

Unexpected!

I. That Our Souls May Prosper... UNEXPECTED SOURCE SYMPTOMS of SEPARATION & Hopelessness

Pessimism! ~Tendency to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen, the world falling apart, evil will ultimately prevail over good.

The Curse and the Feast

Is. 24:4 **The earth mourns and withers**; the world languishes and withers; the highest people of the earth languish. 5 The earth lies **defiled** under its inhabitants; for they have **transgressed** the laws, **violated** the statutes, **broken** the everlasting covenant. 6 Therefore **a curse devours the earth**, and **its inhabitants suffer** for their guilt; therefore the inhabitants of the earth are scorched, and few men are left.

Is. 25:6 **On this mountain the LORD** of hosts will **make for all peoples a feast** of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, ... 7 And he will **swallow up on this mountain the covering** that is cast over all peoples, **the veil** that is spread over all nations.

8 **He will swallow up death forever**; and the Lord GOD will **wipe away tears from all faces**, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

UNEXPECTED CURE — CRUCIFIXION..

II. The ONE! — But! Is this what we expect?

John 1.29 NIV The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "**Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!** **We look for the cure...**

43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. **Finding Philip**, he said to him, "Follow me." **He's finds us... then we find Him**

45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, "**We have found the One** Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote — Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

John 6.48 **I am the bread of life.** 8.12 "**light of the world. ...**"

10.9 **the door.** 11 **the good shepherd.** 36 **the Son of God'**

14.6 "**I am the way, and the truth, and the life..** 9 ...**Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.**"

III. Unexpected Execution

ABUNDANCE — FEEDING THE 5000

Luke 9:18 Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, "**Who do the crowds say that I am?**" 19 ... "John the Baptist. ... Elijah, ... one of the prophets of old has risen." 20 ... "**But who do you say that I am?**" **And Peter answered, "The Christ of God."**

THE MYSTERY — SUFFERING - DEATH - RESURRECTION

21 And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, 22 saying, "The Son of Man must **suffer many things** and be **rejected** by the **elders** and chief **priests** and **scribes**, and be **killed**, and on the **third day** be **raised**."

TRANSFIGURATION and DEPARTURE

28 Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up **on the mountain** to pray. 29 And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. 30 And behold, two men were talking with him, **Moses** and **Elijah**, 31 who **appeared in glory and spoke of his departure**, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

MAJESTY and THE HANDS OF MEN

42 ... But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. 43 And **all were astonished at the majesty of God**.

But **while they were all marveling** at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples, **44 “Let these words sink into your ears:** The Son of Man is **about to be delivered** into the hands of men.”
45 But they **did not understand** this saying, and **it was concealed** from them, so that **they might not perceive it**. And they were **afraid to ask** him about this saying.

UNEXPECTED ARREST, TORTURE, EXECUTION — We did it!

John 19.5 So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. **Pilate** said to them, **“Behold the man!”**

True image – love & integrity. Wiping away every illusion, every false value and vain ambition!

28 After this, Jesus, knowing that **all was now finished**, said (to fulfill the Scripture), **“I thirst.”** **29** A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, **“It is finished¹,”** and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

As a human, Jesus did what God could not do – DIE!

**He defeats death by dying. Not by moving mountains,
 Splitting the earth, Lightning bolts, or killing his enemies**

**Not by being Rich & Powerful, Not by being Poor & Outcast,
 but by DYING IN LOVE!**

As God, he did what only God can do!

IV. THE UNEXPECTED CROSS — Turns Death Inside Out!

**Crucifixion - what we did to Him — Pontius, Priests
 Cross - what He did for us!**

A. The Penalty transformed into Reward & Reunion

¹ aramaic – *ho m'shalem* (behold, to shalom - nothing missing)

B. The Last Enemy -became A Doorway into a New existence of beauty, joy, and fulfillment

Heb 2:14 NIV ... *by his death he might **destroy² him** who holds the power of death—*

2 Tim 1.10 ... **abolished death²**- brought life and immortality to light

Phil 1.21 For to me to live is Christ, and **to die is gain**. ... 23 I am hard pressed between the two. **My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.**

C . The UNFORESEEN Victory that Changed the World!

