

# JESUS'S DEMONSTRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

Jesus Christ rose up many people from the dead during the course of His ministry. To get their dead raised up, all that the people did was to call the attention of Jesus. In this chapter, we will focus on the death and resurrection of Lazarus [John 11:1-45]. Most of us know this story very well; the man Lazarus died and was buried for three days in a tomb, so that there was no dispute to the fact that He died. After three days we know decomposition of His body must have started; the stench from His dead body was already oozing out and to the ordinary man that was the end of His Chapter, but with God it is not so.

**GOD HAD PREDESTINED THE VERY WORKS OF JESUS TO PROPHETICALLY POINT TO EVENTS THAT WILL OCCUR OVER AND OVER AGAIN THROUGHOUT ETERNITY. THAT IS WHY WE HAVE TO READ THE GOSPEL WITH THE EYES OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD, READING IT OTHERWISE WILL NOT PROFIT US.**

Lazarus who was physically raised up from the dead was only a shadow of things to come. Lazarus at that point in time did not taste of the true resurrection, His coming forth from the grave had an eternal significance to it because He died later on. At that point in time, He did not experience in Himself the spiritual awareness of the son of God. The multitudes saw this miracle and marveled at it, not realizing that it was only a shadow of the awakening that we inherit in Christ. Lazarus's coming forth from the grave, meant that Lazarus carried off from where He left; He carried on in His weak mortal human state, with that same old weakness and sin consciousness, exactly the way He was before he died. Yes they all marveled and rejoiced at that mighty work of Jesus but at that time they were ignorant of the message God was trying to pass to them.

True resurrection became available to humanity only after the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. All those characters from the Old Testament unto the testimony of Jesus, never truly partook of the true resurrection that the gospel reveals. Never be deceived into thinking that to be

physically raised from the dead is the true and ultimate resurrection that the Bible refers to as the hope of our calling. Many people today have their hopes pinned on some form of physical and outward manifestation of the resurrection from the dead, but I ask that they calmly listen to the message God is giving in this last time.

Lazarus today is a shadow of those who become part of the first fruit company that form the body of Christ today. These one are indeed friends and beloved of the Lord. The Lord loved Lazarus very much; we read this in **John 11 3-5**. We also know from the word that those that are loved by the Lord are those that keep His word of truth.

**John 14:20-21 21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."**

To call Lazarus back to life, the Lord Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Lazarus come forth". That loud voice with which Jesus called Lazarus forth from the Tomb, is the deep call of the spirit which goes forth to stimulate and cause an awaken of the Christ character within all men. It can also be likened to that famous last trumpet sound calling men out of the darkness and ignorance of the dead into the light and life of God. Remember, when a glorified form of Jesus appeared to John in a vision while he was on the island of Patmos. The bible records that His voice was like that of a trumpet, which prophetically points to a clear distinct message in the spirit. This eternal call calls people to the obedience of the faith in Christ and unto reconciliation to God. Those who hear this message and hearken to it by repenting of dead works will come forth into the light and mercy of God. Jesus in the days of His ministry in the flesh continually made this call, telling people to repent for God's kingdom of power, glory and mercy is about to be revealed; this ministry was passed over to the disciples and will continually be passed on and preached throughout all generations.

Lazarus was brought forth from the darkness and decay (corruption) that existed within the walls of the cave and brought forth into the light; before now he was caught off from the land of the living and far away from the light. The once vibrant and free Lazarus was now confined to the prison house of the tomb until His moment of deliverance came. Christ is here to release each and every one of us from the prison house of

sin and corruption. The prison door is already opened, only if we can look up and see it through the eyes of the spirit. The stone has been rolled away so that we can once more come forth into the light and live. That huge stone that blocked the entrance to the tomb is symbolic of the passage way to life. It represents the lies and the beliefs of men which in turn have become the principalities and the powers of this present age which lock souls away from the glorious liberty of the sons of God.

Many people, professing Christians included, are locked up in the prison house of corruption, and they abide under the thick covering of the shadow of death. These lost souls are held captive in this spiritual state of death by the doctrines and traditions of Men and religion. All these are human beliefs and doctrines that have cunningly misguided all men (professing Christians included) into false hopes and concepts of their origin and relation to the living God. These beliefs and concepts have blocked men from the path to life and like the stone that blocked the entrance to Lazarus's Tomb; they must be moved out of our way by the power of the truth if we are to ever see life.

The face of Lazarus was covered with a cloth, which is symbolic of the veil of the mind of flesh that blinds those that are not saved. The veil had so blinded our eyes of understanding that we have felt a complete separation from the living God in every aspect of our lives. In the past, we have perceived God as an entity far away from us and we have formed idols in our minds of a God of terror who is out to destroy and punish us. The eyes of understanding is darkened by the wisdom of this material age so that men do not behold the glory of God in the face of the Christ. In Christ that covering is ripped apart, so that we can once more see and consciously have our being in the glory of the living God. In that day we understand that He is a God of love in whom there is no darkness at all. We will also discover that we are in reality one and inseparable from God. The covering over the nations is ripped apart as the revival work of God goes forth. Death is swallowed up with life as we feast on the word of truth with the Father. The power of the grave is defeated so that all fruits of death are abolished in that day. The Prophet Isaiah prophesied about the ripping of that veil spread over the nations.

