

The fact is Jesus always insisted His miracles be investigated precisely to eliminate the possibility of human deception. But no objective investigation was done either generally or officially. The few the Leaders did analyze in a tangential manner were attributed out of hand to demonic powers, or cut off and ignored when they favored Jesus' Messianity.

There were several reasons the anti-Jesus Coalition gave for not tendering Him the prophetic tests. The principal one was that He performed miracles on the Sabbath, many deliberately so, which the Pharisees claimed broke the 4th Commandment. Jesus insisted that holy works were properly done on the Holy Day, but his adversaries insisted all works were forbidden, so His miracles could only be assumed as to be Satanic and did not deserve serious exploration.

A second reason was that Jesus claimed to be the direct "Son of God," that He actually came from above and preached only what He heard from His Heavenly "Father," disclaiming the human paternity of Joseph of Nazareth. He said He saw God Face to Face and that He was greater than Moses, Abraham, and David, a claim they found totally unacceptable even from the Messiah.

A third reason was that He insisted His very Body and Blood were Manna from heaven, of a higher nature than the manna of Moses, a sample of which was preserved in the Ark of the Covenant at the Temple. And, that His Manna was Heavenly Bread that all must eat to be nourished unto everlasting life. Those who ate His flesh and drank His blood would not die as the Israelites in the desert did.

This the rabbis rejected as an insane presentation.

Jesus held that none of their protestations were valid and that none of them canceled the significance of the prophetic signs of Messianic Identity He worked. It is also important to note that Jesus repeatedly alluded to His ultimate rejection by the Jews as being predicted in the Scriptures. No false messiah would ever have called attention to that or, indeed, repeatedly stressed His fulfillment of that reality.

Subjective reasons for the Elders' opposition were multiple. They remained much offended that Jesus was in no way connected to the Leadership or its institutions. Jesus never once presented

