

## Topical Message –9 April 2023

### “Resurrection Of Jesus In The Old Testament”

#### Opening Scriptures & Background

Luke 24 – *Ought not Christ to suffer...*

1. Read Luke 24:1-12
  - a. Don't you remember that He told you this?
  - b. He told them He would rise again 3<sup>rd</sup> day
2. Read Luke 24:13-24
  - a. “*But we trusted*” – past tense, they gave up
  - b. They hadn't retained what God had already told them to believe and hold on to
3. Read Luke 24:25-27
  - a. Christ's suffering & resurrection was already laid out in the Old Testament
  - b. Read Col 2:16-17: This's proper use of Bible

Many references to specific attributes of it in the O.T.

1. Three Days of Death
  - a. Read Est 4:16: Saw herself as dead 3 days
  - b. Read Jonah: Saw himself as dead 3 days
2. Life, Death & Resurrection Cycles
  - a. Moses 40, 40, 40...
  - b. Joseph: Life, slavery, new life in Egypt

**Let's look at 3 examples in the O.T. that were always intended to teach us of Christ's resurrection**  
**1<sup>st</sup> example of Jesus' resurrection in OT is found in the cure for leprosy**

Lev 13 is all about inspecting someone that's suspected of having leprosy which is a pic of sin

1. If there's spots just on the skin's surface, the person should go free – pic of temptation to sin
2. If spots go below surface – it's leprosy, it's sin

Now Lev 14 comes along w/ the cure for the incurable disease leprosy that portrays sin for us!

1. Read Lev 14:1-5
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> bird comes into play later
  - b. Cedar wood – pictures the cross
  - c. Scarlet – pictures the blood
  - d. Hyssop – pictures applying the blood
  - e. Clay pot – pictures a human body for the heavenly one (the bird pictures Jesus)

- f. Running water – pictures the Holy Spirit
  - g. So we've just pictured the death of Christ
2. Read Lev 14:6-7
- a. The blood of this experience **MUST** be applied to the one who is to be cured
  - b. Then the living bird is set free is a wonderful OT picture of the resurrection of Jesus Christ our King
3. As you finish the rest of the Lev 14, it's a wonderful picture of this new believer that has come to the cross & the resurrected Christ
- a. They **belief**
  - b. Then they adjust **behavior**
  - c. The they have the sense of **belonging**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> example of Jesus's resurrection in OT is found in the early spring feasts or holidays

All feasts have tri-fold meaning (past, present, future)

1. Commemorates something from the time of Israel salvation out of Egypt
2. Celebrated throughout the history of Israel with a holiday & traditions
3. Concluded in the life of Jesus Christ at His first (spring feasts) & second (fall feasts) comings

Feasts of Passover, Unleavened Bread & First Fruits happen all at the same time 1 month 14-21 days

1. Let's see what these feasts commemorate from the past as Israel fled Egypt by reading Exo 12-13
  - a. Read Exo 12:1-7, 13-14 – The Passover commemorated the angel of death passing over the firstborn of all b/c the substitutionary blood of the lamb was already applied
  - b. Read Exo 12:15-20 – Unleavened Bread commemorated God's strong hand of deliverance

- c. Read Exo 13:1-2, 11-16 – Firstfruits commemorated the firstborn of all Israel being spared death – having their “life extended”
2. Let’s see how they were instituted as an annual celebration by reading Lev 23:4-14
  - a. Read Lev 23:4-5 – Passover is celebrated w/ the exact Sedar meal (lamb) as told in Exo
  - b. Read Lev 23:6-8 – Unleavened Bread celebrated w/ the bread & doing NO work
  - c. Read Lev 23:9-14 – Firstfruits was first of the harvest, then main harvest, then gleanings
3. Now let’s see how these are fulfilled in Jesus!
  - a. Passover
    - i. John Baptist – “Behold the Lamb of God”
    - ii. Paul calls Jesus our Passover in I Cor 5
  - b. Unleavened Bread
    - i. Leaven: sin & imperfections, Jesus is w/o sin
    - ii. Afikomen: middle piece of U.B. placed in napkin & hidden then kids joyfully find it
  - c. Firstfruits
    - i. Read I Cor 15:20 & Rev 1:5: He’s 1<sup>st</sup> raised
    - ii. Jesus is the perfect lamb & the 1<sup>st</sup> to pierce thru and beyond death!

## **3<sup>rd</sup> example of Jesus' resurrection in OT is found in the offering of Isaac by his father Abraham**

Read Gen 22:1-2

1. “Only Son”
  - a. Gal 4, Paul tells us Ishmael representing the Law of Moses isn't recognized, but Isaac represents grace and Jesus Christ
  - b. Read John 1:17 – Law=Moses, Grace-Jesus
2. “Whom thou lovest”
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> time love used in Bible is father & son
    - i. We're to understand God's love for Jesus
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> time love is used is when Isaac (the Son) gets his bride (the Church) in Gen 24
3. Moriah – Of course is the very place Jesus dies on the cross showing His love for us (I John 3:16)

Read Gen 22:3-6

1. “On the third day”
  - a. Abraham considered his son dead for 3 days
  - b. Heb 11 says Abe believed God could raise Isaac from the dead!

Read Gen 22:7-8

1. God will provide Himself – exactly

Read Gen 22:9-13

1. Why not kill & raise Isaac?
  - a. Although that would show resurrection
  - b. Wouldn't show substitutionary atonement
2. So after 3 days of considering his son dead, Isaac has been resurrection in Abraham's mind

Read Gen 22:14

1. Jehovah-Jireh
  - a. “God shall see”, not so much God provides
  - b. Little difference between God's vision & God's provision
2. “In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen”
  - a. Speaking of the substance of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection to come!
  - b. As the Psalmist prophesied (Read 16:10), “Thou [God] wilt not leave My [Jesus] soul in hell, neither wilt Thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption”

## In Closing

HIS resurrection was all done for OUR resurrection

1. Dan 12:2 – Resurrection of ALL people has been predicted
2. Isa 53:10-11 – By His knowledge my righteous Servant shall justify MANY
3. I Cor 15:20-23 – Christ the firstfruits, THEN they that are His at His coming

His Resurrection has ALWAYS been the plan

1. What is Lev 13 and the cleansing of leprosy trying to tell us about the resurrection?
  - a. Jesus is the very cure for sin!
2. What is Lev 23 & the offering of the firstfruits trying to tell us about the resurrection?
  - a. Jesus is the provision or Way Maker into resurrected life for all people!
3. What is Gen 22 & the offering of Isaac trying to tell us about the resurrection?
  - a. God loves you enough to give the provision of His only Son to take your place!