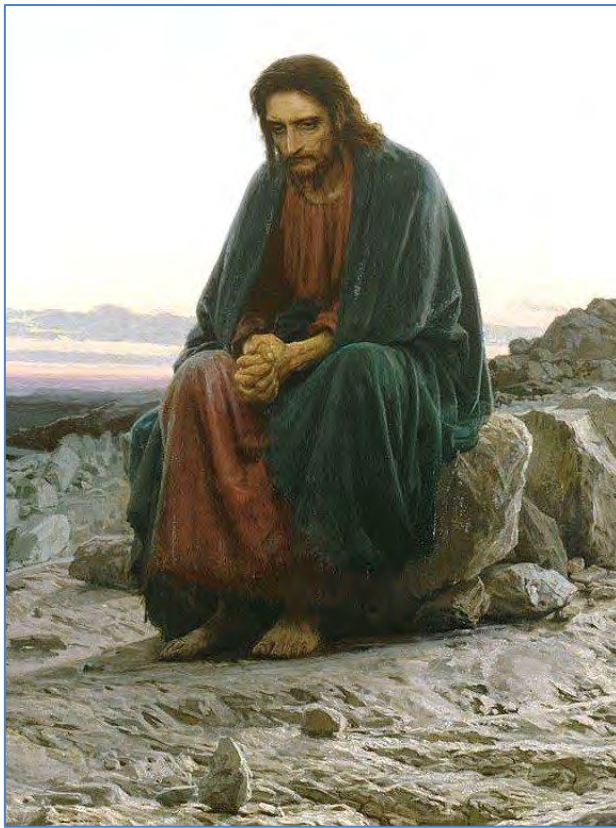
I'll continue:

"If Mary, Joseph, and Zechariah's family, whom Heaven had prepared, had understood [God's Will](#) and united to fulfill their responsibility to protect Jesus, the [Only Begotten Daughter](#) would have appeared [...] at a time Heavenly Parent had prepared."

If they had united, then Mary would have been able to introduce Jesus to his bride.

Let's read a little more:

"As a result of the failure of the central figures and of the people to fulfill their responsibilities, the coming of the [Only Begotten Daughter](#) was thwarted and Jesus' ideal to become the [True Parent](#) through the Holy Wedding - the Marriage Supper of the Lamb - could not be realized."



Christ in the Wilderness, by Ivan Kramskoi (1837-1887)

The famous painting "Christ in the Wilderness", by the Russian artist Ivan Kramskoi, is one of the pictures I feel represents Jesus. This is when he was in the desert fasting and praying for 40 days in order to make a new foundation. You can sense the sadness in his heart.

In the end Jesus became a sacrifice as his body was hung on a cross. This became, however, a condition for humanity's salvation.

I'll read some more:

"He walked a 40-day course of resurrection and pioneered the way to atone for the sins of all humankind.

The disciples who met the resurrected Jesus gathered again to fulfill the number of twelve disciples, believing in Jesus and following him. Thus they laid the foundation for Jesus, together with the Holy Spirit, to become the spiritual True Parents and to carry out the work of rebirth.

Despite the failure of the central figures and the people, the way of the cross that Jesus

walked was a holy and noble course to give spiritual rebirth to all humankind."

Of course, we talk about this as the secondary course. It was not meant to be the original course. But what is really important to also understand is that the real beginning of Christianity was not the death of Jesus or even his resurrection.



Lucas Franchois, The Descent of the Holy Spirit

Christianity really began when the disciples were in the upper room, fearful for their lives. Having betrayed or denied Jesus, they were afraid.

But when the Holy Spirit manifested in the form of a dove, they were transformed. They went out, and all except one gave their life to promote the message of Jesus. So they really had the spirit and the truth.

I'll continue:

"However, Jesus, who was born as the Only Begotten Son, could not meet the [Only Begotten Daughter](#) and did not become the [True Parent](#). He went the way of the cross and said he would come again and hold the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

The 2,000 years of Christian history began with the apostles who accepted and believed his words.

The Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and other believers who had gathered on the 50th day following Jesus' resurrection. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they set out into the world to preach the gospel of Jesus in place of the Jewish people who were unable to attend the Only Begotten Son. Christianity was chosen and took the central role in Heavenly Parent's [providence](#)."

In the same way, after [Father Moon](#) ascended, [Mother Moon](#) continued the mission of the [True Parents](#) here on the earth in the position of the living Holy Spirit.

As you know, one of the prophecies about the future was about the moon turning to blood. According to the explanation of the [Unification Principles](#), the moon symbolizes the Holy Spirit. Turning to blood means becoming a living being. We are at a time when [Mother Moon](#) is now such a being. We are so privileged that we can welcome her here to Europe in a very short time.

To be continued. Part 4 (final part) coming soon.

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Dr. Hyeon-seob Do, the president of Sunhak UP Graduate University, Asan, South Korea. Photo: Sunhak University.

"For this to happen, there must be the **providence to inherit Heavenly Parent's lineage**, and **God** chose Israel as the central nation and people.

For the providence to restore the lineage, Heavenly Parent has carried out the **providence to give birth to the Only Begotten Son and Daughter** [독생녀 (toksaengnyeo – may also be translated as 'Firstborn Daughter' or 'First Daughter')] who inherited Heavenly

Parent's lineage.

In particular, among the Jewish people – beginning with Abraham, who followed Heavenly Parent with absolute faith and received **God's** blessing as the root of good fortune, continuing with Isaac, and then moving on to Jacob's generation – **important providential events created the foundation for the restoration of lineage**.

