

He Wears a Victor's Crown- Part 1

There are days, and then, there are **Days!** Today we celebrate the latter one. Let's begin with John's Gospel in The Passion Translation.

John 19:41-42 TPT *"Near the place where Jesus was crucified was a garden, and in the garden there was a new tomb where no one had yet been laid to rest. 42. And because the Sabbath was approaching, and the tomb was nearby, that's where they laid the body of Jesus."* **TPT**

note v. 42: "Jesus' body was laid on a bed of spices in a garden tomb. Death came upon the first Adam in the garden of Eden, but eternal life surged through the last Adam in the garden of the cross and His tomb. Man fell in a garden, but man now finds life in that empty garden tomb."

John 20:1-18 TPT

V. 1 *"Sunday morning"* (or "the first day of the week"). **SFLB** note on v. 1: **NKJV** - **"The first day of the week:** "The Resurrection distinguishes Christianity from all other religions. In commemoration and celebration of this event, Christians gather on Sunday to worship the resurrected Lord. The graveclothes were not unwound or disarranged, but still retained the shape they had when they covered the body, the upper layer having fallen on the lower from the weight of the spices, and the head wrapping separated from the rest by the length of the neck. Apparently the body had simply passed through the burial shroud."

TPT note on v. 8: "Jesus left everything pertaining to the old creation in the tomb, signified by the linen cloths and handkerchief behind." So, what are we still holding on to from our past that slows us down, holds us back? **Let's leave regrets, shame, guilt,** etc. in the grave of our old nature's burial when we accepted Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior. The lovers of Jesus were the first to realize who He was as the resurrected Christ. **Today, love Him more** & thereby realize more of Who He is and what He accomplished for us!

V. 9 O.T. prophecies of Messiah's resurrection: **Psa. 2:6-8** *"I myself have poured out my King on Zion, my holy mountain. 7. I will reveal the eternal purpose of God. For He has decreed over Me, "You are my favored Son. And as your Father I have crowned you as my King Eternal. Today I became your Father. 8. Ask Me to give You the nations and I will do it, and they shall become Your legacy. Your domain will stretch to the ends of the earth."*

Psa. 16:10. *"For you will not abandon Me to the realm, nor will you allow your Holy One to experience corruption (or "the pit," likely Sheol)."*

Isa. 53:10-12 *"Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise (crush) Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. 11. He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities. 12. Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil (plunder) with the strong, because He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."*

Hos. 6:2. *"After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight."*

Jonah 1:17 *"Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights" (co-incides with Matt. 12:39-40).*

V. 17 This is the first time in the Gospels that it mentions that Jesus calls His disciples *"brothers"*. **No small thing!** **Heb. 2:10-12 TPT** *"For now He towers above all creation, for all things exist through Him and for Him. And that God made Him, pioneer (trail blazer, forerunner) of our salvation, perfect through His sufferings, for this is how He brings many sons and daughters to share in His glory (or "bring many children into His glorious state"). The glory that Jesus has is given to us by grace!*

11. *Jesus, the Holy One, makes us holy. And as sons and daughters, we now belong to His same Father (Or “we are all from [out of] One [we are all out of one Source, God the Father]), so He is not ashamed or embarrassed to introduce us as His brothers and sisters!* 12. *For He has said (Psa. 22:22), “I will reveal who You really are to My brothers and sisters, & I will glorify you with praises in the midst of the congregation.”*

TPT note: “Between verse 21 and verse 22 the glorious resurrection takes place. The music is elevated to a higher key as victory is sounded forth. “*My people gather*” is a reference to the church that was birthed through His resurrection glory.”

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So now, what is Christ doing since He ascended into heaven (**Acts 1:9**)?

Rev. 6:1-2 TPT. “*Then I watched as the Lamb broke open the first of the seven seals. Immediately I heard on of the four living creatures call out with a powerful voice of revelation sounding like thunder, saying “Come forth!”* 2. *So I looked, and behold, there was a bright white horse. Its rider had a bow and was given a crown of victory. He rode out as a conqueror ready to conquer.”* **TPT note:** “This is Christ coming forth as King in authority and power, riding out to conquer everything within us that hinders the life of Christ emerging in our transformation (Ps. 45:3-4).”

Rev. 5:9-10 TPT “*Because You were slaughtered for us, you are worthy to take the scroll and open its seals. Your blood was the price paid to redeem us. You purchased us to bring us to God out of every tribe, language, people group, and nation.* 10. *You have chosen us to serve our God and formed us into a kingdom of priests who **reign*** on the earth.”* ***TPT note:** “**The present tense of the Greek verb indicates that the reign of believers on earth has already begun.**”

The Conqueror has made us “*more than conquerors*”: **Rom. 8:31-37 NKJV** “*What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can*

be against us? **32. He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?** 33. Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, Who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36. As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." 37 Yet in all these things **we are more than conquerors** through Him who loved us."

Let us, therefore, trust the Lord God Almighty to perform His work of grace in us so that we too may be the victorious champions now who wear the crown along with Christ one day!