

## *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!**

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<sup>1</sup> 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 **destroy<sup>2</sup> the one who had the power of death**—*

2 Tim 1.10 ... **abolished death<sup>2</sup>**- 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** ...

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<sup>2</sup> 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—6<sup>th</sup> Day (**1st Day**)
- Took the Keys—7<sup>th</sup> Day (**2nd Day**)
- Released New Creation—8<sup>th</sup> 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,

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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!***