

## **ONLY TRUE BELIEVERS RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS OF THE TIME**

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Signs are only given to the true believers of God. This has always been the case since the times of our forefathers. The Holy Bible is ripe with many examples of the men and women of God who experienced and recognized the signs given unto them by God. Lets walk together to verify this point.

**The three wisemen** (Jews) who were in the East saw the Star when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea. **(Mt 2:1)** They had read in the Bible and found out where it was written that a star shall rise out of Jacob. **(Nu 24:17)** When it eventually appeared, they followed it and found the child whom they were looking for, and worshipped Him. The sign of the star happened before the eyes of the scribes and the Pharisees but they were blind enough to recognize it.

**Saul of Tarsus** on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christians was struck down by the Pillar of fire which appeared to him in a form of a light. **(Ac 9:3)** Being a scholar, he knew that light had led the children of Israel to Canaan and It must be the Lord. When he inquired of Him saying, *"Who are you Lord."* The Light responded, *"I am Jesus whom you are persecuting."* **(Ac 26:14)** The men who were with him saw and heard nothing.

**Peter** having been told about the coming Messiah by his father was looking for His sign. When the Messiah appeared to him, he quickly recognized Him as He manifested the very Sign he was looking for.

**John the baptist** when baptising the people in river Jordan was approached by Jesus in a bid to be baptized. Having baptized Jesus, he saw a Sign of the Holy Spirit descending upon Him in a form of a dove and a voice spoke, *"This is my beloved Son in whom I am well-pleased."* **(Mt 3:16)** John declared Him before the people saying, *"Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the*

*world." (Jn 1:32-34, 29)*

The **harlot woman** at the well being told about the secret of her heart by the Lord Jesus Christ; quickly discerned that sign of the coming Messiah and indeed believed Him to be the One when He acknowledged to her saying, "*I am He.*" **(Jn 4:7-26)**

**Nathaniel** in His presence believed when He saw the Sign manifesting before Him. Jesus said that Nathaniel was an Israelite in whom there was no guile. **(Jn 1:47)** Nathaniel posed, "*When did you know me Lord?*" The Lord Jesus Christ replied saying, "*Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under a fig tree, I saw thee.*" **(Jn 1:48)**

The **Pharisees and the Saducees** supposed to be spiritual leaders of the people; when they saw Him casting out devils, they said that He was doing so through Beelzebub. **(Jn 11:14,15)** They failed to recognize the fact that before them was the promised Messiah.

**The disciples** who were with Jesus being warned of Him, non of them was found in the city when Titus besieged it. The rest of the people were not aware of the impending disaster because they were unbelievers. **(Mt 24:15-21)**

When **William Marrion Branham** was [baptising the seventeenth](#) person in river Ohio, there appeared a light from a far which light stood above him and a voice proclaimed, "*As John the baptist foreran the first coming of Christ, you shall have a message that shall forerun His second coming.*"

**In this last days**, the Son of man Himself appeared is [a Pillar of cloud](#) proving **revelation 10:1-7**. He's coming revealing the mysteries held in the seven thunders proving that He has come as a thief in the night to steal the true believers (bride) by giving her rapturing faith through the preaching of the

unfailing Body Word of Himself.

As this is happening, the church has lost her position. She is no longer the mouth-piece of God but rather her own mouth-piece. But the Bride is uniting with the Groom (Son of Man) and just as it was at Pentecost, the world will once more hear from God for the "*Spirit and the Bride say come.*" (Rev 22:17)