

HE IS RISEN

MARK 16:6 "DON'T BE ALARMED," THE ANGEL SAID. "YOU ARE LOOKING FOR JESUS THE NAZARENE, WHO WAS CRUCIFIED. HE HAS RISEN! HE IS NOT HERE. SEE THE PLACE WHERE THEY LAID HIM.

LET US GO BACK

TO MARK THE 6TH CHAPTER, TO THE Mount of Transfiguration

We studied this in Bible Study.

We found that this changing of the body of Jesus, transfiguration, is the same thing that will happen to the body of the believer at the rapture of the church.

On the mount with Jesus was Moses and Elijah

Moses the Law giver

and Elijah the prophet that foretold of the serving and death of the messiah

THEY WERE THERE FOR SOME TIME IN CONVERSATION. THE KEY TO WHAT THEY WERE SAYING CAN BE FOUND IN TWO VERSES.

MATTHEW 5:17 "DO NOT THINK THAT I HAVE COME TO ABOLISH THE LAW OR THE PROPHETS; I HAVE NOT COME TO ABOLISH THEM BUT TO FULFILL THEM.

I. **EXODUS 21:1-7** "THESE ARE THE LAWS YOU ARE TO SET BEFORE THEM: ²"IF YOU BUY A HEBREW SERVANT, HE IS TO SERVE YOU FOR SIX YEARS.

(1) HE CAN LEAVE, BUT HE LEAVES ALONE. HIS FAMILY HAS TO STAY WITH THE MASTER.

(2) FOR HIM TO TAKE HIS FAMILY WITH HIM HE MUST CONTINUE TO SERVE AND BE PIERCED.

II. JESUS CAME DOWN FROM THE MOUNT HEADED STRAIGHT FOR THE CROSS - HE WAS GOING TO TAKE HIS FAMILY [YOU AND ME] WITH HIM.

III. HIS ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM,

IV. THE PEOPLE AT FIRST PROCLAIMING HIM, BUT IN THE END REJECTING HIM AND HIS KINGDOM OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

V. HIS TRIALS, RELIGIOUS AND GOVERNMENTAL

VI. HIS SENTENCE - THE PLAQUE ABOVE HIS HEAD - KING OF THE JEWS

VII. IN HEBREW, RELIGIOUS - IN GREEK, LAW - IN ITALIAN, GOVERNMENT.

VIII. JESUS SAID "THIS DAY THE KINGDOMS OF THIS SYSTEM WILL BE JUDGED. THE KINGDOMS OF RELIGION THAT JUST PUT MEN INTO BONDAGE. THE KINGDOM OF LAW THAT HAD ONE LAW FOR THE PRIVILEGED AND ANOTHER FOR THE POOR AND THOSE POWERLESS. AND THE KINGDOM OF THE ROMAN GOVERNMENT, A GOVERNMENT THAT GAVE FREEDOM TO ITS PEOPLE BUT ENSLAVED THE REST OF THE WORLD.

IX. HE WAS CRUCIFIED, HE WENT INTO HELL AND WON A GREAT VICTORY, TODAY'S SERMON

X. HE AROSE AGAIN, - GIVING US THE VICTORY.

1. The New Testament or New Covenant comes to us today as an inheritance, the inheritance that we have received from the Lord.
2. But before we have an inheritance there must be a death. And that death is the death of Jesus Christ.
3. There are four things about the Death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that I would like to emphasize.

- a. The first thing about His death was that it was natural. Meaning that it was a real death. It is because we are so familiar with the facts of it that the mind has a hard time in grasping the wonderment of it. The one who was “taken, and by wicked hands” crucified and slain was none other than Jehovah’s equal. The blood that was shed on the cross was divine.
 - (1) **Acts 20:28** . Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.
 - i. But our spirit asks how can the equal of God suffer?
 - ii. How could the eternal one die?
 - (1) He who in the beginning was the Word,
 - (2) who was with God
 - (3) who was God,
 - (4) How could he become flesh”.
 - (5) He was able to do it, because He is God.
 - (a) He who was in the form of God took upon himself the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men.
 - (6) **Philippians 2:8** And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death– even death on a cross!
 - iii. Jesus shows us his natural death in the words, “Father into your hands I commend my spirit”
- b. The second thing to consider, His death was un-natural.
- c. For the Law says that “death comes by sin, or the wages of sin is death. So His death was un natural in that :
 - (1) He did no sin - **1 Peter 2:22** "He committed no sin,
 - (2) He had no sin - **1 John 3:5** . And in him is no sin.
 - (3) He knew no sin - **2 Corinthians 5:21** the righteousness of God.
 - (4) He was and is the Holy One of God - **1 Peter 1:19** but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.
 - (5) Even Pilate had to say that he found no fault in Him.
- d. The third thing to look at - His death was determined for Him before He ever came to earth.
 - i. **Revelations 13:8** the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.
- e. The fourth and final thing to look at, His death was super natural - in that it was different from all other deaths.
- f. When we look close at Jesus,
 - i. we see that His birth was different from all others,
 - ii. His life was different from all others,
 - iii. and now we see that His death is truly different from all others.
 - iv. **John 10:17-18** The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."
4. And here in looking at the super natural death, we hear the words shout in our spirit, “I lay my life down, only to take it up again.”
 - a. And a BIG part of this super natural event was the day that he arose - the Day of Firstfruits - Resurrection Sunday
5. Purpose of this Holiday - to have the Lord bless the harvest.
 - i. The first of the barley harvest was brought as an offering to the priest in the

Tabernacle/Temple. The priest would present the first of the harvest unto the Lord by waving them back and forth. This reminded the Hebrews that God gave them the land, and the harvest belonged to Him. In doing this the Lord would bless the balance of the harvest.

