

Prelude to When Jesus Walked the Earth After His Resurrection!

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Welcome to Part 4 of Moving into the Gifts of the Indwelling Holy Spirit. As I have very thoroughly referred to the scriptural truths of Jesus' mission when He dwelled here on earth and rose again to sit at the right hand of the Father God in the heavenly realm, I am now going to impart more revelation about when Jesus walked the earth. For 40 days after His resurrection there were specific things that Jesus said and did to inspire us (both the saints of that time and us as saints in this time). The historic things He did when He returned for a temporary time have been recorded in written testimony in people who lived at that time and written for us to gain insight and further establish and grow our faith in who we are IN CHRIST.

Here is an excerpt of one of those who wrote of the historical witness of Jesus The Christ: Josephus' Description of Jesus "Now, there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man, for he was a doer of wonderful works-a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews, and many of the Gentiles. He was [the] Christ; and when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men amongst us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him, for he appeared to them alive again the third day, as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him; and the tribe of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct at this day."

Credit: The Antiquities of the Jews, Book 18, Chapter 3- From The Works of Josephus, translated by William Whiston - Hendrickson Publishers, 1987.

Glory, glory, glory!!!! Everything in God's Word points us to the times we are living in and provides us "types and shadows" for deeper revelation in the Spirit so that we can do the things Jesus did and even greater things as He stated in The Holy Word of God. The Word of God is our main reliable source of truth, and it should be the first and final authority for every believer. This keeps each of us grounded and established in faith, which is a requirement for The Father God because it ensures that we are using our full potential with His Spirit included while we are here. Everything Jesus did and said were and are Divine helps from The Father, for His and our benefit. Keeping in mind that our flesh, the devil and the world seek to misguide and take even the "elite" off track, we must always prioritize being led only by the Word of God and The HOLY Spirit. We have all seen examples of failed attempts of those claiming Christianity, but who were not examples of Holy living. This is a travesty. So, wisdom and humility are a priority in our lives.

James 3:17 (KJV) "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy."

The devil, the world, the flesh and the evil spirit of religion's lazy and unholy excuse is "well, no one is perfect", but instead we need to ask ourselves are we "perfectly" seeking the Lord

with all our hearts to the best of our ability and willing to take His correction to make necessary adjustments when needed? This will hold at bay any misguided decisions and keep the mentally ill or the unrenewed in soul from making dire mistakes as some have done in the past. A born-again person who is baptized in the Holy Ghost shouldn't, however, be on edge or hesitant to follow God's leading and grow. No! When we make mistakes, we repent (turn around) and start again so that we are not residing in sin, not risking our own well-being, or risking another person's life or well-being. Then, God's Mercy and Grace covers us IF we are willing to take the instruction and correct ourselves and grow. Grace abounds and Mercy is new every morning.

We DO have the perfect example to follow because we know that the thoughts, mind sets, and the actions of Jesus are of the character of our new DNA. **1 Peter 1:23** (KJV) "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." We cannot and should not keep moving forward without due retrospect into the deep things of God and His Spirit. We can and should seek after these things with a humble spirit and with bold assertiveness while keeping in the context of peace and true Agape Love. Bearing in our heart of hearts first and foremost that we as spirits under God Almighty IN Christ, keep the flesh and the unrenewed soul (mind, will and emotions) under submission so that neither control nor compel us. The only One to control or compel us is Holy Spirit, and the Holy Word of God as first and final authority in our daily lives. We who are bought by the Blood of Jesus keep with diligence the context of God's will, just as Jesus did and does. This is because Jesus is the first of the Son's of God born again after death. As born-again believers, we are brethren born into Christ which is our way to the Father God. We are of like faith with Jesus and follow after Him in every aspect of our lives here on earth. Yes, we want to be confident, but we must be fully aware that as humans there are certain things that are acceptable behaviors and certain things that are not. Jesus did not His own will but kept His Father's will first. Holy Spirit provides us the ability to keep those guidelines, and they are not a burden, because we experience joyful, full, and clean Holy benefits that are aligned with Father God's Will.

As in Parts 1, 2, and 3, now I'm sure that you can begin to see that there is more to how Father God planned our redemption than meets the physical senses. **Hebrews 11:1** (AMPC) "Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, ^[a]the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see *and* the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]." We can go to the scriptures and take them as our vision and mission: **John 14:12** (AMPC) "I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father." While we reside in these physical bodies, you being a born-again baptized in the Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost – Spirit of Prophecy) believer can do all those things that Jesus did, and He said even greater things. Not because you want to do them but because the Father desires for you to do them with His leading so that Jesus' mission can be completed and "not one will be lost". **Matthew 18:14** (AMPC) "Just so it is not the will of My Father Who is in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost *and* perish."

Now on to opening up the next phase of the Lord's will in this teaching. Jesus was proven to have died and been buried in a tomb, and to have risen from the dead. He was announced as risen to the disciples and appeared to them. Then He was witnessed to have been walking the earth as a new man, having poured out His Holy Blood at the cross and taken it to heaven sprinkling it on the elements so that all of mankind can fellowship with the Father in the Holy of Holies.

Acts 1:3 (AMPC) “To them also He showed Himself alive after His passion (His suffering in the garden and on the cross) by [a series of] many convincing demonstrations [unquestionable evidences and infallible proofs], appearing to them during forty days and talking [to them] about the things of the kingdom of God.”

1 Corinthians 15:6 (AMPC) “Then later He showed Himself to more than five hundred brethren at one time, the majority of whom are still alive, but some have fallen asleep [in death].”

In preparation for Part 5 read on your own, **John 21: 1-25**. These are some of the incidents where Jesus showed Himself Resurrected in a newly sanctified body, though His Blood had been poured out. Jesus was able to walk, talk, eat and go through physical barriers and much more! It's recorded here in God's Holy Word as well as in other historical accounts such as Josephus, and some other works.

Have a great time reading every word and scriptural reference in these studies! It will open up to you the truth of God's plan and that His Word as the One sure and reliable source of truth for every person to be set and established in HIM.

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