

THE
GOSPEL DISCOVERY,

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ON THE LIFE AND DEATH OF OUR LORD AND
SAVIOUR,

JESUS CHRIST.

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*Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift
up their voice, the villages that Kedar doth
inhabit; let the inhabitants of the Rock sing,
let them shout from the top of the mountains,
let them give glory unto the Lord, and de-
clare his Praise in the Islands.*

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Here is that Man in whom is visibly
beſeen ſuch Glory, Maſteſty, Lovelineſſe,
Sweetneſſe, Compaſſion, Mercy, Juſtice,
Wiſdom, and all treaſures of overflowing
Fulneſſe of Excellency, in ſuch a
Incomprehenſible, Tranſcendent and
Eminent, and Superabundant manner,
as all the beholders are overwhelmed
in a ſea of delightful raviſhments
for evermore,

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- O** LORD; my God, exert thy power,
Inspire my ſoul to ſing,
The wonders of redeeming love,
To heaven's Almighty King.
- 2 He bows the heavens and comes down,
Into our lion's den,
To vent his everlaſting love
Unto the ſons of men.
- 3 The wonder of wonders now appears,
Both lowly meek and mild;
A Virgin Mary moſt conceive;
Our God appears a child.
- 4 The angels ſing, the ſhepherds run,
And ſees Chriſt with their eyes,
Which was ordain'd, by heaven's decree,
For ſin, the ſacrifice.
- 5 Our great Immanuel, God-man,
Did in a manger lye,
Who ſoon did break the ſerpent's head,
And all his powers deſy.

6 Wise-men from the East proud Herod in-
form,

At Bethlehem city a Sav'our is born;
He Herod, his master, the devil deceive,
He sends all the innocent males to their grave.

7 The eternal Father did order it so,
That Joseph and Mary to Egypt did go
With glorious Jesus, and there for to stay,
Till Herod, the tyrant, is taken away.

8 The Baptist appears, preparing the ground,
For heavenly seed that was to be sown,
On dead, on hard, on barren, dry ground,
A hundred, some sixty, some thirty are found.

9 Judah's bold lion Jerusalem must see,
Then from Egypt thro' Nazareth to the
temple comes he;

There does begin his mysterious design,
To doctors and lawyers, he tells them his mind.

10 The light of the world to Jordan repairs,
To John to baptize him, for water was there.
The heavens are open'd! the work is begun,
For God must be glorified in his own Son.

11 God speaks to sinners, My Son, my belov'd,
In whom I'm well pleas'd; sure this may prove,
The Spirit descends and lights on our Lord;
John seeth the glory and bears the record.

12 Jacob's bright Star to the wilderness goes,
Where Satan assaults him, but cannot oppose;
The devil is beaten and forced to yield;
Still Judah's bold lion triumphs in the field.

13 The Antient of days to Cana he came,
By the word of his power turns water to wine;
Astonish'd, amaz'd, his apostles behold
The glory of God, as the prophets foretold.

14 The First and the Last to the temple he goes
Both buyers and sellers he there did oppose;
His zeal, as a cloak, he there did display,
And orders the doves to be taken away.

15 I Am that I Am, at Samaria's well,
Converts a poor woman, the word does me tell
Her water pot leaves, and quickly did run,
Come, see a man tells me all I have done.

16 With five loaves and two fishes feeds five
thousand men,

With women and children assembl'd with them,
Christ's power and his glory he there did display.

Both God like and man like, he sent them away.

17 A Vonder O see, on the Gad'rine coast,
A silly lost sheep by Satan is tost,
Behold our good Shepherd soon set him free,
The swine and the legion he drives in the sea.

18 Then up to Mount Tabor Christ does
Elias and Moses must on him attend; (ascend,
James, John, and Peter, are struck with great
fear,

When shining in glory the Lord did appear.

19 Jehovah does speak, himself from above,
The apostles did hear, my Son, my belov'd;
In whom I'm well pleased, hear him God did
say,

A bright cloud o'er shadows and passes away.

20 The poo' of Bethesda our Lord passes by,
An impotent man there helpless did lye,
Here mercy and power divine did display,
Cures the impotent man and sent him away.

21 The Father's delight, the Word bears re-
The earth did own as her sovr'rain Lord, (cord;

The First and the Last, there boldly did crave
A prisoner, Laz'rus out of the grave.

22 The plant of renown to Jericho came,
Sees a rich publican, Zaccheus by name,
On a sycamor tree but quickly down came,
When the glory of God did salyation proclaim.

23 The Father's delight gives eyes to the blind,
Bartimews, the beggar, he leaves not behind,
Gave him eyes for to see and a heart for to sing;
He joyfully follows his God and his king.

