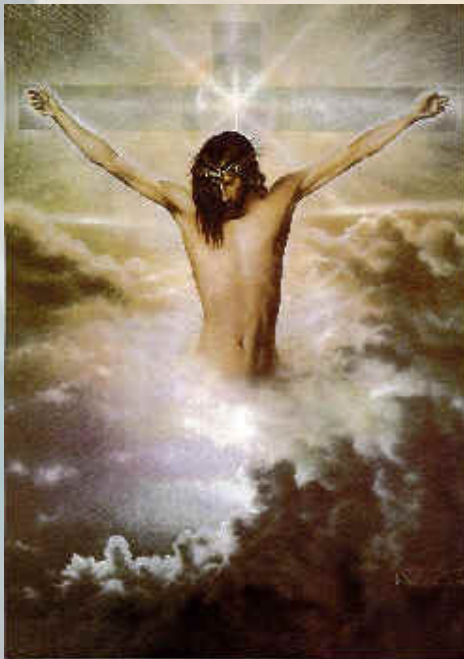


New Testament Preparations for the Establishing of the Church



—▶ AS PROPHESED, THE FORERUNNER OF CHRIST (John the Baptist) HAD TO BE BORN AND DO HIS PREPARATORY WORK

• Matthew 3:1-3

—▶ THE SAVIOR HAD TO BE BORN INTO THE WORLD • Luke 2:11

—▶ THE APOSTLES HAD TO BE SELECTED AND TRAINED

—▶ TWO SPECIAL PROMISES HAD TO BE MADE:

1. Christ would build His Church - Matthew 16:18

2. Holy Spirit would come and guide the apostles - John 16:13

—▶ DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST HAD TO OCCUR

• 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

• Hebrews 9:22

• 1 John 1:7

—▶ THE APOSTLES HAD TO BE POSITIONED AT THE RIGHT PLACE AND AT THE RIGHT TIME. • Luke 2:47 • Acts 2;1-4

—▶ THE HOLY SPIRIT HAD TO DESCEND FROM HEAVEN TO GUIDE THE APOSTLES • Acts 2:1-4