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the strange world of the supernatural.  
Join Sid on this edition of "It's Supernatural."*

Sid: Hello, Sid Roth here, welcome to my world where it is naturally supernatural. My guest, Dr. Michael Brown, and Michael went out on the streets of Manhattan and asked the key question, the operative question, "Is Jesus the Jewish Messiah?" Let's find out what these people thought.

I really think he was a great man and he was misinterpreted, my opinion, but it is only my opinion. I'm not sure there is a Messiah, come or not to come, I'm not that certain of it; that is part of our Jewish mythology. Well I think unfortunately that most, most people don't know the authentic Torah verses, so you have a lot of Jews who they themselves are not, don't know the authentic Hebrew, so see a lot of the things were actually mistranslated.

Hello, Sid Roth here again with Dr. Michael Brown, and Mike when I see that obviously religious Jew, patting his baby and saying, well listen now, the English translations, they don't do justice and besides Jews don't even know it, but if they knew it the English translations are wrong, it reminds me of a young Jewish man they used to call, Drug Bear?

Michael: Drug Bear

Sid: Drug Bear, I'm looking at him right now. Tell me how Drug Bear ended up in front of an Orthodox Rabbi who says, "Young man, you don't even know Hebrew."

Michael: You know I was just a few blocks from where that man was speaking, that last man was in Brooklyn, Crown Heights, Brooklyn, I was just a few blocks from that man in 1973 with ultra-orthodox rabbis, the long beard, the black hat, the black coat, telling me that very thing, "You don't even know Hebrew, you can't rely on any of these translations."

What had happened to me was this heavy drug user, they called me Drug Bear, Iron Man, because I was so crazy with my drug use, 15-years-old was shooting heroin, 16-years-old this decadent lifestyle, stealing money from my own father and thinking I was a basically good person.

Sid: By the way your father was what, a state Supreme Court justice?

Michael: He was the senior law assistant in the New York Supreme Court, working directly with the judge, in fact almost because a Supreme Court Justice. And my mom and dad happily married, Jewish family, I had a good upbringing, I got caught up in the whole counter-culture movement of the sixties, drugs, rock

music, the whole bit, rebellion, and then something happened, my two best friends, Gentiles, started to go to a little gospel preaching church, because two girls were going that they liked and their dad had been praying for them for years, so little by little God started to work in their lives, I didn't like this, we were going to be a great band, we were going to be rock stars, and so I went to this little church to pull my friends out. Now bear in mind, I was completely irreligious, I didn't care about God and I definitely didn't believe in Jesus, I didn't believe in Jesus any more than Mohammed or Buddha, but God started to work in my life.

I never experienced this in the synagogue the few times I would go to a conservative synagogue, I never experienced this, people, I found out years later, began to pray for me. People say, "Well I don't believe in God." Hey, God is real.

People pray, I didn't even know they were praying and God started to make me uncomfortable with my lifestyle. I used to boast about all the drugs I did, I used to boast about breaking into a doctor's office or a home or betraying my best friends, now I started to feel miserable about it, God was dealing with me.

A couple of months later I went back to that church again, and something actually happened, the light went on, I can't explain how but I knew.

Sid: You know I had that same type of thing happen to me, I just knew, I mean and sometimes when I first shared this I thought I have to have something spectacular, but the spectacular wasn't outside, it was inside.

Michael: Yeah, I tell you what happened, I knew Jesus was the Messiah, I knew he died for my sins, he rose from the dead, but I had a problem, I didn't want to change. I didn't want to give up my drugs.

So I prayed a stupid prayer, November 12th, 1971, I said "God, if you don't want me to get high tonight, when I get home and shoot heroin," actually cocaine it was, "when I go home and shoot cocaine and use these other drugs, don't let them have any effect on me."

Stupid prayer but that's what I prayed.

Well I went home and tried to get high,

I ingested a large quantity of drugs.

Sid: You're Drug Bear, I know.

Michael: And nothing happened.

