

No Eye Has Seen

I. Resurrection Sunday! Worldwide since AD 30! 1991 years! Unexpected! The hidden wisdom of God

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Creation waits with eager longing, yet the whole creation groans, we groan, – **Disappointment, Discouragement, Worry and Hopelessness**—→ **Something is late, we feel it will never happen! A cure for MISERY?**

Rom. 8:28 And we **know** that for those who **love** God **all things work together** for **good**, for those who are **called** according to **his purpose**. (The Story Line — the PLOT)

II. The Unexpected EXPECTED ONE! —

John the Baptizer knew he was a forerunner for the Messiah. He was looking for him. **We look for the cure...**

John 1.29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “**Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!** [slide 1]

We **may not like the cure...** later JB sent two disciples to ask

Mt 11:3 “**Are you the one** who is to come, or shall we look for **another?**” (of a different type)

He Initiates — He **found** Philip then Philip **found** him...

John 1.43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. **He found Philip** and said to him, “Follow me.” 45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, “**We have found him (NIV the One)** of whom Moses ... and ... the prophets wrote, (Despite Nathanael’s doubts about Nazareth, he saw GOOD!)

John 6.48 **the bread of life.** [slide 2]

8.12 **light of the world.** [slide 3]

10.9 **the door** [slide 4]

10.11 **the good shepherd.** [slide 5]

10.36 **He gives eternal life** [slide 6]

14.6 **the way, (the truth, the life.).** 9 ...**Whoever has seen me has seen the Father**

III. Surprise Plot Turns — Ups and Downs

He came to his own ... his own people did not receive him

FEEDING THE 5000 Luke 9

Luke 9:18 ...He was praying alone, the disciples ... with him. And he asked them, ***“Who do the crowds say that I am?” ... 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 ... went up **on the mountain** to pray. 29 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,

!PARADIGM SHIFT! Hosanna! to Crucify Him!

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 ... **it was concealed** from them, ... And they were **afraid to ask** him about this saying. **No eye has seen...**

How could he be delivered?

UNEXPECTED SOVEREIGN PLAN of God — John 11

LAZARUS — Dies, then is raised. Delay was not Denial, it was a divine set up It was a turning point.

Stirred the people! **TRIUMPHAL ENTRY** **Threatened** the Chief Priests and Pharisees...

Jn 11:53 So **from that day on they plotted** to take his life.

Who did it? — We all did it! — God planned it...

Acts 4:27 (In Jerusalem) there were **gathered together** against ... Jesus, ... both **Herod** and **Pontius Pilate**, ... the **Gentiles** and ... **Israel**, **28 to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.**

— even terrible events are orchestrated for GOOD

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

True Human imago Dei – love & humility

28 After this, Jesus, **knowing** that **all was now finished**, said (to fulfill the Scripture), **“I thirst.”**

30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, **“It is finished!”** 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, hurling lightning bolts, or killing his enemies but by DYING IN LOVE!

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

As God, he did **what only God can do** — **Release a NEW CREATION within the OLD. *Firstborn from the dead.* Like yeast in the dough. Invisible restructuring.**

Everything is occurring governed by **~ROMANS 8:28~**

Suffering is not final. Death has no victory.

IV. THE UNEXPECTED CROSS — Turns Death Inside Out!

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

A. Penalty ***transformed*** into Reward & Reunion

B. The Last Enemy ***became*** A Doorway into New Creation

Heb 2:14 NIV ... *through death he might **destroy² the one who had 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!

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

² Gk. *katargeo* — destroyed, means to **make something ineffective or powerless**. Death has...for the Christian it has been **rendered impotent**.

- 3 ... 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.” Isa. 25:8
- 55 “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” Hos. 13:14

V. THE UNEXPECTED RESURRECTION - New Creation!

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

NO EYE HAD SEEN — The **WORST** led to **Freedom from**

1. Immovable Barriers

Mark 16:3 NIV they asked each other, “**Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?**” 4 But when they looked up, they saw.. **the stone**, ...very large, **had been rolled away.**

2. Things Which No Longer Exist

Luke 24:5 ... the (angels) said to them, “**Why do you seek the living among the dead?** 6 **He is not here; he has risen!** Remember ...

3. Panic

John 20:2 NIV [Mary Magdalene] ran, ..., “***They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have laid him!***”

4. Inconsolable Grief

John 20:11 but ***Mary stood outside the tomb crying.***

15 "Woman," he said, "**why** are you crying? **Who** is it you are looking for?" ... 16 Jesus said to her, "**Mary.**" ... "Rabboni!"
HE CALLS OUR NAME!

5. Hopeless Disappointment ~ "It's Over"

Luke 24:21 NIV but **we had hoped** that he was **the one** And ... it is the third day since all this took place.

31 **Then their eyes were opened** ... 32 They asked each other, "Were not **our hearts burning** within us while he talked ... and opened the Scriptures?"
IGNITES HEARTS & OPENS EYES

6. Fear of What is 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 ...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,*

✨ ✨ **BAND** ✨ ✨

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.**" **Peace with a Purpose**

Unmerited PEACE, PURPOSE & PARTICIPATION in Divine Life

The Victory Shout!

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

... I am the resurrection and the life; **he who believes in me**, though he die, yet shall he live,

Pentecost is Coming!