1Cor 15.1 Now I would remind you, brothers, of **the gospel** ...

3 For I delivered to you as of **first importance** what I also received: that **Christ died for our sins** in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was **buried**, that he was **raised on the third day** *in accordance with the Scriptures*, (past — present — future)

21 For as **by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.** 22 For **as in Adam all die**, so also **in Christ shall all be made alive.**

54 the perishable puts on the imperishable, the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

As he dies he destroys death!

Let no one fear death, for the Savior’s death has set us free.

He that was taken by death has **annihilated it.**

By descending into Hell, He made Hell **captive.**

Hell took a body, and met God face to face.

O Death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?

Christ is risen, and death is overthrown.

² Gk. *katargeo* — destroyed, means to **make something ineffective or powerless**. Death has not been obliterated, but for the Christian it has been **rendered impotent**,

Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen.

Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice.

Christ is risen, and life reigns.

V. THE UNEXPECTED RESURRECTION - New Creation!

- Destroyed Death — 6th Day (1st Day)
- Took the Keys — 7th Day (2nd Day)
- Released **New Creation on the 8th Day! (3rd)**

UNEXPECTED POTENTIAL is Held Back by Pessimism ... Until we Catch Up With The Mind of Christ

1. Tendency to Accept Immovable Barriers

Mark 16:2 NIV Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb **3** and they asked each other, **“Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”**

4 But when they looked up, they saw that **the stone**, which was very large, **had been rolled away.**

2. Tendency to Look For Things Which No Longer Exist

Luke 24:5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, **“Why do you look for the living among the dead? **6** He is not here; he has risen! Remember ... **8** Then they remembered his words.**

3. The Tendency to Panic

John 20:2 NIV [Mary Magdalene] came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, **“They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”**

4. Tendency to Get Stuck in Loss

11 but **Mary stood outside the tomb crying.**

15 “Woman,” he said, **“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.”

16 Jesus said to her, “**Mary.**” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “**Rabboni!**” (which means Teacher).

HE CALLS OUR NAME!

5. Disappointment ~ “It’s Over”

Luke 24:21 NIV but **we had hoped** that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. **WE DON'T EXPECT MIRACLES**

31 ***Then their eyes were opened*** and they recognized him, and ***he disappeared*** from their sight. 32 They asked each other, “Were not **our hearts burning** within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” **HE IGNITES OUR HEARTS & OPENS OUR EYES**

6. Survivalism — “We're Next!”

John 20:19 NIV On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the ***doors locked for fear of the Jews***, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “**Peace** be with you!” 20:20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were **overjoyed** when they saw the Lord.

(Luke 24:41 *...they still **did not believe it because of joy and amazement**, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate it in their presence.*)

21 Again Jesus said, “**Peace** be with you! As the **Father** has **sent** me, **I am sending you.**” 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, “**Receive the Holy Spirit.**”

6. OUR God IS TOO SMALL — Will you at this time?

Acts 1:6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”

HE GIVES US UNQUALIFIED PEACE (Back to Eden)

ETERNAL PURPOSE &

PARTICIPATION in Divinity

Immovable Barriers, Living with Defeat, Panic, Getting Stuck,
Disappointment, Survivalism, Limited Vision — Replaced
with **ABUNDANCE and Love for ALL PEOPLE**

A Feast — Overflowing Cup of Life—

**Spirit & the Bride say to ALL who are thirsty, "Come!"
And let him who hears say...**

The Victory Shout!

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

He's Alive! I'm Alive! It's Only Just Begun...

In the Resurrection Jesus blew the lock off the prison of death and gloom and returned to the gladness of God.

From the right hand of God he speaks to everyone of us today and invites us to **the never-ending banquet:**

"I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst

... I am the resurrection and the life; **he who believes in me**, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

Do you believe this?"