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Opening: The Cross was full of God’s Love and the Tomb was Empty 3 days later. The result is Eternal Life for the faithful

Scripture: We must see the suffering servant Isaiah 53:1-12 (ASV) 1Who hath believed our message? and to whom hath the arm of Jehovah been revealed?2For he grew up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.3He was despised, and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and as one from whom men hide their face he was despised; and we esteemed him not.4Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.5But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.6All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; **and Jehovah hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.**7He was oppressed, yet when he was afflicted he opened not his mouth; as a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep that before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth.8By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who among them considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people to whom the stroke was due ?9And they made his grave with the wicked,

and with a rich man in his death; although he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.[10](#) Yet it pleased Jehovah to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his 'seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of Jehovah shall prosper in his hand.[11](#) He shall see of the travail of his soul, and 'shall be satisfied: by the knowledge of himself shall my righteous servant justify many; and he shall bear their iniquities. [12](#) Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out his soul unto death and was numbered with the transgressors: yet he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

1. The Betrayal

a. **Zechariah 11:12-13** [12](#) I said to them, "If it is good in your sight, give *me* my wages; but if not, never mind!" So they weighed out thirty *shekels* of silver as my wages. [13](#) Then the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter, *that* magnificent price at which I was valued by them." So I took the thirty *shekels* of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

B. The Betrayal by Judah with a deceitful kiss: Have you ever been betrayed? God's knows about betrayal, he knows that some will eventually deny Him. Have you ever considered that God is good to the wicked even though they will never serve Him? Judas was brought near to the table of Jesus for the sole purpose

that he would reject the Christ and fulfill the scriptures in Jeremiah and Zechariah

2.The Great Exchange: A son of the Father (Barabbas) and The only begotten SON of the Father (Jesus Christ)

a.Matthew 27:15-18 (AMP) ¹⁵ Now at the feast [of the Passover] the governor was in the habit of setting free any one prisoner whom the people chose. ¹⁶ And at that time they were holding a notorious prisoner [guilty of insurrection and murder], called Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when they had assembled [for this purpose], Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to set free for you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” ¹⁸ For Pilate knew that it was because of jealousy that the chief priests and elders had handed Jesus over to him.

b.** Barabbas name means “A son of the Father”, God chose for Barabbas (A son) and Jesus Christ (The son) to stand next to each other on purpose. The righteous took the punishment for the wicked. One not deserving of death took the place of one who most definitely was. This was done so that you would know that Jesus paid for the debts of the wicked

3.The wonderful Cross: The timing of the crucifixion of the Passover Lamb of God

a.Jesus was probably crucified on Thursday evening (The day of Preparation for the Passover) and not Friday. What day is the Sabbath? Jesus would have eaten the Passover meal on Wednesday evening since

the 14th of Nisan in the Jewish calendar begins on the night of the 13th morning of 14th. Therefore Jesus ate the Passover on Wednesday evening and was slaughtered as the lamb on the following evening Thursday before Friday.

- b.** The Passover was Friday and was also considered a “Sabbath” and no work was to be done so a day of preparation was held before Friday. Therefore 2 sabbaths fell back-to-back when Jesus was crucified (Friday and Saturday). The crucifixion had to be on Thursday to fulfill the sign of Jonah where Jesus would be in the heart of the earth 3 days and 3 nights.
- c. Key point:** Remember Jesus is the lamb and therefore He must eat the feast before the time the lamb was to be slaughtered.
- d. Mark 15:33-34** **33** When the sixth hour came, darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour. **34** At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “ELOI, ELOI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?” which is translated, “MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?”
- e.** At the Cross is where the great exchange occurred, at the cross the light of the world turned dark.
- f.** Jesus became sin so we could become the righteousness of God.

4. The blood flowed: Description of the crucifixion

- a.** From the latin word excruciation, crucifixion is known as the worst form of capital punishment ever created by humanity.

- b. See the Cross:** The scene, who was there, what ridicule, the whipping, the beard. Jesus body flesh and blood became the vessel that would carry your sins and my sins forever. As He poured out His blood, the life He gave became the payment for your sins.
- c. Life Lesson:** The Power of Sin to control your life died when Jesus breathed His last breath!
- d. It Is Finished (Tatelestai), The final word of Christ on the cross. God's plan of salvation fulfilled in Christ.**
- e. Why did He do it? Ephesians 2:6-9** **6**And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. **8**For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

5. Jesus body was secured in the tomb: A roman guard of about 30 soldiers was garrisoned outside Jesus tomb at the request of the Jews to ensure no one stole the body away.

- a. A stone weighing 4000 lbs.** was rolled in front of the entry to the tomb and sealed shut.
- b. "The tomb was secure"**. The penalty for falling asleep for a roman centurion was death. Therefore, be assured the body of Jesus did not leave the tomb by theft in the middle of the night as was the lie Satan had

the religious Jews tell the world after He was raised to life.

- 6. The tomb is empty: The gospels says our King was placed in a rich man's tomb by the name of Nicodemus**
- a. **John 19: 40** 40 So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen wrappings with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ** Jesus was sealed in linen like a mummy covered with spices.
 - b. **The cloth was wrapped around Jesus head John 20:7** 7 **as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head.** The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. 8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. **He saw and believed.**
 - c. **His body was wrapped in 75lbs of spices and linen cloths with haste because the sabbath was coming. The burial face cloth of Jesus was called a soudavrion** in the Greek which was a sweat towel in ancient times. The towel was not folded like a napkin but was the Greek word entulissó, which means It was wrapped around itself, or rolled up around itself like a mummy.
 - d. These words paint a clear picture that the disciples clearly saw as a sign of a supernatural act. The head towel was separate from the body wrapping but still in the form of **the man that once occupied it.** The man who occupied the grave clothes had to have **“passed through”** the clothes to get out of them!

**e. He is not there, The Tomb is empty, your King is alive!
Your Champion is whole, your God saved the day!
Give Him Praise in the House of God!**

7. Because He lives: Your Faith rests on the reality of a living Christ, it takes no faith to believe that a man died, but it takes faith to believe Jesus really is alive.

a. 1st Corinthians 15:13-15 13If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14*And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is worthless, and so is your faith.* 15In that case, we are also exposed as false witnesses about God. For we have testified about God that He raised Christ from the dead, but He did not raise Him if in fact the dead are not raised

b. Because He lives:

- 1.**The power of sin to control our lives has been broken forever. Addictions, Depression, Fear
- 2.**The debt of our sins is paid and our punishment of Hell is terminated
- 3.**Jesus now holds the keys to death and hell
- 4.**The veil was torn, so that the same fellowship that a sinless Jesus had with the Father now belongs with us.
- 5.**God can give you mercy and grace in every situation of your life
- 6.**We have authority over Satan who has held us in bondage all our lives
- 7.**We no longer fear death but look forward to it earnestly as it is not a failure but a promotion

8. The Holy Spirit can release over our lives Love, Joy
Peace, Patience, Kindness, Faithfulness Gentleness, Self
Control.
9. Lastly: Our true and full purpose for living can now be
realized. Who and what we were made for can now be
fully received.

Closing: Salvation Altar Call