RESSURECTION MORNING -

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TEXT: "He is not here: He is risen, as He said.
Come, see where the Lord lay." Matt. 28:6

I. IN JESUS, TWO WORLDS MEET THE NEW EMBRACING THE OLD

- A. Early, on the first morning of the week, the women went to the Sepulcher of the Crucified Christ—seeking Him, though He is dead—
- B. Why did they seek Him? Because He had sought them & found them & touched their hearts—
- C. In finding *Jesus Christ*, they had found everything <u>suited</u> to <u>banish</u> their <u>fears</u>—
 - 1. These precious women whom society regarded the weaker sex assumed them to be easily frightened & sorrowful —

- 2. Yet, it is these ladies who are first in seeking *Jesus* among the tombs!
- 3. The Angel said, "Fear not ye: for I know that you seek Jesus, which was crucified. 6 He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

 Matt. 28:5-6
- D. First, the <u>Angel of God</u> certifies that <u>Jesus</u> was indeed <u>crucified</u> & killed
 - 1. And then, the Angel instructs the ladies to examine the evidence of His resurrection—"come see the place where the Lord lay...He is not here...He is risen."
- E. At once, we are struck by the thunderous sounds of **Prophetic Proclamations**
 - 1. That which was **concealed** in the **OLD**, is now **revealed** in this **NEW** era of **redemption**—

2. To the *Philippians*, the *Apostle Paul* would write, "Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things again is no trouble to me, & it is a safeguard for you. 2 Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision; 3 for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God & glory in Christ Jesus & put no confidence in the flesh, 4 although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the law, found blameless. 7 But whatever things

were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, & count them but dung in order that I may win Christ, 9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, 10 that I may know Him, & the power of His resurrection & the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained it, or have already become perfect, but I press on

in order that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind & reaching forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

Phil 3:1-14

- F. Paul said, "I want to know Jesus, & the power of His resurrection, & the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead." Phil. 3:10-11
 - 1. The **Equity** of both **Power** & **Fellowship** are leveraged in the **tragedy of suffering** & the **glory** of **dunamis power** —
- G. Paul, when writing the Ephesian Church, said, "I also pray that you will

understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe Him. This is the same mighty power that raised Jesus from the dead..." Eph. 1:19-20a

- II. JESUS IS THE "WORD MADE

 FLESH" & AS SUCH, FULFILLED

 EVERY PROPHECY, BOTH IN TYPE

 & IN SHADOW
 - A. Every major event in Jesus' life happened on a Biblical Holiday
 - 1. *He* died as the *Passover Lamb* on Pesach (Passover) —
 - 2. He rose from the dead on Firstfruits —
 - 3. He poured out His Spirit on Shavout (Pentecost) —
 - 4. And Messianic Scholars believe that

 Jesus was born on Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles)

 for the Script says, "the Word became flesh & tabernacled among us." John 1:14

- a. Sukkot celebrates *His <u>Presence</u>*, *His <u>Protection</u>*, & *His <u>Provision</u>*
- B. Matt. 13:52 records "Jesus saying unto them, 'every Torah Scholar" (Scribe) that is discipled for the Kingdom of Heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure both new things & old things!" Matt. 13:52
- C. So the <u>Incarnation of Jesus established</u> the fulfillment of all these things
 - 1. In the **Passover**, *God* brought *Israel* out of *Egypt*
 - a. In Hebrew, **Passover** literally means to skip over the houses of **B'nai Israel**

(children of Israel)

2. Egypt in Hebrew is *mitzvah İām*, which comes from the word *Tsar* which means: *a place of confinement & restriction*.

- D. So, when **God** brought **Israel** out of **Egypt**, it was not meant to be a one-time event that happened with **Moses**—
- E. **God** took **Israel** out of **Egypt**, but **He** also had to take **Egypt** out of **Israel** —
- F. To fully experience **Redemption**, the **Passover Lamb**, **had to be sacrificed** —
- G. For us to be <u>fully transformed</u>, <u>God</u>
 supplied us with a <u>once & for all</u>
 <u>sacrifice</u>, <u>Jesus Christ</u> —
- H. To fully grasp the *Last Supper*, we must understand that it was the last *Seder*
 - 1. To appreciate more completely the *death*, *burial*, & *resurrection* of our *Savior*, we must see *Jesus* in the **Passover**—
 - 2. In 1446 BCE, the *children of Israel* were trapped in Egypt. *Israel* had been enslaved in Egypt for more than 400 yrs.

