WHAT SOME FAMOUS JEWISH MEN SAY ABOUT JESUS
Norman Cousins
(b. 1912-1990) Professor, Princeton University: “As a child I received instruction both in the Bible and in the Talmud. I am a Jew, but I am not ashamed by the luminous figure of the Nazarene. No one can read the Gospels without feeling the actual presence of Jesus. His personality pulsates in every word. No myth is filled with such life.”
Martin Buber (1878-1965) Celebrated Jewish Philosopher “From my youth onwards I have found in Jesus my great brother. That Christianity has regarded and does regard him as God and Savior has always appeared to me a fact of the highest importance which, for his sake and my own, I must endeavor to understand. I am more than ever certain that a great place belongs to him in Israel’s history of faith and that this place cannot be described by any of the usual categories.”
Norman Cousins (b. 1912-1990) Writer, editor of the Saturday Review, recipient of the United Nations Peace Medal. “Christianity and Judaism share one of the great reluctance of history. Both are reluctant to live openly and fully with the fact that Jesus was a Jew. The earliest Christians knew neither awkwardness nor reticence over the fact that Jesus was a Jew. Most, if not all, were Jews themselves. To these Jews, the Jewishness of Jesus was not incidental or extraneous but inevitable. His coming, they believed, had been foretold in the Hebrew Scriptures; it awakened the dictates of faith that were natural to the Prophets. Messianism was in the air; the idea of salvation was powerful and dominant. There is every reason for Judaism to lose its reluctance toward Jesus. His own towering spiritual presence is a projection of Judaism, not a repudiation of it. No other figure—spiritual, philosophical, political or intellectual—has had a greater impact on human history. The modern synagogue can live openly and fully with Jesus.”

TANAKH: WHAT PASSAGE IS NEVER READ IN THE SYNAGOGUE? Why?
From the Tanakh, the Jewish Bible, Isaiah 53:
“1 Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of parched ground; He has no stately form or majesty that we should look upon Him, nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him. 3 He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. 4 Surely our grief’s He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. 6 All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; but the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him. 7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth. 8 By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people, to whom the stroke was due? 9 His grave was assigned with wicked men, yet He was with a rich man in His death, because He had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in His mouth. 10 But the LORD was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief; if He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offsprings, He will prolong His days, and the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand. 11 As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; by His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, and He will divide the booty with the strong: because He poured out Himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, and interceded for the transgressors.”

WHAT DO YOU THINK? Rabbi Moses the Darshan (the Preacher) (11th cent) wrote: “God hath from the beginning made a covenant with the Messiah and told him, ‘My righteous Messiah, those who are entrusted to you, their sins will bring you into a heavy yoke; and your ears will hear great shame; your mouth will taste bitterness, and your tongue will cleave to the roof of your mouth, and your soul will be weakened in grief and sighing. Are you satisfied with this?’ And he answered, ‘I joyfully accept all these agonies in order that not one of Israel should be lost.’ Immediately, the Messiah accepted all agonies with love, as it is written: ‘Surely our grief’s He hath on His shoulder, and He was afflicted.’” Rabbi Moshe El Sheikh, Chief Rabbi of Safed: “Our Rabbis with one voice accept and affirm the opinion that the prophet is speaking of the King Messiah and we shall ourselves also adhere to the same view.”

HERZ HOMBERG “According to the opinion of Rashi and Ibn Ezra it relates to Israel at the end of their captivity. But if so, what can be the meaning of the passage. ‘He was wounded for our transgressions?’ Who was wounded? Who are the transgressors? Who carried out the sickness and bare the pain? The fact is that it refers to the King Messiah.”

Above statements are quoted from: Driver, S R and Neubauer.
THE HIDDEN TRUTH ABOUT DANIEL!

WHY WAS THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET DANIEL MOVED AND “HIDDEN” BY THE RABBI’s AMONG THE HISTORICAL BOOKS? Daniel was SPECIFIC about WHEN the Messiah would come to redeem Israel! Do you see the truth in plain sight here? Daniel 9:24-26: ”24 Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, Messiah’s coming. According to the ancient interpretations, we have seen a number of Messianic prophecy and ancient rabbinical writings that all the dominions of the earth shall...to

The Targum Yerushalmi states: “Kings shall not cease from the house of Judah...until the time of the coming of the King Messiah” (Moshiach in the Hebrew text) The Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. 26 Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing and the people of the prince who is to come will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.”

The Targum Verushalmi states: “Kings shall not cease from the house of Judah...until the time of the coming of the King Messiah...to whom all the dominions of the earth shall become subservient.” In our examination of Messianic prophecy and ancient rabbinical interpretations, we have seen a number of indicators which pinpointed the time of Messiah’s coming. According to the ancient Jewish scholars, the Redeemer was to come:

1. During the time when membership in the tribe of Judah could confidently be traced. (Genesis 49:10)
2. Previous to the demolition of the Second Temple. (Daniel 9:24-27)
3. Before the scepter had departed from Judah. (Genesis 49:10)
4. At the beginning of the fifth millennium after creation! (Babylonian Talmud, Sanhedrin 96-99)

Remarkably, after 70 C.E., none of these criteria would ever exist again! An astonishing quote is found in Sanhedrin 97b. Rabbi Rabh states: "All the predestined dates for redemption (the coming of Messiah) have passed” Here, Rabbi Rabh, expresses his pain and displeasure that the Messiah did not come when he was expected (before 70 C.E.). These incredible quotes speak for themselves. The fact that they are recorded in the highly venerated writings of the men who were the heads of ancient rabbinical academies is astonishing! These men, according to their understanding of the Hebrew Bible and the chronology of the day, recognized that the time appointed for the coming of the Messiah had passed! QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS: The questions you now need to answer are: Did the Messiah not come? Will He come at some unknown future date? Did he come when the Scriptures and the Rabbis say he should have come and we missed him? Actually, this is only ONE of the signs about the coming of Messiah that can help you.

MESSIAH FORETOLD IN THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES:

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FEAR NO ONE!

“Be not afraid, Daniel; for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to stude the prophecies, thy mind was quickened. And thou hast been sorely troubled (Daniel 9:2)amen but, Daniel, thou hast been very careful in understanding the prophecies. Daniel 9:23-27 states: "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the coming of the Messiah had passed three weeks, seven week, and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

The Rabbis in their writings all agree that the prophecies refer to the coming of our Jewish Messiah. After being convinced that Yeshua/Jesus was our Messiah I prayed, “God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I realize I have sinned and broken your commandments. I deserve your punishment. But I see that Messiah Yeshua came to take my punishment for me and for all who will believe in him. I believe Jesus is our Jewish Messiah. Messiah come into my life, cleanse me from my sins and help me to live a Godly life. Amen.”

I was born Jewish and I will die Jewish. I know that my name is written in God’s book of Life.”

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