So then I battled six weeks, high one day, going to church the next, back and forth, and then December 17th of 1971, I experienced the love of God the way that was indescribable, I experienced a joy in my heart, a joy that was different than drugs, a joy that was different than friendship, a joy that was different than sports or music or just doing good, it was on a different plane and I realized, "look how much God loves you."

He loves you enough to send his son to die for you in your filthy play in the mud, and now I was washed, I was cleansed, I felt like he had put me in these beautiful clean robes and I was going back out and playing in the mud.

Sid: What did your parents think about this,

your nice Jewish parents?

Michael: Well they looked at it with curiosity that I was going to a church, it was meaningless to them.

But when I came home that night I said

I will never put a needle in my arm again.

Do you understand when I experienced the goodness and love of God it was powerful enough that I said this thing that has been a mountain in my life, is my lifestyle, I will never touch it again.

And when I went home and told my parents they didn't know what to make of it, they at first laughed, I told my dad I got saved, he said hallelujah, he didn't know what to make of it.

But then they saw I'm changing, my whole lifestyle is changing, my head is not clouded from smoking pot day and night, and I am not messed up with all these other things, they could see a change in my life, I am becoming a decent human being again, so now it is time to go to the rabbi.

Sid: Of course, now who sent you to the rabbi, your parents?

Michael: My dad of course.

Sid: But he didn't' even, he was a secular, what's the deal?

Michael: Because when you are a Jew you don't believe in Jesus, that's like betrayal, that's, you know our ancestors died rather than do something like that.

So I go in to meet the local rabbi, he is a new guy there, he is about ten or eleven years older than me, fresh out of the seminary, nice guy, befriended me, we began to interact, and I remember I was talking to him one time and he said, "You don't know Hebrew."

I said, "Well I can rely on the dictionary until I learn it.

I rely on the dictionary in the back of Strong's Concordance in the meantime."

And he said, "Meantime schmeantime,"

I remember those words, "If you don't know Hebrew it doesn't mean a thing."

So I'm starting to feel, I mean I know God has changed my life, I remember the time I had hives all over my body, you know that whatever I was reacting to I had come down with them, and it is terrible, you are itching all over, you've got these blotches all over you, and it happened to me when I was first a believer and I thought I had to be praying with someone for God to hear me, I didn't think he would hear me if I was by myself, I was so new I didn't know anything, so I went to the doctor and they gave me this medicine and it took 24 hours even to begin to have an effect, and finally I seemed to be over it, I was driving to school on the bus one day and suddenly I realized oh no, this thing is braking out, I'm not over it, it starts to spread up my arms and you know you can see it, it was winter time and when I rolled my sleeve up I said oh no it's blotches all over my arms, and I thought I don't even have the medicine, and if I did it doesn't work for 24 hours, now I am in a minor panic because this was miserable, and I am at school, so I grab the guy, also a brand new

believer, also Jewish, and I said, "Agree with me in prayer," because I thought I had to have someone else to pray, I was so new, and we prayed and the next minute kids started coming in the classroom, two minutes later I rolled up my sleeves, all the blotches gone.

I mean every last thing disappeared.

Sid: So you didn't know Hebrew but you knew how to get rid of the blotches on your arm, but guess what?

He is now a PHD from New York University, a secular university, in Near Eastern Languages and Literatures, and he speaks, reads or writes twelve Semitic languages, and let's find out now that he knows Hebrew better than the rabbi what he thinks about those prophecies, don't go away, we'll be right back.

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Sid: Hello, Sid Roth here with Dr. Michael Brown, we just found out that Michael went off his drugs instantly. His Jewish parents thought it was wonderful, but they did what every good Jewish parents would, even a secular Jewish parent does, they marched him off to the rabbi, the rabbi said to Dr. Brown, you don't even know Hebrew and you are telling me.

Dr. Brown says yes, but I've been touched by God, I've seen God heal in the name of Jesus, you don't know Rabbi, so you went, you took the challenge, you studied Hebrew, now I have a question for you,

I know that you have a great deal of the Jewish scriptures memorized, in Hebrew, I have a favorite passage that was written some 800 years before Jesus came to earth, it is Isaiah 53, could you look in the camera and share just a few paragraphs in Hebrew?

