

I. Review – Greater Things

A. John 14:12 (NKJV) – *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father*

B. Previous Sessions

- 1. Session 1 – Understanding Greater Things**
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- 10. Greater Strength**

II. The Greater One

The only way for greater things to occur in your life is for you to know the Greater One.

A. Do you know Him?

- 1. John 17:3 (NKJV)** – *And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*

2. **Philippians 3:10-11 (NLT)** – ¹⁰*I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, ¹¹so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!*

3. **John 5:36-47 (NLT)** – ³⁶*But I have a greater witness than John—my teachings and my miracles. The Father gave me these works to accomplish, and they prove that he sent me. ³⁷And the Father who sent me has testified about me himself. You have never heard his voice or seen him face to face, ³⁸and you do not have his message in your hearts, because you do not believe me—the one he sent to you. ³⁹“You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me! ⁴⁰Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life. ⁴¹“Your approval means nothing to me, ⁴²because I know you don’t have God’s love within you. ⁴³For I have come to you in my Father’s name, and you have rejected me. Yet if others come in their own name, you gladly welcome them. ⁴⁴No wonder you can’t believe! For you gladly honor each other, but you don’t care about the honor that comes from the one who alone is God. ⁴⁵“Yet it isn’t I who will accuse you before the Father. Moses will accuse you! Yes, Moses, in whom you put your hopes. ⁴⁶If you really believed Moses, you would believe me, because he wrote about me. ⁴⁷But since you don’t believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say”?*

4. **Matthew 7:21-23 (NKJV)** – ²¹*“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²²Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ ²³And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!*

B. The people of Jesus’ day experienced him but did not know him.

1. **They saw his miracles.**

2. They heard his teachings.
3. They say but did not see.
4. They heard but did not hear.
5. They did not recognize Him as the **GREATER ONE**

Matthew 13:55-57 (NKJV) – ⁵⁵*Is this not the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas?* ⁵⁶*And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?”* ⁵⁷*So they were offended at Him.*

III. To receive from Him – we must RECOGNIZE Him.

A. Many know him in his historical account.

1. They know the stories of his life.
2. They can quote scriptures about him.
3. Resurrection power/new life doesn’t come from knowing about him.
4. Many can quote scriptures about him – but their life has no demonstration of His power working in them.
5. **2 Timothy 2:5 (NKJV)** – *Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.*

2 Timothy 2:5 (GNT) – *they will hold to the outward form of our religion, but reject its real power. Keep away from such people.*

- B. 2 Corinthians 5:16 (NKJV)** – *Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.*

1. Paul said, we have known Jesus after the flesh, but we have come to recognize HIM in a much greater way.
 - a. Paul is saying, we had to cease knowing Him after the flesh.
 - b. We had to begin knowing him – as the **GREATER ONE!**

2. **John 20:11-17 (NKJV)** – ¹¹Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹²and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. ¹³They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” ¹⁴At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. ¹⁵He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”). ¹⁷Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’
 - a. Mary did not recognize Him although she had spent an enormous amount of time with him during his earthly ministry.
 - b. She knew him as the healing Jesus.
 - c. She knew him as the delivering Jesus.
 - d. She knew him as the compassionate Jesus.
 - e. She knew him as the earthly Jesus.
 - f. She did not know him as the resurrected Jesus.
 - g. She would still have to know him as the **ASCENDED JESUS.**

C. Something had changed.

1. Where He had been had changed Him.
2. What He had been doing had changed Him.
3. He was the same – but He wasn’t the same!

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4. Although they had known Him – they now had to get to know him.
5. To know him as they had known him – on earth would never take them into the fullness of what He had planned for their lives. They had to **COME TO KNOW HIM – as THE GREATER ONE!**

D. As the Greater One he had;

1. Defeated Satan.
2. He had spoiled the kingdom of darkness.
3. He had stripped our enemy of all authority and power.
4. He had redeemed the human race back to himself.
5. He had finished the old covenant and was in the process of establishing a new covenant.

E. Three days gathering the spoil.

Jehoshaphat is engaged in a battle He cannot win in the natural. God declares – you will not need to fight – I will fight on your behalf. Just believe the prophet – speak the word – confess – and praise.

2 Chronicles 20:25 (NKJV) – *And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much,*

1. This is a type and a shadow of what Jesus would do for us.
2. We believe and receive – He did the work – He did the fighting.
3. I am reminded of another three days – *Jesus spent three days and three nights in the realm of the dead.*

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Colossians 2:15 (KJV) – *And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.*

Colossians 2:15 (AMP) – *When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities [those supernatural forces of evil operating against us], He made a public example of them [exhibiting them as captives in His triumphal procession], having triumphed over them through the cross*

Colossians 2:15 (GWT) – *He stripped the rulers and authorities [of their power] and made a public spectacle of them as he celebrated his victory in Christ.*

Colossians 2:15 (WNT) – *And the hostile princes and rulers He shook off from Himself, and boldly displayed them as His conquests, when by the Cross He triumphed over them.*

Colossians 2:15 (CEV) – *There Christ defeated all powers and forces. He let the whole world see them being led away as prisoners when he celebrated his victory.*

IN THREE DAYS:

Jesus unraveled everything Satan had worked to accomplish.

Jesus spoiled Satan and his domain.

Jesus the victor – declared Satan’s demise.

Jehosaphat was three days gathering all the spoil – from the enemy.

IN THREE DAYS – Jesus spiritually spoiled the enemy – and left him as DEAD.

Luke 11:20-22 (NKJV) – ²⁰*But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace.*

²²*But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils.*

- ***Divides up his plunder***
- ***Distributes his plunder***

4. Our Inheritance: *What did Jesus do with the spoil He acquired – He left it to us!*

Our part is to go forth by faith and gather that which Jesus left behind for us to obtain.

- a. *My salvation is in the spoil.*
- b. *My healing is in the spoil.*
- c. *My deliverance is in the spoil.*
- d. *My prosperity is in the spoil.*
- e. *My strength is in the spoil.*
- f. *My joy is in the spoil.*
- g. *My restoration is in the spoil.*

• **There is SO MUCH SPOIL!**

It took Jesus three days to secure it!

It will take me a lifetime – to receive it all!

Get started receiving.

F. The Key – *The key to receiving all that Jesus has obtained for us – is to recognize Him – as the one who received ALL AUTHORITY over the enemy. ALL POWER over the enemy!*

Every believer is IN HIM – in HIS victory – In HIS inheritance!

Do you know Him?

Do you know yourself – IN HIM?

2 Corinthians 5:16 (NKJV) – *Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.*

Not only do we no longer regard Christ after the flesh; we no longer regard ourselves – or others who have been born again after the flesh.

WE are victors – overcomers – in CHRIST!