[...] Abraham, who had the honorable name of 'the Father' [Abram] based on Heavenly Parent's blessing, from then on was known as '**Abraham**', the **father of all peoples**, and became the origin and foundation of the chosen people of Israel."

It's quite amazing that within our region of Europe and the Middle East we have the father of three major providential faiths: the Jewish people, the Islamic people, and the Christian people. In that sense, we have a common ancestor, a common root, a spiritual root.

But as you know, Abraham, in the process of coming into that position, did not succeed in achieving what **God** actually wanted.



Portrait of Abraham, detail of a painting by Guercino (1657), Pinacoteca di Brera, Milan, Italy. Photo: Octave 444 / Wikimedia Commons. License: [CC ASA 4.0 Int](#)

It was the mistake of cutting the birds, as you know from the **Unification Principles**. It may not seem significant, but ultimately it proved to be a fatal mistake and, as we know, caused 400 years of suffering for his descendants.

However, the process was completed through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and the lineage finally was fulfilled.

I'll continue reading:

"The victorious **foundation on the national level must be created** so that the Only Begotten Son and **Daughter** [독생녀 (toksaengnyeo – may also be translated as 'Firstborn Daughter' or 'First Daughter')] who inherit the lineage of Heavenly

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Daughter J], who inherit the lineage of Heavenly Parent, can be **born without Satan's accusation through the bloodline of the chosen people of Israel who have a victorious foundation in the restoration of the lineage.**"

Yes, this was a critical issue here.

I'll read some more:

"Finally, after 4,000 years of the **Providence of Restoration** through Indemnity, Heavenly Parent brought Jesus, the **Only Begotten Son, who was the first to inherit Heavenly Parent's lineage** since the fall of our first ancestors, to be born to Mary among the chosen people of Israel.



The Annunciation, the moment when the archangel Gabriel announced to the Virgin Mary that she would be the mother of the Messiah. Author: Lorenzo de Avila (1473-1570). Photo: Wikimedia Commons. [Public domain image](#)

Mary, who was betrothed to Joseph, received Heaven's revelation that the Only Begotten Son would be born through her, and she decided to accept the Will of Heavenly Parent in absolute faith.

Heavenly Parent first brought **Mary, Zechariah, and Elizabeth** to know about the birth of Jesus. **They were central figures who had the important mission of upholding Heavenly Parent's Will to fully attend and follow Jesus, the Only Begotten Son.**"

And we'll look into how that transpired. I'll continue:

"For Jesus, the Only Begotten Son, to fulfill his purpose by safely completing his period of maturation (growth), meeting God's **Only Begotten Daughter** [독생녀 (toksaengnyeo – may also be translated as 'Firstborn Daughter' or 'First Daughter')], and their becoming the **True Parents** together, the central figures I just mentioned had to fulfill their mission properly."

In other words, **Joseph and Zechariah, and of course Mary had to fulfill their mission according to God's expectation. And also John the Baptist became a key figure in supporting this.** In other words, he had to protect Jesus, in a way.

We continue:

"Yet although **Zechariah and John the Baptist** testified to Jesus before he began his public life, they **did not follow him afterward.**

The highly respected high priest **Zechariah remained a bystander.** And **John the Baptist, a**

respected ascetic, remained at a distance from Jesus. They were therefore unable to open the way for unity between the people of Israel and Jesus."

I think all of you are familiar with the story of the baptism of Jesus by John, when a dove appeared and announced directly to John the Baptist who the person in front of him was. And you can understand John's struggle later. **After an initial enthusiasm about that, he began to evaluate who Jesus was, from a more humanistic perspective.**



John the Baptist baptizes Jesus.
Author: Gustave Doré (1832-1883).
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Of course, looking at him, he saw his poor, younger, less educated cousin. It would not be so easy for us to believe that our own poor, younger, less educated cousin could be the Messiah. And so John unfortunately was unable to fulfill his mission and, in fact, ended up in prison for a rather silly reason involving himself and Herod.

I'll continue reading:

"Mary had the responsibility, while attending Jesus as the Only Begotten Son, to ensure that Jesus met the Only Begotten Daughter [독생녀 (toksaengnyeo – may also be translated as 'Firstborn Daughter' or 'First Daughter')] so that they could become the True Parents. But while she fulfilled her responsibility up to the point of bringing Jesus into the world, it became very difficult after that.

By becoming estranged from Zechariah's family, maintaining her conjugal relationship with Joseph, and distancing herself from God's revelation, **Mary failed to fulfill her responsibility to protect Jesus."**

So again, you can understand that many things influenced her way of thinking. Maybe not the least was the fact that **Joseph, her originally intended husband, had difficulty actually understanding the conception of Jesus**, as you can well imagine. And there are some examples by which we see why people had difficulty understanding Jesus. I'll read some more:

"Joseph, moreover, did not fully understand Heavenly Parent's Will, but looked at and related with Jesus and Mary humanistically. He thus failed to fulfill his mission to attend and follow Jesus."

As you know, there was a story in the Bible about Jesus being missing for three days. Now, if they really believed that this child was the destined Messiah, how could they possibly lose sight of him? And especially for three days?

And of course, there's the story in which he was in the temple talking to the priests and amazing them with his knowledge, even though he was just a twelve-year-old boy who had little education.

There's another incident, in which Mary was insisting on Jesus providing wine, turning water into wine for guests at a marriage



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