

"I WILL SEE YOU AGAIN"

John 16:22

²² And ye now therefore have sorrow: but **I WILL SEE YOU AGAIN**, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

These words were spoken by Jesus to assure His disciples that He would surely see them again after His death. These words also represent a much DEEPER message, one that many in the Church still do not know. They are also a reminder to the disciples (Church) in this day that He will be seen again in the *last days*. Moreover, Jesus gave His disciples an *analogy* to prove this!

John 16:21

²¹ A woman **WHEN SHE IS IN TRAVAIL** hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that **A MAN** is born into the world.

Jesus isn't talking about the pain of childbirth. Nor is He simply trying to explain the *emotions* His disciples will experience between the time He dies and returns to them. He's using this analogy of a woman bringing forth a "man" to explain PROPHETICALLY the manner in which He will see His disciples again! In this analogy, Christ is the child (man) that is born to the woman in travail. Well, if Christ is the man born to the woman, then who is this woman in travail?

Revelation 12:1-2

¹ And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; A WOMAN clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: ² And she being with child cried, **TRAVAILING IN BIRTH**, and pained to be delivered. ⁵ And she brought forth **A MAN CHILD**, who was to **RULE ALL NATIONS WITH A ROD OF IRON...**

Notice how the EXACT same analogy is given here by John. Moreover, the woman that shall bring forth this "man child" is the Church! Therefore, during the time of "sorrow" (Tribulation) Christ will be "born" (manifested) in a *small* remnant within the Church.

As surprising as this may sound, this IS the GOSPEL (testimony of Scripture).

2 Thessalonians 1:10

¹⁰ When **HE SHALL COME** to be glorified **IN HIS SAINTS**, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

Notice that the Lord is coming “in” His saints, and not just “for” the saints. Also, the faith to believe this is reserved for the *last days*, AND it will only be received by those who are counted *worthy*!

Colossians 1:27

²⁷ To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this **MYSTERY** among the Gentiles; which is **CHRIST IN YOU**, the hope of glory:

Again, some may say, “This all seems *far-fetched* and made up. I do not believe it.” Well, this wouldn’t be the first time men responded this way to news regarding the resurrection of Jesus!

Luke 24:9–11

⁹ And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary *the mother* of James, and other *women that were with them*, which told these things unto the apostles. ¹¹ And **THEIR WORDS SEEMED TO THEM AS IDLE TALES**, and they **BELIEVED THEM NOT**.

Why do you suppose they didn’t believe their report concerning the resurrection?

Luke 24:44

⁴⁴ And he said unto them, **THESE ARE THE WORDS WHICH I SPAKE UNTO YOU**, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, concerning me.

If men do not believe the words of Jesus (Scripture), they won’t believe the words (or the testimony) of men!

Mark 16:14

¹⁴ Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because **THEY BELIEVED NOT THEM WHICH HAD SEEN HIM AFTER HE WAS RISEN**.

Before Jesus appeared to the “eleven,” He *first* appeared to a few disciples. Who were the disciples to whom Jesus first appeared? If we can find the disciples who first saw Jesus, we will have a glimpse of the kind of individuals Christ will appear to (or be *manifested in*) during the last days!

When we examine the ones who first saw Christ, they fall into 3 categories:

THOSE WHO *LOOK* FOR HIM

Matthew 28:8–9

⁸ And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word. ⁹ And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, **JESUS MET THEM**, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

These women were among the first to “see” Jesus after His resurrection. The reason they were given this privilege is because they were LOOKING FOR HIM.

Matthew 28:1

¹ In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to **SEE THE SEPULCHER**.

Notice, these women came “looking for the tomb” (or for Christ *in* the tomb). These are the ones He shall appear to in the end!

Hebrews 9:28

²⁸ So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and **UNTO THEM THAT LOOK FOR HIM SHALL HE APPEAR A SECOND** without sin unto salvation.

He will also appear to those who...

THOSE WHO *CONTINUE* WITH HIM

John 20:1–6, 8

¹ The first *day* of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. ² Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, **THEY HAVE TAKEN AWAY THE LORD** out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him. ³ Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. ⁴ So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. ⁵ And he stooping down, *and looking in*, **SAW THE LINEN CLOTHES** lying; yet went he not in. ⁶ Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and **SEETH THE LINEN CLOTHES** lie, ⁸ Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and **HE SAW, AND BELIEVED**.

John saw the linen clothes and believed! (What’s the significance of seeing the linen clothes? Seeing the “linen” or *grave* clothes proved that the body was not STOLEN. Anyone stealing the body would not take the time to remove the clothes first!)

Although John believed, the mistake he made was that he did not *continue*.

John 20:10

¹⁰ Then the disciples **WENT AWAY AGAIN UNTO THEIR OWN HOME.**

Instead of continuing the investigation, John went back home. Mary, on the other hand, *continued* to search!

John 20:11, 15-16

¹¹ **BUT MARY STOOD** without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, **AND LOOKED** into the sepulchre, ¹⁵ Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. ¹⁶ Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

Those who STAY (continue until the end) will receive the MORNING STAR!

Revelation 2:26–28

²⁶ And he that overcometh, and **KEEPETH MY WORKS UNTIL THE END**, to him will I give power over the nations: ²⁷ And **HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON...** ²⁸ And **I WILL GIVE HIM THE MORNING STAR.**

Finally, Jesus will appear to...

THOSE WHO COMMUNE TOGETHER

Luke 24:13–15

¹³ And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem *about* threescore furlongs. ¹⁴ And they **TALKED TOGETHER** of all these things which had happened. ¹⁵ And it came to pass, that, while they **COMMUNED TOGETHER** and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

Here, Jesus appeared to two disciples who were “talking” (communing) together! Jesus appears to those who “commune” or gather *together*.

Matthew 18:20

²⁰ For where two or three **ARE GATHERED TOGETHER** in my name, **THERE AM I IN THE MIDST OF THEM.**

The resurrection is not just a historic event. It's also a prophetic event; that is, one that will take place AGAIN. Only next time, it will take place on a *larger* scale. Moreover, what happened to the first disciples will also happen to us if we're not careful. Meaning, if we're dull of hearing and slow of heart to believe the testimony of Scripture, then we, like the first disciples, will not be among the first TO SEE HIM!