

RESURRECTION MESSAGE

(Theme: Jesus is real!)

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Scripture reference: Acts 1:1-11/ Revelations 22:10-17

Footnote scripture: Ezekiel 33:29-32

Acts 1:1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

3 **To whom also he showed himself alive** after his passion **by many infallible proofs**, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things **pertaining to the kingdom of God**:

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be **witnesses unto me** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? **this same Jesus**, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Luke the physician took it upon himself to write to this man named Theophilus. Not much is known of him, except to say that he was a gentile believer, probably of Roman or Greek nationality. But from Luke's previous letter to him, (the Gospel of Luke), we know that Theophilus was a man of

high rank, an important official, since Luke addressed him as “most excellent” indicating an official position.

Luke’s purpose and goal in writing Theophilus, was to make him sure of the person of Jesus Christ, you see, it had been some 40 to 50 years or more since the crucifixion and resurrection of the Lord Jesus and Theophilus was probably not yet born, and like us, he had never seen the risen Lord, so Luke wanted to reassure him of the faith.

Luke makes the statement that after the resurrection, Jesus showed himself alive by many **infallible proofs** to the apostles for 40 days. Paul records in 1Cor. 15:5-8, how that Christ was seen of Cephas, (Peter) seen of the twelve, and seen by more than 500 brethren at one time, after that he was seen of James (Jesus’ half brother), then of all the apostles, and lastly Paul said that he was seen of me!

*** (COMMENT)

Infallible means: Incapable of error, sure, certain.

Luke 24:39

39 Behold my hands and my feet, that **it is I myself**: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

Notice that he did not say flesh and blood! Why? Because it was all poured out at Calvary for us all!

Psalms 22:14

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

And as we continue on in Acts, we get to see some of the conversation that Jesus had with the disciples, and that he spoke to them of things **concerning the kingdom of God!** And just like them, we too are not concerned with the things of the kingdom of God, but with what pertains to our own little kingdoms. They asked him a question, they asked: “wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel”? His reply was simply this; that is God’s business, when the Holy Ghost comes upon you, you shall be filled with power to be witnesses of me!

*** (COMMENT)

Why is it that we are more occupied with the things of this earth, which will one day pass away, when the Lord is offering us eternal life, a life that will never end! A life where all of life’s worries will be no more, no more pain, no more sickness, no more death!

Jesus preached the kingdom of God, he commanded his disciples to go and preach the kingdom of God and to be witnesses of Him! But today this is not taking place, we are too busy trying to impress people with the material things that we possess, instead of impacting them with who we say we profess! The Kingdom of God is not material things, it is not what we eat, drink, wear, drive, the house that we live in, our annual income none of those things! The kingdom of God is the Power of God demonstrated! Dope dealers have the bling! The creators of Hustler and Playboy magazines have money and mansions! Vulgar and profane Hip-Hop artist that we glamorize have expensive clothes, eat at well to do Restaurants and drive Mercedes and Bentleys!

So while most of the main stream so-called men of God and Prophets are saying that material wealth and things are what the Lord wants you to have, and that those things are an indication that you are “blessed and highly favored”, I have to ask them to check what Paul said in 1Tim. 6: 3-11

3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

9 But they that will be rich fall into **temptation** and a **snare**, and into **many foolish and hurtful lusts**, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while **some coveted after, they have erred from the faith**, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

*****(Comment briefly)**

And if that's not good enough, Jesus says the same in: Luke 12:22-32

22 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.

23 The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.

24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

25 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?

26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?

27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?

29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.

30 **For all these things do the nations of the world seek after:** and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Matthew 6:33

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Romans 14:17

17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

1Cor.4:20

20 For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

1Cor. 2:1-5

2:1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save **Jesus Christ, and him crucified.**

3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in **demonstration of the Spirit and of power:**

5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the **power of God.**

*** (COMMENT) JOHN 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

The Father wants to do some mighty works here today, and by His Spirit, He will!

**Many have been saturated with the preaching on the love of God, “God loves you no matter what you have done”, “He understands!” Yes, this is true, but there is also the judgment of God, the wrath of God against a nation, city, people or individual for continuing in sin and refusing to repent. The Lord is not winking at sin anymore people, it is time to get sober and think about where you will spend your eternity!

Col. I: 28 Paul says:

28 Whom we preach, **warning every man**, and teaching every man in **all wisdom**; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

You see, if you eat an unbalanced diet, you are going to get too much of one thing, and not enough of the other. Either way, that could be detrimental to your health. It is the same when receiving the word.

Revelation 22:10-17

10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: **for the time is at hand.** (comment)

11 He that is **unjust**, let him be **unjust still**: and he which is **filthy**, let him be **filthy still**: and he that is **righteous**, let him be **righteous still**: and he that is **holy**, let him be **holy still**.

12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have **right to the tree of life**, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

15 For without are **dogs**, and **sorcerers**, and **whoremongers**, and **murderers**, and **idolaters**, and whosoever loveth and maketh a **lie**.

16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the **churches**. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And **whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely**.

Just in bible terminology means: honest, fair, above average. So to be unjust is to be everything opposite of that!

Filthy means: dirty, disgusting, abominable, and illicit. Some people are filthy in appearance, their homes are nasty, and every other word that comes from their mouth is one profanity after the other. And now we even have it in the music.

Righteous: To be righteous is good, but it is not good enough. We meet righteous people daily, people that are decent human beings. They don't bother no body, they mind there own business, they are honest, don't steal, curse, smoke, or drink. But having all this going for you, and not having a committed life that is dedicated to Jesus Christ still damns you to an eternal life of torment in hell.

But **Holiness**, holiness in the sense that you have stripped yourself from all of the influences and enticements of this world, and you have decided that you are going to live a life that is acceptable with the Lord. This is what Jesus Christ wants for you, but you have to make the decision to step out and choose Him.

Just as the Angel told the disciples in Acts as they were gazing up into the heavens, "this **same Jesus** will come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven". Jesus Christ is returning, and in what ever condition spiritually you are in when he returns, is how you will be rewarded!

Behold the hand of the Lord is not shortened that it cannot save, nor his ear heavy that he cannot hear, but your sins have separated between you and your God. It is important that you turn from your life of sin and turn to the Lord Jesus so that he can heal you!

You see, before you can **have right** to the tree of life, you must surrender to Jesus, forsake sin! Cry out for his help, and he will hear you. Jesus said; for without (outside of the New Jerusalem the Holy City) are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. Many have told you that no matter how you live, when you die, or if Jesus comes, you will go to heaven...not true! You have been lied to, the word says that "to them that received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God".

Just as Peter told the lame man that begged at the temple gate..."silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk".

One last scripture: Ezekiel 29:31-33

31 And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness.

32 And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.

33 And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.