**Isaiah 25:6-8 6 And in this mountain The LORD of hosts will make for all people A feast of choice pieces, A feast of wines on the lees, Of fat things full of marrow, Of well-refined wines on the lees. 7 And He**

**will destroy on this mountain The surface of the covering cast over all people, And 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; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken.**

All we need to do, is enter into communion of truth with the Father, it is this one thing that will set us free.

Lazarus was also loosened from the chords that were used to tie up His hand and feet; these represent the bondage to a corruptible lustful nature which besets men working in darkness. In reality men are slaves to corruption and are bound to a lustful nature which breeds unrighteousness in men. The inability of men to soar high the spirit and please God is simply because men are slaves to corruption and sin. As the Lord Shouts and calls at His chosen to come forth out of darkness into the light, they are loosened from the shackles of death because they are now united to the truth. That truth is the knowledge of the immortal and incorruptible nature of Christ of whom we all are part of. The voice calling us out actually reveals to us the mystery of the Christ within us. Peter once wrote that we escape the corruption and lust in this world through the awareness which Christ brings to us.

**2Peter 1:2-4 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

The truth revealed in the knowledge of the Christ is the only thing that can truly set men free from a sinful nature and free from the resulting sense of condemnation towards God. Jesus said clearly that those that abide in the word will know this truth and will be set free by this truth.

A man who sins is in reality a slave to sin and that man does not abide in the house eternally, but the son abides forever. It is an awakening to

the knowledge of ourselves as the Son Christ that sets us free from bondage to corruption.

**John 8:34-36** Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. 35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: *but* the Son abideth ever. 36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

The knowledge of the son in us is the one thing that looses us from the shackles that bind us to a corruptible nature. If we still wallow in a sinful nature, all we have to do is to awaken to the knowledge of the Christ within.

**John 8:30-32** 30 As He spoke these words, many believed in Him. 31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

JESUS CHRIST IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE, MEANING THAT IT IS A PRESENT TENSE NOT A REALITY FOR TOMORROW.

Martha reasoned at a point that the famous resurrection is an event that will occur in the future like many think to this very day. Many still believe that in the future a particular day will come when physical graves will open and the righteous men will come forth immortal and perfected. All those are fables of men and religion; thank God for His spirit of understanding we comprehend the mind of God today.

**John 11:24-26** Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. 25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

We are beginning to understand that Christ within is the one who lives eternally. Our awakening in Him and into His likeness is the resurrection from the Dead. If we look forward to the resurrection in the same way traditions of Religion portrays it, we will only wait infinitely; these are part of the concepts, which block to the entrance of God's kingdom.

When the unbelieving multitudes asked Jesus for a physical sign, Jesus clearly told them that, "an adulterous and wicked generation seeks outwards signs and manifestation but they will get the sign of Jonah instead". Jesus was trying to say that they would go the way of Jonah who sunk down into the deep and was cut off from the life of God suffering great tribulation. He who has ears let Him hear the gospel and believe it when it says that the Christ on the inside of you is the hope of Glory, He is the way, the truth and the life, He is all we need to get back to the glory of the Father.

All we have to do in this hour is to hear the voice of the Shepherd of our souls, come forth into the light, and live. Walking according to the carnal reasoning of men, which works hand in hand with the wisdom of this age, is walking in the night. If we discern the voice of the shepherd, all stumbling unto death ceases because we see the light of the world with our spiritual faculties. Walking in the knowledge of the Christ on the inside of us is walking in the day, where the revelation knowledge of God illuminates our path.

**John 11:9-10** Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. 10 But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

Recognition of the voice of the Christ is the only thing that can stir up the Christ within us. It is communication of deep-to-deep. The time arrives when all men no matter where they stand, will hear that voice of truth. It is not a voice that comes to the hearing of all in one moment; it will be everyone according to His own order. Jesus confirms that on hearing that voice those who sleep in their graves will be resurrected; some unto life and peace while others unto condemnation. We will deal with this two forms of resurrection in the Chapter "THE FIRST AND SECOND RESURRECTION".

**John 5:25-30** 25 Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. 26 For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, 27 and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. 28 Do not

**marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. 30 I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.**

You see it; all who are dead in their sins and trespasses will hear that voice of the spirit some day, and all who obey the voice will go on and reign in the knowledge of the Son. The intention is to cause us to awaken from our dead and ignorant states so that we can enjoy once more all the things that pertain to life and peace in our Father's kingdom.

