

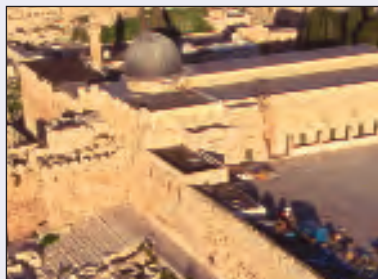
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ABOUT THE ISSUE

Christianity is rooted in biblical Judaism, and this issue magnifies the dynamic relationship that binds root and branches together. It begins in Isaiah 53, which illuminates the primacy of the Messiah's redemptive ministry that flows into the pages of the New Testament. Consequently, the church and its ministry, message, and challenges are the essence of what true Christians live and breathe today. Out of these transforming realities come the tidings of comfort and joy that we celebrate as the song of the Christmas season. All of these are distilled in the personal, heart-moving, and real-life testimonials of individual believers who have found strength in the midst of extreme trials. Thus we have the full scope of what the Messiah came to deliver to us all. It's all here. Enjoy! (Cover: Digital composition and enhancement, Thomas E. Williams)

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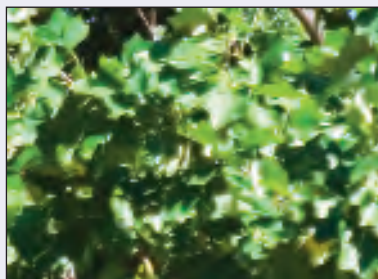
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