Michael: Well sure, it starts at Isaiah 52:13:

Hebrew:

Behold my servant will act wise and he will prosper and he will be high and exalted, lifted up and seen.

Hebrew:

Many were astonished, his visage was marred beyond that of a man, he was so disfigured Sid, that he didn't even look like a man.

And it goes on, this wonderful verse, one of my favorites in all of the Hebrew Scriptures, it starts with the words "all of us" and it ends with the words "all of us."

Isaiah 53:6: Hebrew.

All of us like sheep have gone astray, each one has turned to his own way and the Lord has laid on him the guilt of all of us.

Sid, the most amazing thing that happened to me was not being healed of hives, or being touched by God in other things; the guilt left my life, the sense that I was guilty in God's sight because of my sin, it left in a moment of time, and I knew I was right with God.

Sid, here is what happens, the local Rabbi brings me to ultra-orthodox rabbis in Brooklyn, New York, in the summer of 1973, and man they are serious, they pray every day, they are seeking to live holy lives, they seem devoted to God just like the people in my church that I am going to, except they are Jewish, I mean they look right, it looks like Moses with long beard the way you picture it.

Sid: I would picture them the most from religious people in town.

Michael: Yeah and here I am in a church?

I mean at that point I used to memorize twenty verses a day, I had memorized probably in the previous six/seven months four thousand verses or so.

I could, man I could out quote anybody (from the King James Bible) I sit down with them and I quote and they go, oh those English translations, they are just - they weren't being nasty, they are just saying ah they are not good.

So they get the Hebrew out and they said can you read?

I remembered a few letters from my Bar Mitzvah.

See in my Bar Mitzvah, this is the way it is for many Jews, and our Christian friends listening need to realize most Jews in America are not religious, most Jews in America don't know the Bible well, and even religious Jews do not have the relationship with God, the intimacy, the encounter that we have.

But here they opened their Bibles, they start to show me the Hebrew and they said, "Can you follow along."

Now I feel like a kindergartener Sid, I mean I have met with God but I feel intimidated, and these nice guys are trying to read along letter for letter with me in the Hebrew.

What am I supposed to say?

So I thought okay, I know God has changed my life,

but they are asking solid questions.

I need to get answers and I need to get answers  
in a way that I don't have to rely on anybody else.

I don't have to rely on a dictionary or a commentary;  
I can study it for myself.

After all, doesn't God want us to know his word?

I mean where does it ever say in his scriptures, if you want  
to understand the Bible go to the rabbi, go to the priest,  
go to the pastor, doesn't it say, "Seek me and live?"

Isn't that what God said to our people, scatter?

Sid: We have done the God by-pass.

Michael: Yeah, look, the middle ages the Catholic Church  
didn't want people to have the Bible in its own language,  
you know to this day people think well I,  
who am I to understand the Bible.

I once talked to a Yeshiva kid, you know, religious  
Jewish teenager, and he said I can't rely on my own  
understanding, you are right; I have to ask the rabbi.

I said no, God says wherever you are scattered  
around the world, "Seek me and live."

So I had to dig into the scriptures on my own and I  
honestly told God this, I said if traditional Judaism is right  
and everything I believed up till now is wrong,  
and I have to leave the church, leave my friends,  
leave my fiancé, I will do it to follow you God.

But if Jesus is the Messiah as I believe, I don't care what  
happens to me and what the Jewish community thinks  
about me, I am going to follow you, I want to follow you  
and your truth regardless of the cost or consequences.

You see many people raised religiously never pray that.

Many people who are raised in tradition, or they are just, "well we  
never believe that."

Sid: It's called a "don't think for themselves."

Michael: They don't think for themselves.