- 3. Finally, after the 10 plagues, on the night of the Passover & the death of Egypt's first born Pharaoh concedes & let's Israel go!
- I. Is it any wonder then, that **Jesus** came & **He** died on the first day of **Passover**
 - 1. He was *crucified* at **9:00 am** in the **morning**, the **time** of traditionally going up to the **Temple**—
 - 2. Our *Redeemer* hung on a *Roman* Cross, & the *Romans* had fastened there a <u>Sign</u> that read: Yod, Hey, Vav, Hey four *Hebrew* letters Yod, Hey, Vav, Hey the <u>ineffable</u> <u>Name of God our Salvation</u>
- J. The **Passover** was a <u>Time of Miracles</u>, it was a <u>Time of Freedom</u>, it was a <u>Time of Redemption</u>—
 - 1. And the *Messiah Jesus* came at <u>that</u>
 Time to be our "Greater than Moses,"

- 2. He came to do a greater work of liberation & freedom in our life.
- K. Jesus died on Passover as our Lamb
 - 1. Jesus rose up in resurrection power on the Feast day of First-fruits—
 - 2. That's why Paul would write, "20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, & become the firstfruits of them that slept. 21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

I Cor. 15:20-22

- L. Because Jesus rose from the dead He answered our Need for a Sacrifice, for He became our Firstfruit from death —
- III. THE BORROWED TOMB OF JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA HELD THE LIFELESS BODY OF THE LORD OF GLORY—

- A. *His* body limp, lifeless, bloodied, & beaten now sealed shut with a <u>Massive</u> Stone at its <u>Entrance</u> & a *Roman Guard* at its door —
- **B.** *Calvary* is **Incomprehensible** if it is not viewed through the lens of **Passover** —
- C. What God did for us on Calvary is much more than the opening of a Cleansing
 Fount of blood to wash away our sins
 - 1. **Jesus**, the **Lamb of God**, paid the price for every need you will ever face.
- D. Because *He died, was buried, & Rose Again*, everything now Answers to *His Cross*
 - 1. Fear, Sickness, Strife, Torment, Pain, Lack, Poverty, Addiction, Self-Loathing, Broken-Relationships—

 Jesus paid for your total peace over it all!

- E. Paul would write of Jesus, "He...having disarmed authorities & powers, He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them by the cross."
 - 1. The Resurrection of Jesus wrought an everlasting Victory over Death & produced a public display of Victory over the forces of darkness, displaying His absolute mastery over them in a spectacular exhibition of His prodigious Authority.
- **F**. What does this mean for you and for me?
 - 1. It means that our *Savior* is our *Conquering King* who triumphs over the enemy of our soul & makes all things new!
 - 2. It means fear must bow in defeat —
 - 3. It means depression must flee –
 - 4. It means sickness must go ...
 - 5. It means chains must be loosed —

- **6**. It means <u>drug addiction</u> must be broken
- 7. It means pain must flee before Peace
- 8. It means <u>Death</u> must give up to Life.
- 9. It means whatever the <u>devil is tormenting</u> you with, *Jesus* has victory over it, & through *Him*, you do to!
- G. How is this possible? Because the *Tomb* is empty *He* is no longer in the grave
 - 1. <u>He</u> got up <u>He</u> is Risen & <u>He</u> is Lord
 - 2. *Death* was swallowed up in *His* Victory, the *Grave* forever lost its dominion —
- H. Every <u>Soul</u> can now be <u>SAVED</u> <u>no</u> one need be lost, *for Jesus paid it all*!

The Apex of all Christian Endeavor must become to Place the Jewel of a Soul in the Crown of our Savior, that the Lamb of God may RECEIVE the REWARD of His Suffering!