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Text: Matthew 27:50-55 (NKJV) ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. ⁵¹ Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, ⁵² and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; ⁵³ and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!" ⁵⁵ And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar,

Quote: Many people today live their lives in graves that they have prepared, someone else has prepared or Satan has deceived them into. It's time to experience Baptism and come out of that grave!

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- I. Jesus died the earth split open. A release of humanity to make a choice to change.
 - a. The moment that the blood of Jesus fell and hit the earth and Jesus gave up his spirit and said it is finished, the power of the blood of Jesus Christ began breaking the chains of affliction, torment, disease, separation, anxiety, anger, murder, etc
 - b. That one drop of blood being sacrificed, began the shift of authority and dominion back to humanity for all those who would accept, call upon, surrender and be submissive to that one and only Jesus Christ whom the Father sent in His name to do the works of Himself.
 - c. John 6:37–38 (NKJV) ³⁷ All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.
 - d. Jesus came to a fallen humanity and set in motion acceptance – all one has to do is come to HIM!
- II. The will of the Father was two fold; He sent Jesus Christ to:
 - a. Reconcile Us: 2 Corinthians 5:18-21
 - i. Reconcile – To change, exchange, to return to favor with, to receive one into favor
 - ii. It doesn't make a difference what one has done in life, God is into the reconciliation business and He sent His son Jesus Christ to initiate it and fulfill it.
 - iii. Reconciled us back to the original intent for humanity found in Genesis 1:26-28 but most Believers today are not walking in this Dominion because they have not embraced their real identity in 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - a) Genesis 1:26–28 (NKJV) ²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the

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image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

- b) Who said this? God, who are we made in the image of? Our Image: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In the power of God.
- c) He created man for what? Dominion. Who? Male and Female.
- d) 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.
- e) Who is He talking to? Anyone IN Christ Jesus! New Creation – the only way the Old can come back alive is if 1) you didn’t bury it; 2) you never fully surrendered to Christ.

b. Destroy the works of the devil.

- i. 1 John 3:8 (NKJV) ⁸ He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.
- ii. Manifested – tangible – destroy works of the devil. Our peace in Christ Jesus allows us to overcome the enemy, why? We don’t respond in anger, or emotions, but we wait upon the Holy Spirit. (Philippians 4:6-7)
- iii. Philippians 4:6–7 (NKJV) ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

III. Graves opened up and people began coming out and walk around the city

- a. Graves are a sign of two things; 1) defeat or 2) Victory. It all depends on how you look at it.
- b. Looking through the eyes of the world or the eyes of God (which is His word)

IV. Four types of Graves

- a. Graves that people make for others to fall into. (Works of the Flesh – Galatians 5)
- b. Graves that individuals dig themselves for them to fall into. (Doubt, Fleshly Desires, sowing division -)
- c. Graves that Satan makes for others to fall into. (Using other people to sow discord, dissention (Galatians 5:15, 19-21)
- d. Then there is the grave of Baptism unto Jesus Christ:
 - i. Romans 6:1-14
 - ii. No longer live in sin; buried with Him (Jesus) in baptism, raised from the dead in glory; Old man crucified; New men risen; Live in Christ Jesus and death and sin have no dominion.

V. Revival means that you must die to yourself before you can be resurrected.

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- a. Romans 6:1-14 doesn't happen just because you confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9). It is a lifestyle choice and following that must occur so you can truly be freed, delivered, healed and restored. (Colossians 3:12-25 – Character of a New man – Christian) Romans 10:9 is the formality, but it is always the heart of man that must line up with the Word of God to bring change.
 - b. We need revival more than ever now with the shape our country is in and the world events that are unfolding.
 - c. Revival beings when one is willing and obedient to sacrifice and lay down their own life just as Jesus Christ did.
- VI. Conclusion: Today you have a choice to come out of the graves. Those that people have dug, ones that you have dug and ones that Satan has dug for you to fall into. But just as the grave could not hold Jesus Christ, neither can it hold you today. It's your choice. Be reconciled unto Jesus Christ and live the life he has given you, or stay where you are and never experience the power of Living that Jesus Christ died for to reconcile you back to have dominion in your life. What will it be?