Look I -

Sid: Listen, we Jews, of whom we both happen to be  
Jewish, we Jews pride ourselves if you will, on thinking  
for ourselves in every arena of life except one, and that is,  
how come I don't have intimacy with God, I follow what  
the rabbi says or I didn't, you still don't have intimacy  
with God, there is something missing, I will tell you what  
is missing, Jesus, it is that simple.

Sid: Now Michael, you wrote a book which is wonderful,  
it is called "What Do Jewish People Think about Jesus"  
and other questions.

It is sort of like every question you would like to go to  
your rabbi and ask and you don't even have a rabbi,  
you are not even Jewish.

But for instance, let's take the New Testament,  
if you read the New Testament through Jewish eyes  
will you get a different spin on it than reading it  
through King James eyes?

Michael: Listen; let's just think of this, if I said,  
Jesus Christ the Son of Mary, that sounds very catholic,  
very Christian, very gentile.

If I say Yeshua, the Messiah, the son of Marion,  
suddenly it sounds different.

If I say Abraham, Isaac and James, oh you are mixing religions, no in the New Testament the letter James or any of the apostles named James, the Greek says Jacob. In the days before King James it got changed, I document that right there in the book, how we got from Jacob to James.

Sid: Why did they change and gentilize it rather than letting it be a Jewish book?

Michael: It happened from the way it went from Greek to Latin to English, it just got changed so now it is the Letter of James the Servant of Jesus Christ as opposed to the Letter of Jacob Servant of Yeshua the Messiah.

Suddenly even those little cosmetic changes, things start to feel different as you read it.

You guys wait, wait, this is not some foreign book, this is not some alien book, this breathes the very spirit that was breathed by Moses and the prophets. When we read now, Jesus, Yeshua saying that he came to fulfill what was written in Moses and the prophets, hey, this makes sense, and they called him Rabbi, not reverend.

Sid: And you know what I find real interesting, great confusion on the Biblical festivals versus the Christian festivals, the Sabbath on Saturday versus the Sabbath on Sunday, if you just understood your Jewish roots you would have good, honest answers to these questions. And that is why Dr. Brown wrote this book.

How many years of research would you say went into this?

Michael: It is kind of a lifetime, I just put it together for this, but these are things I have studied on and off for several decades.

Sid: We are going to find out what the real Sabbath is, we will be right back in a moment, don't go away.

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Sid: Hello, Sid Roth here with Dr. Michael Brown, and we are asking a very controversial question, I am so glad you decided to tune in. The question is: Is Saturday the Sabbath, is Sunday the Sabbath, or is Monday the Sabbath? Dr. Michael Brown you deal with it very brilliantly in this book, but there are a lot of Christians and Jews that are confused on this issue, help clarify it.

Michael: I'll do it as simply as I can.

Number one there is no biblical evidence that the Sabbath was ever changed to Sunday; that is the first thing.

Sid: Wait a second, if you are Baptist you would not agree with you.

Michael: Look I was just in a online discussion with someone who said there is clear New Testament evidence that we are to worship on Sunday.

I challenged him, he was an articulate guy, at the end he said I overstated my position.

There is no biblical evidence that the Sabbath was changed to Sunday, I understand people celebrated the resurrection of Jesus, I understand that there may have been early Christians in gatherings at the end of the first century, Sunday morning or Sunday evening, and that is fine.

Romans 14 makes it clear that we have liberty on setting aside a day or not setting aside a day, we are not under the death penalty for violating the Sabbath, it doesn't hang over our head, but in point of fact the only Sabbath that was established, it was established at creation in Genesis 2, according to the prophets it is going to be in the Kingdom of God on Earth that there is going to be a seventh day Sabbath, that never changed, and therefore believers that want to celebrate the Sabbath on the seventh day, especially Jewish believers, should not be discouraged from doing it or being told they are being divisive.

Sid: On the flip side, are you wrong with God if you celebrate on a Sunday as opposed to a Saturday.

Michael: No, because we have transcended just a day, and Jesus says this, "Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

Learn of me, take my yoke on you, I am meek and lowly at heart and you'll find rest for your souls."