24 Up to Jerusalem Christ does repair,
On an ass he did ride, the word does declare.
The multitude singing, as Jesus goes on,
Hollanna, in the highest, a heavenly song.

25 The time is now come, the hour does
draw nigh,
That Christ for poor sinners intends for to die,
The angels do wonder, the church now may sing,
Ye mourners in Zion sing songs to your King.

26 Christ, our passover, sent Peter and John
To the city, before him, to furnish a room;
Where a supper of love he there did ordain,
In remembrance of Jesus till he came again.

27 Christ the heat of the day and burden did
bear,

In Gethsemane's garden. does plainly appear,
Where rolling himself three times on the ground
In an agony praying, the blood dropping down.

28 Now Judas, the traitor, appears with the
band,

With lanterns and torchs and weapons in hand,
The first words of the Lamb them so did
confound

They stumbl'd backward and fell to the ground.

29 Again did our Lord then unto them say,
I am he whom ye seek, let these go their way.
Tho' holy and harmless, the lot on him fell,
Like Jonah the type, Christ's word does me tell.

30 Our Lord unto Annias then did repair;
Who sent him to Caiphas, high priest that year,
With their wicked council and Pilate with them
They grossly abus'd the Saviour of men.

31 Buffeted, blindfolded, and smote with
their hands;

All crying to Pilate to fulfil their demands;
Denied by Peter, O great was his fall,
Set at nought by proud Herod, forsaken by all.

32 Ye Arians, Socinians, and Doctor M'Gill,
Christ's saints can say you do them great ill.

You are dead from the power of our glorious
Lord,

But thanks be to God, his word bears record,

33 May the good will of him that dwelt in the
bush

With heavenly fire your hearts soon touch,
That a ram in the thicket like a Isaac ye may
see,

The offended most die, the offenders set free.

34 A thorny crown on his head, a mock sceptre
in his hand

(mand,
By the Roman ruffian soldiers, at Pilate's com-
U justly condemned; O, dark was the day,
Like a lamb to the slaughter they led him away.

35 The desire of all nations his work carries
on,

(down;
With a cross on his shoulder, his blood running
Behold Christ a going from their judgment hall,
Who is blessed forever, and God over all.

36 The Father's delight, to mount Calvry
repairs,

With scourging and bleeding his bones on him
stare,

There both Jew and Gentile conjunctly agree,
That Christ most be crucified on mount Calvry;

37 Divine hidden mercy creation confounds,

The angels, from heaven, with wonder look'd

The clouds of wrath were ready to fall (down,

And crush guilty sinners, Christ suffers for all.

38 His bless'd hands and his feet are nail'd to
the tree,

Between two malefactors expended was he,

But O happy thief, sav'd from satan's paw,

Who was justly condemn'd for breaking the law

39 Behold Christ, O Love him, all shining in
blood

Between Heaven and earth in the midst of the
crowd;

See a ruffian soldier, void of all fear,

There the side of our Saviour does pierce with
a spear,

40 Hell's infernal turies our Lord overthrew,

Broke down the partition 'twixt Gentile and
Jew.

Christ never gave out till he boldly did cry,

On the cross, it is finish'd. his head bows & dies.

41 Then Joseph from Pilate did boldly crave

Christ's glorious body to lay in the grave,

Pilate does grant; then Joseph takes down

The body of Jesus, and lays in his tomb.

42 The church was benighted with grief and

But soon did comfort and joy appear (fear,

An angel from heaven, the word does me tell,
Rolls back the great, stone, & lies earth and hell.

43 The women to the sepulcher then did
repair,

Then, Christ's resurrection did the angel declare,
The angel to the women then kindly did say,
Jesus is risen, come see where he lay?

44 Then Jesus appears to Mary, near by,
As she stood a weeping, the sepulcher nigh,
Saying, go to my brethren, tell them from me
That they go to Gallilie, me they shall see.

45 The disciples soon heard the joyful news
In a room being assembled, fearing the Jews,
The doors being shut; a frighted for harm,
Then Jesus appears in the midst of them,

46 His love and his peace on them did bestow
Christ's hands & his side he did to them show
Then were they glad, the word bears record,
And greatly rejoiced, when they saw the Lord.

47 The Lord to his people did often appear
After he was risen, by sea and by shore;
By infallible proofs was seen forty days;

Our glorious Redeemer their life was always

48 Now our Lord his own people to Beth
ny, led,

With lifted up hands there blest them indeed
Then a change from natural to a spiritual
Christ Jesus, triumphing, ascended on high.

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