- a. Messianic Significance: Jesus is the Firstfruits.
 - i. **1 Corinthians 15:20-23** But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the Firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²²For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³But each in his own turn: Christ, the Firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.
 - (1) Jesus resurrection marked the beginning of the harvest of souls
 - ii. **John 12:23-24** Jesus replied, "**The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.**" ²⁴I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.
 - (1) These verses show that Jesus was likened to a grain of wheat falling to the ground and dying to produce a great harvest. Jesus arose on the Day of Firstfruits. It is the day we Celebrate once a year and also every week when we bring to the Lord the first fruit of our income so that He will bless the remaining..
6. IT IS CLEAR, Jesus is the First Fruit and I see that all that follow Him are part of that fruit. WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR US?
 - a. The first thing we need to look at, what did God say about it?
 - i. reminded the Hebrews that God gave them the land,
 - (1) God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit set this crucifixion up from the foundations of the world.
 - ii. and the harvest belonged to Him.
 - (1) That what comes out of this resurrection belongs to God.
 - iii. In doing this the Lord would bless the balance of the harvest.
 - (1) And because the FIRSTFRUIT is blessed, all that follows will be blessed.
 - b. **1 John 3:2** Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.
 - c. **1 John 4:17** In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, **because in this world we are like him.**
7. How did this happen?
 - a. In the beginning God had a close relationship with man, and man had dominion over all the earth.
 - b. But man was deceived by Satan and lost control. Death, separation between man and God was the result.
 - c. We know that the devil takes captive those that are alive today.
 - i. **2 Tim. 2:26** and that they [the captives] will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.
 - d. He is also there at the death of the individual to contend for the soul.
 - i. **Jude 1:9** But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses,
 - e. How was victory over Satan won?
 - i. Satan and his demons made a mistakes, they took the soul of Jesus the Christ to Hell. Because they broke the law of God. "The wages of sin is death", Jesus was able to

take back all that man lost in the Garden of Eden.

(1) **Acts 2:31** He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

ii. Christ came up out of Hell victorious!

(1) **Ephesians 4:8-10** This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men." ⁹(What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) "

8. We know this because of what Christ says,

a. **Revelations 1:18** I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

9. And YOU and I SAY

a. **1 John 4:4** You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

10. And what Christ won in victory

a. **Isaiah 22:22** I [the Father] will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.

11. He what does Christ do with these gifts, He gives them to us the CHURCH

12. The first thing about the gifts we must know.

a. **Romans 11:29** for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable.

i. What He has given to the church He does not take back.

b. **Matthew 16:19** I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

c. **2 Peter 1:3** His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

13. When did all this take place, or start?

a. At the Feast of Weeks -or what we call the Day of Pentecost

i. Before Christ ascended up into Heaven the last time He told His followers I do not want you doing anything until you are endued with POWER FROM ON HIGH, and then you are to go and witness of my Kingdom to the whole world.

ii. Fifty days after the Feast of Firstfruits, came the Feast of Weeks, two loaves of bread are presented to God. A reminder that the Jews were slaves to Egypt.

(1) This is a reminder to you and me that we were once slaves to sin.

iii. And then God gave more instructions to the nation of Israel

(1) **Deuteronomy 16:9-17**

(2) . ¹¹And rejoice before the Lord your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name-

(a) And where is God dwelling after the day of Pentecost?

(i) **2 Corinthians 6:16** What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."

(b) Who is this promise for, again let us go to the Feast of Weeks for the answer.

(i) -you, your sons and daughters, your menservants and maidservants, the Levites in your towns, and the aliens, the fatherless and the widows living among you.

iv. And what is this promise, these gifts

(1) For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.

14. He lives, He lives YES He lives

- a. And He said, "I have come that you might have life and that life to its fullest. Let us honor His death and resurrection realizing what it accomplish; Just as He is, so are we.
- b. Let us walk as He walked in the power of His resurrection - Let us OVERCOME THE WORLD.
- c. Let us take up our cross and know that an attach on any part of the Body of Christ is an attach on us.
- d. Jesus said, "The World will know you are my followers by your love one for another"
- e. Let us take up the bourdon of our brothers and sisters. Let us continue to win the battles in the war that Jesus the Christ started.
- f. Let us as the Body of Christ OVERCOME THE WORLD, and in so doing declare to the world.

He is alive, He is alive, He has risen.