How to Use the Red Letters - PART 4

Properly Using Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John

"... whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." – Romans 15:4

"... Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:" – Romans 15:8

"... yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more" – 2Corinthians 5:16

1. MML&J Can Help You Excel, Edify, & Evangelize

- a. EXCEL → All scripture is given for your perfection 2Tim 3:16, 1Cor 1:5, Phi 1:10
- b. EDIFY \rightarrow The body of Christ needs to grow 1Tim 1:3-4, Eph 4:16, 1Thes 5:11
- c. <u>EVANGELIZE</u> → We battle for people's souls & minds *1Tim 1:18-19, 2Tim 2:24-26 i.* Skillful use of the proper weapon required *2Cor 10:4-5, Eph 6:17*

2. MML&J Can Strengthen Your Understanding Of...

- a. Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery by contrasting MMLJ & Paul
- b. Mystery vs. Prophecy by comparing MMLJ with Hebrews-Revelation, then with Paul
- c. Godliness, holiness, righteousness, truth by finding the similarities b/w MMLJ & Paul i. Lk 6:45 & 1Co 8:3; *Mt 23:23 & 1Ti 6:11/2Ti 3:5;* Mt 15:11 & 1Co 10:29-33/1Ti 1:5
- d. Prophecy by studying it's fulfillment in MMLJ 2Cor 3:6 (Eph 3:10, Col 1:25)
- e. The Bible as a whole by considering the proper dispensational context of MMLI
- f. Jesus is God *Mat 1:23, 2:11, 9:2, 14:26-33, 16:16-17, 25:17-46, 26:64, 28:17, 28:18;*Mark 14:62; *Luke 2:11, 19:43-44, 22:29;* John 1:1, 1:3, 1:14, 5:18, 8:58, 10:30, 10:33, 10:38, 14:6, 14:9-10, 14:20, 17:5, 17:21, 20:28

3. MML&J Makes You a More Effective Soldier That...

- a. Can establish credibility by having a thorough knowledge of the scriptures
 - i. Multiple Baptisms \rightarrow *Mat 3:11, Luke 12:50 (Eph 4:5?)*
 - ii. What gospel did the 12 apostles preach? \rightarrow Luke 9:6 and 18:31-34
 - iii. Jesus wasn't talking to you → Mat 10:5-6, Mark 7:27, John 4:22
- b. Can effectively communicate progressive revelation/dispensational understanding
 - i. God changes his instructions \rightarrow Lk 10:4 vs. 22:36; Lk 4:17-20 & Isa 61:1-2
 - *ii.* Apparent Bible Contradictions \rightarrow Mat 12:37/Rom 5:1; Mat 20:28 & 26:28/1Tim 2:6; Mat 21:22/2Cor 12:8-10; Mat 24:19/1Tim 5:14
- c. Is familiar with the enemy's tactics (what others are being taught incorrectly)
 - i. Works required for salvation? \rightarrow *Mat 6:14-15, Luke 10:25-28 / Eph 2:8-9*
 - ii. Under the law or not? $\rightarrow Mt$ 5:17-20, Mk 1:44, Lk 16:17 / Rom 3:21, 6:14
 - iii. MMLJ same message as Paul? \rightarrow John 1:17, 3:16; Mat 16:18; Luke 24:47