In other words ultimate Sabbath rest is not found in a place, it is not found in a day, it is found in a person.

And I can assure you no matter how wonderful Sabbath is for traditional Jews, finding rest in Yeshua finding the burden of your sins lifted off, finding fellowship and intimacy with God where you just can't wait to be with him and spend time with him because he is so wonderful.

I remember this rabbi that knew me when I first became a believer, when I would just tell him things in my own life, and I don't mean I have a miracle happen every single, or I don't go through struggles or issues, but just telling him what God was doing in my life, he said, "Mike, why is it that it seems like God is like y our next door neighbor?" Because he is drawing near through Jesus.

Sid: Mike, I have a problem, first of all I have a commercial advertisement from our sponsor, our sponsor is God, someone has just been healed, if you move your head you will see that pain you had in your neck, it is gone, actually the presence of God is moving all the way down the spine, anyone that has a pain in your spine, if you will just move you will see that you are totally healed. But I have -

Michael: Wait, wait you have seen God do that?

Sid: He just did it.

I have seen him do it, I have almost every time I speak people are healed, people are healed.

Michael: A delivering God, a delivering God.

Sid: Yeah, I don't want to serve a dead God, I don't want to serve tradition, I don't want to serve religion, I want to serve God.

Michael: Look, we have evidence that our Messiah is risen from the dead and we interact with a Living God, we are his servants, he is not our servant, he has poured out his blessings that he gives us and he loves to demonstrate his reality and his power.

Sid: Mike, I have a pet peeve, the Spirit of God is causing gentile Christians to love the Jew and love Israel, that's not my peeve, but it's a God thing, it is the first time in centuries and ever, really ever, worldwide there is a drawing towards the Jew, so because there is this drawing they get together, Christians and Jews, of ecumenical, bless Israel nights, with the agreement they won't have a Messianic Jew in the forefront, with the agreement they won't tell Jewish people there is no other name given unto men in which we must be saved.

I have a problem with this, why don't they have a problem with this, I don't get it.

Michael: Well most people who are not Jewish believers in Jesus and they don't have that sensitivity and recognize how we have been put out, we have been rejected even misunderstood for our testimony from day one because that is what happens, it does bring division when you say Jesus is the Messiah, it is going to bring division in the Jewish community.

I honor and appreciate the love and the heart for solidarity, but come on, would you exclude Paul from being there, would you tell Peter he couldn't be there, those were prominent Messianic Jews, what if they are around today?

We are not going to read their words because it is too divisive, are we not going to remind them that Jesus, if he is not the Messiah of Israel is not the Messiah of anyone?

I can't understand why you, okay let me say this, the purpose of this meeting is not to proselytize, but of course the whole family is going to be there, Jewish believers in Jesus and Gentile, and of course you know we want you to believe in Jesus but this is not a proselytizing meeting, why can't you just say that?

I don't understand why it can't be said you honor Jewish people, you are not just trying to set them up for some conversionary experience or take advantage of them, but you want them to know I love you enough that I want to tell you the truth.

And without Jesus there is no salvation.

Sid: Listen and if hell is real, and it is, if sin separates you from God, and it does, you are not acting in love you are acting in hate if you don't tell everyone everywhere that there is good news.

And the good news is not that you have to die to go to heaven, the good news is that you can experience God in this life, you can have intimacy with God, you can have peace, you can have shalom, you can have completeness,

you can have fulfillment, I mean life is a roller coaster,  
good, bad, good, bad, out.

What about this, if you will keep your eyes  
on the Messiah he will keep you in perfect peace.  
What about my sheep hear my voice, what about  
no weapon formed against you shall prosper,  
what about with long life I will satisfy you?  
These are all promises to those who have intimacy with  
God, there is no other name given unto men in which we  
must be saved but the Name of Yeshua, Jesus the Messiah,  
and if you tell God you are sorry, believe the blood of  
Jesus washed away your sins, then ask him to live inside  
of you and be your Lord, he is not a man that he should lie.  
He will do it, you do it now!

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