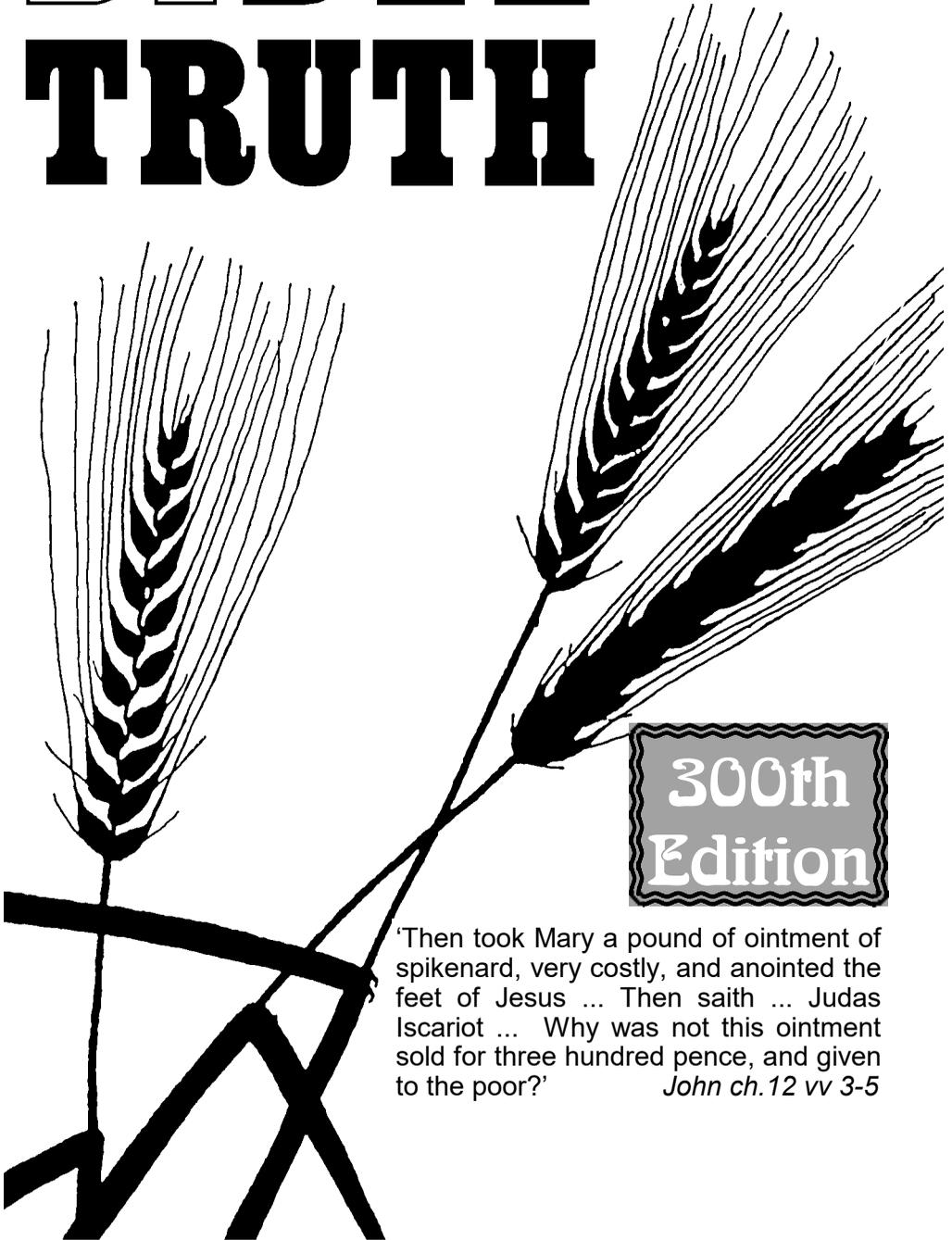


BIBLE TRUTH

No. 300
January/April
2021



300th
Edition

'Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus ... Then saith ... Judas Iscariot ... Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?'
John ch.12 vv 3-5

EDITORIAL

We rejoice in the Lord that He has granted us the means to present this 300th edition of Bible Truth magazine in the 46th year of its publication. The number 300 is a reminder of how Gideon when confronted by the Midianites, 22,000 of his men were fearful and the LORD chose only 300 men out of the remaining 10,000 to achieve victory against,

‘... the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east [who] lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude’.

Judges ch.7 v.12

This centenary edition is a bumper one in size so there is no need to read it all at once. It tells how the British Israel Bible Truth Fellowship (BIBTF) came into being and some of its principles. Then, its pages repeat some articles from the early copies that the founder members wrote. We make no excuse to do this because what they penned in those early days is just as relevant in our day; they are timeless. Indeed several deal with eternal things.

The British Israel Bible Truth Fellowship was founded on 27th October 1974 when this resolution was passed unanimously by those people that comprised the original Trustees (Council).

‘That this meeting resolves this day to begin a new movement to propagate the Gospel of the Kingdom (from which the Gospel of Personal Salvation, in the Lord Jesus Christ, is inseparable) by all means available. We affirm that this teaching is correctly based upon the Bible — the whole counsel of God. That our teaching shall be based upon the Bible alone, and that other resources shall be considered only insofar as they are corroborated by the scriptures. That all erroneous and extraneous teaching or material from non-Biblical sources be totally excluded from the movement. That all false values, whether by doctrine, or by title, be firmly and irrevocably set aside.’

Rev. C. S. McKelvey, who had been Organiser of the S.P.B.I. for 29 years until his resignation in October 1974, accepted an invitation to be Organiser of the new work. At the same time it was stated that,

‘*Bible Truth* is the official magazine of the British Israel Bible Truth Fellowship. Its joint editors are Dr Michael D. Bennett and Rev. C.S. McKelvey. It will contain articles by several well known British Israel writers and speakers including Rev. George H. Thompson and Mr. Tom Tyhurst. God willing *Bible Truth* will be issued on or about the 7th of each month and is published free and post free’.

With regard to Finance,

‘The BIBTF is 100 per cent a faith work and, therefore, it depends wholly upon freewill offerings to cover its expenses. We wish to express our thanks to the Lord, and to all those who gave, for supplying the funds required both for purchasing essential office equipment and for printing and distributing the first issue of *Bible Truth*. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.’
