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CHOSEN BIBLICAL New Testament SCRIPTURE-



This month's **coloured attachment** scripture is **MARK 12: 27**

***"HE IS NOT THE GOD OF THE DEAD
BUT OF THE LIVING"***

This verse is one of the most important verses in Christ's ministry. The Jewish group of Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection of the dead and their opposing religious Jewish group, the Pharisees did moreover these two groups would argue over this issue constantly. The Sadducees purposely proposed questions to Jesus, believing there was not

a scripture in the Old Testament from which the Jewish teachers and Jesus taught, to prove of life after death.

The Pharisees never could give them an answer to this point therefore the Sadducees felt superior in their knowledge. However Jesus quickly told them of this verse from the Pentateuch (which is the first five books scribed by Moses) and surprised them by His answer from what Moses had written. **The three patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are still in existence, by the nature of God.**

God had described Himself to Moses at the burning bush in the desert of Midian, **as the God of Abraham of Isaac and of Jacob in the present tense**, for even though physically they had been dead for centuries, their spiritual experience was still in existence. **Jesus pointed out to them not only were they unaware of God's sovereign power but also ignorant of Scripture.**

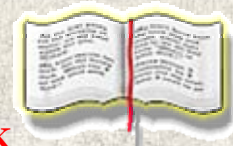
Jesus was always being tested and challenged by the teachers of His day, in addition to His teaching is still challenged today by those who do not believe He is the Son of The Living God.

It is comforting to know The Bible continually reaffirms life with God after death. God brings life; God is always at work giving life to believers and doing them good. **Contact with God brings new life to the spiritual dead.** Jesus, Himself is the way to life in this world and the world to come. **Christ is the way and definition of eternal life.**

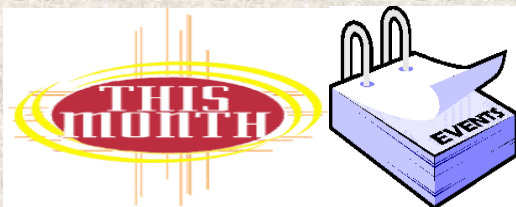
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CHRIST AS SEEN IN THE BOOK OF MARK



Jesus is portrayed by The Symbol of a Bull for service and power. He Powerful Saviour, Authoritative and Obedient Servant, Redeemer of Men.



AN APRIL EVENT

During the first three centuries, the Christian Church met persecution in intermittent intervals around the Roman Empire. But nothing compared with it's struggle during the days of Roman emperor Diocletian who seized power in a coup, appointed fellow-soldier Maximian as co-emperor and two other men as assistants, Constantius and Galerius. The four ruled the empire with a philosophy of "traditional values," which excluded Christianity. Though Diocletian himself seemed tolerant of Christians (his wife and daughter were believers), Galerius was strongly anti-Christian and slowly highlighted Christians as state opponents which began a series of

persecutions against them. Several edicts were issued against the Church, the last and worst being published on April 30, 304. Christians were dismissed from their positions and all civil rights suspended. Church buildings were set afire, including copies of the Scriptures. Church leaders were executed, many by lions in the coliseums. Many believers were thrown into squalid prisons or sent to dreaded mines. Galerius, the oppressive instigator, meanwhile, found he was dying of a disease commonly known as “being eaten with worms.” On April 30, 311, an anniversary of the earlier edict, he issued another in which he **suspended maltreatment against Christians** if they would pray for his recovery. From a thousand prisons, mines, and labor camps, the warriors of Christ streamed home. Many of them no doubt prayed for Galerius, but he didn’t recover. Five days after Galerius, signed the edict which ended the persecution, the oppressor died.



- **BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE-** Did you know that there were three supernatural acts in the event of God revealing Himself to Moses at the burning bush on Mount Horeb? It was three miracles in one. The thorny bush was not lit by anything of earth or from the sky, it was ablaze, but not destroyed by the flames and amid the burning flames was God speaking. Mount Horeb is the same peak as Mount Sinai.



There is a colouring in page of God appearing to Moses at the burning bush at <http://www.tne.net.au/~abdaacts/bush.html>

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Grace God Bless.

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Heavenly Father, We thank You that You have taken away our sins and You remember them no longer because of the Blood of Jesus. Thank You for the Covenant Relationship Gift to us for we were unworthy to receive it. **In Jesus' Name, Amen. +**

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