

CHRIST THE BRANCH

Jer.23:5; Zech.3:8; Zech.6:12; Isa.4:12; Isa. 11:1

Text: Jer. 33:15, “I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line...”

The divinely-inspired arrangement of the Holy Scriptures shall continue to marvel us for time and eternity.

Consider how the Branch of the OT is revealed in each Gospel and with its corresponding message: Matthew— Gospel of the King; Mark—Gospel of the Servant; Luke—Gospel of the Son of Man; John— Gospel of the Son of God.

The Branch in Matthew

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a *King* who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land” (Jeremiah 23:5). “Where is He who is born *King* of the Jews?”(Matt.2:2).

The Lord Jesus is springing out of the line of David. It reveals His union with David. Jesus Christ is the humble descendent of King David who will bring the kingdom out of its fallen state and reign in power and glory –establishing righteousness and bringing in peace . The word Kingdom occurs 55 times in Matthew.

The Branch in Mark

I am going to bring *my servant*, the Branch (Zechariah 3:8). God Himself is the tree and the Lord Jesus is the Branch. A branch bears the fruit and *reveals* the character of the tree. Christ as Jehovah’s Branch , revealed by His words and deeds, the true character of His Father.

“Whosoever of you will be chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and give His life a ransom for many” (Mark 10 : 44-45).

The Branch in Luke

The LORD Almighty says: ‘Here is *the man* whose name is the Branch, and he will branch out from his place and build the temple of the LORD (Zechariah 6:12).

The Gospel of Luke is for the sinner. It brings out the compassionate love of Christ in becoming *Man* to save us (Lk.19:10). The Son of Man, as Branch, is the one who carries out exactly, in every detail the Father’s will. In this present dispensation He is building the “Church of God”— a spiritual and permanent temple (Matt. 16:18).

The Branch in John

In that day the Branch of the LORD will be *beautiful and glorious...* (Isaiah 4:2).

In this passage Christ is the Branch springing from the Father , at the time of the second coming, to reveal in fullness His majestic beauty and glory. Read John 1:14; 17:5, 24.

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