

Revelation On The Resurrection

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Scriptures: John 5:26-29, 11, 20; Phil. 2:5-8, 3:7-15, Acts 2:14-36, 24:14-15, Rev. 20:4-15; I Cor. 15:16-26; Psalm 16

Four years ago today the Lord gave me a message to preach at our church in Montana with this title that was quite a revelation. Now although I always expect revelation every day from the Lord I wasn't expecting it on The Resurrection at this time; in fact, I had begun preaching a revelation on *The Spirit of Elijah* on Palm Sunday that year (2005) and expected to continue on with it and not even preach on the Resurrection but on Saturday the Lord gave me this revelation on His resurrection that makes it even more incredible than it was.

This morning very early I was impressed by the Lord to write about this revelation. Since I can't cover a 60 minute message in this article, I'd also encourage you to obtain the CD and listen to the original message that was preached.

On Easter most Christians focus on the Cross and the Resurrection and rightly so; however, I am always moved to think about Jesus today because it was during the 3 days after the Cross that He went to hell. He suffered for us in hell – what a terrible thought that this sinless Son of God had to endure punishment, physical and spiritual death and also the “thoughts” from the enemy that He would be left in hell (*cf.* Acts 2:25-28).

In 1980 I was living in Nassau Bay, a suburb of Houston where NASA is located. In fact, I lived very close to NASA and had an engineering contract with them for all their steam and water systems. Late one night I was sitting in a chair reading the Bible when the Lord spoke very suddenly and said:

“Philip, do you know how much I love you?” I replied silently, “Yes, Lord I know that You love me.” He repeated His question two more times making three in all very similar to what He said to Peter after the resurrection.

Then the Lord told me, “You know those temptations I faced on earth were real.” And I did know they were real; I’ve never doubted like some that these temptations of Jesus were not real.

Then the Lord said to me, “I could have sinned you know.” I said, “Yes, Lord, I know.” Then He responded, “Do you know what would have happened to Me if I had (sinned)?”

My brothers and sisters, Jesus *risked* something when He came to earth in the form of a man to die for our sins. That is why I always refer to this particular *revelation* as the greatest revelation I’ve ever received from the Lord because it is a true revelation of His great love for us.

If you don’t believe this then just consider the following Scriptures:

“There hath not temptation taken you but such as is common to Man; but God is faithful ...” ■ I Cor. 10:13

“For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is Able to help them that are tempted.” ■ Hebrews 2:18

“For we have not an high priest who cannot be touched With the feeling of our infirmities, but was in all points Tempted like as we are, yet without sin.” ■ Hebrews 4:15

“For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners Against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.” ■ Heb. 12:3

Jesus The Sign

One principle of God we see in the Old Testament is that God’s prophets were also “signs.” Their lives were signs to the people and often had to do with their message! The Lord gave me a message titled, *The Message and the Sign*, a few years ago that deals with this principle.

Ezekiel was a “sign”; Hosea was told to disobey the Scriptures and go marry not a virgin but “a wife of harlotry and children of harlotry; for the land hath committed great harlotry, departing from the Lord.” The phrase “children of

harlotry” meant that he wouldn’t know if they were truly his children or if they’d been conceived by another man.

Jesus Himself was a prophet; He was the last prophet to operate under the Old Covenant. His life also was a sign. He was “a sign which shall be spoken against” (cf. Luke 2:25-34).

Much of what Jesus did were not just miracles; they were also *signs* that Jesus spoke about to not only His disciples but also the Pharisees, Sadducees and Lawyers who were all the religious leaders, ignorant though they were, of His day.

Jesus was a sign in multiplying the bread and feeding the thousands that He was the *True Manna* sent by the Father from Heaven.

Martha tried to limit the Lord with her words (11:21) when she appealed to Him regarding her brother Lazarus and she thought if only He’d been there Lazarus would not have died from his illness; however, the Lord corrected her and taught Martha as well as the others present that He was “the Resurrection and the Life.” Now, although Jesus raised others from the dead, He raised Lazarus from the dead after he had been dead four days – the only person in the Scriptures to be dead this long. This sign was to prove that He was (and is) “The Resurrection and the Life.” Praise God!

The Resurrection is God’s testimony that death is not to be feared. Satan tries to hold people in bondage through the fear of death as the Bible tells us.

Jesus was “tested” in the same ways that we are as I listed in the Scriptures given above; He had to find the Scriptures concerning Himself, like Psalm 16, and have faith in God the Father that He would fulfill these scriptures concerning Jesus as the Messiah and raise Him from the dead. Praise God!

In some of Evelyn’s messages she speaks about her experiences in Heaven how all those in Heaven honor Jesus as the hero of Heaven. She relates that how even the flowers bow in honor when Jesus walks by. Is Jesus your hero? There has never been or ever will be a hero like Him. This Resurrection day can we offer anything less than our all to Him that not only gave up all but offered His all and risked all so that we not only have a place in the family of God but a place at His side.

The Resurrection is a marvelous thing; let’s all praise Him and thank Him for His wonderful sacrifice and testimony of His faith in the Father while He

walked the earth. Praise God for Jesus the hero of Heaven and the hero of the Church.