

RESURRECTION SEASON SERIES

“The Full Gospel: Understanding and Embracing the Primary Message”

(Romans 1:16-17; Matthew 10:1-33; John 1:1-4; John 18:36-37)

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, ‘The righteous shall live by faith.’” (Romans 1:16-17)

“And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. 2 The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. 5 These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, ‘Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, 6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And proclaim as you go, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. 9 Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, 10 no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. 11 And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. 12 As you enter the house, greet it. 13 And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14 And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. 15 Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town. 16 ‘Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. 17 Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, 18 and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. 19 When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. 20 For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. 21 Brother will deliver

brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, 22 and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 23 When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. 24 "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. 25 It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. 26 "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. 27 What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. 28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. 32 So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, 33 but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 10:1-33)

The gospel is not confined to death, burial, resurrection! The full gospel includes the incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension and coronation of Christ Jesus our Lord. Therefore,

The Message of the Gospel for Salvation is:

Christ Jesus is Lord and King!

The Means of the Gospel for Salvation is:

Incarnation, Crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension and Coronation

❖ The Message of the Gospel Rediscovered

- The Biblical Narrative of Jesus as King

“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” (Luke 1:32-33)

Ephesians 1:20-22 tells us that Jesus is now seated at [God’s] right hand in the heavenly places. We have a King, and His name is Jesus. And He is not just A king but *The king*—the King of Kings, with authority and dominion over all things.

- The Biblical Narrative of Salvation as Lordship

Jesus repeatedly warned the religious hypocrites of His day about simply agreeing to spiritual facts which does not save a person. There must be a heart change. Jesus emphasized the high cost of discipleship:

“Whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:27)

“Those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples” (Luke 14:33)

In the same passage, Jesus speaks of counting the cost; elsewhere, He stresses total commitment:

"No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62)

- The Biblical Narrative Reflected in a Life Truly Saved

"Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:10)

❖ The Means of the Gospel Realized

- Incarnation

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:1-4)

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.' Pilate therefore said to Him, 'Are You a king then?' Jesus answered, 'You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.'" (John 18:36-37)

- Crucifixion
- Resurrection

Galatians 2:20 says,

"I am crucified with Christ nevertheless I live (resurrection), yet not I ..."

- Ascension

The gospel doesn't stop with the resurrection as some would have you think.

- Coronation

Jesus prophesied to the disciples in Matthew 24:30 that they would know that He had ascended upon the throne of His Kingdom when they see the fulfillment of judgment upon those who rejected Him on earth.

The message of the gospel is that Christ is King. The means or pathway to this ultimate result is found in the INCARNATION, CRUCIFIXION, RESURRECTION, and the ASCENSION. All components are to be embraced!

- To deny the Virgin birth and incarnation of Christ is to deny His deity. To deny His deity is to declare He is not God and therefore you cannot be saved.
- To deny the substitutionary death of Christ in the crucifixion is to deny His inability to defeat sin and darkness. This would render on incapable of salvation.

- To deny the resurrection of Christ from the dead is to reject His victory over sin and death and incapable of saving the lost. Therefore, you would remain lost.
- To deny the ascension of Christ into the throne room of heaven is to deny His position and place of intercession which is the place from which our salvation comes.