

## Kingdom Report

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### The Mystery of Resurrection Morning to Resurrection Evening

Something critical happened between the time Jesus rose from the grave Sunday morning and told Mary Magdalene 'Don't touch me...' and Sunday night when He met His disciples and said touch me...it is the central key to all prophecy.

If you want the central key to many prophecies of scripture then it is critical to understand what happened between the hours of Sunday morning when Mary Magdalene met the risen Christ in the garden and that evening when Jesus appeared for the first time to His disciples. This will clear up a lot of prophetic confusion.

There is a lot of mystery here that if we look closer and compare with other scriptures will reveal the secrets behind the scenes in the spirit realms during those hours. The mystery starts with the setting....

Jesus has been crucified and dead for 3 days. Mary Magdalene is coming to the grave to anoint the body. He is dead and gone. No expectation of the resurrection. She meets who she thinks is the gardener. She does not recognize it is Jesus. He speaks to her..."Mary"...she is shocked to see it is the resurrected Jesus...she rushes to embrace Him with joy....and now the critical statement by Jesus...

**John 20:17 *"And Jesus said to her: Touch me not for I am not yet ascended unto the Father: but go to my brethren and say unto them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father and to my God and your God."***

Here is Jesus newly coming out of the grave dead for three days and not yet in heaven but on His way to heaven..."don't touch me, I am not yet ascended to the Father." Now a few verses later it is Sunday evening, Mary had told the disciples what happened....

**John 20:19 *"When therefore it was evening on that day, the first day of the week...Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them "peace be unto you" ...and He showed them His hands and His side..."*** So that night they could touch Him and hug and eat together.

What happened between Sunday morning "don't touch me" and Sunday night "touch me and see.." What happened was that He ascended to the Father in heaven and descended back to His disciples on earth. Now here is the critical thing...John does not tell us what happened in heaven....but other scriptures do tell us what happened in those hours and what happened there. A number of critical things happened that are key to understanding prophecy. I am going to take you behind the scenes for some real revelation but first must give a further background briefing.

The first thing to understand is that from the death of Jesus Christ right to the Sunday night appearance to His disciple Jesus was in two places doing two very critical things - First He went into hell...to "sheol". After He died on the cross His body went into the tomb, His Spirit was committed to the Father ("Father into your hands I commit my Spirit"), His soul went into hell (or in Hebrew "Sheol: the place of the dead").

Then He rose from out of Sheol but before ascending to the Father He stopped off at His grave site to give Mary this critical piece of information, I am alive but I am first going to ascend to heaven to the Father and then I am coming back to see my disciples...tell them I am coming back.

- Then He ascends to heaven where He once again is united to His glory. At that point during those earth hours something amazing happened in heaven that Jesus could report back to His disciples when He met them again hours later returning from heaven back to earth.

Both in Sheol and in heaven several critical things happened that we must understand if we are to understand the prophetic agenda of the Kingdom of God.

Now lets go back a few days in the narrative to a very important conversation Jesus was having with His disciples to prepare them for what is about to happen.

In John 12:31 He started to warn His disciples a momentous thing as about to take place...***"Now is the judgment of this world now shall the prince of this world be cast out."*** An enormous battle for the future of the world is about to take place. Satan tried to forestall this battle by offering the world to Jesus....

Luke 4:5 ***"And Satan led him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time and the devil said him, To you I will give all this authority and the glory of them for it has been delivered unto me and to whomsoever I will give it..."***

Adam when he sinned transferred his authority over the earth that the Lord had given to him to Satan. But God prophesied to Satan, someone is coming to take it away from you, someone of Adam's seed and you will bruise His heel but He will crush your head and you will be cast down to the ground from out of the heavens.

Jesus refused Satan's offer...because He was intent on taking back all authority over the nations from Satan and at the same time crushing his head and casting him out of the heavens for judgment. And now it was time for the battle to fulfill that prophecy.

Now after this declaration of war on Satan Jesus begins to prepare His disciples for the anguish and weeping that was to come shortly. Read how he approaches this sensitive subject....

John 14:30 ***"I will no more speak much with you for the prince of the world comes and he has nothing in me."*** The battle is here....don't be afraid.....***"I go to prepare a place for you...and if I go to prepare a place for you I will come again...I will not leave you desolate...I will come unto you"***

John 16:16...***"A little while and you will behold me no more and gain a little while and you shall see me..."***

Can you see that Jesus is not talking about what we call the "Second Coming of Christ" here. He is talking about His death in few days time when they will not see Him and then very shortly thereafter His resurrection and return.

His disciples did not really understand, John 16:17 ***"Some of his disciples therefore said one to another What is this that He says unto us, A little while and behold me not and again a little while you shall see me Because I go to the Father!"***

Jesus explained further John 16:20 ***"Verily I say unto you that you shall weep and lament but the world shall rejoice you shall be sorrowful but your sorrow shall be turned to joy."***

And of course this is exactly what happened....sorrow when He died and for a while they did not see Him and joy when He returned from the Father....and that is important...He went to the Father to make a place for them, an access into heaven and into the family of God....and came back with the good news...but with more interesting news.

### **The First Resurrection**

So what happened after He died? Well the first thing is he went into hell to pay for our sins and then to release all those waiting for the redemption of their sins, the Old Testament saints...this is how scripture relates it to us...

Eph 4:8-10 ***"Wherefore he saith, When he ascended on high, he led captivity captive, And gave gifts unto men. (Now this, He ascended, what is it but that he also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)"***

So Jesus went first to defeat the enemy, pay for our sins and release those held captive....and resurrect them into heaven. How do we know this apart from the scripture above? Well because people in Jerusalem witnessed this resurrection of the saints of old....

Mat. 27:52-52 ***"And the graves were opened and many bodies of the saints which slept arose and came out of the graves after his resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared unto many."***

This is very important if you want to understand prophecy. In Revelation there is a very important passage of prophecy in Rev. 20 that talks about the first resurrection and the second resurrection. All dispensational prophecy preachers and teachers will tell you that the "first resurrection" is still in the future when Jesus comes. Now you know that is wrong. The first resurrection took place Sunday morning after Jesus finished talking to Mary Magdalene on His way to the Father in heaven.

### **The Ascension in Heaven: What happened there?**

Then after clearing out Sheol and leading the captives out of captivity of death what did Jesus do? "He ascended on high...." Here we turn to the prophet Daniel, to Hebrews and Revelation to get the picture of what happened next in heaven. And this is critical again to understand a lot of prophetic scripture in proper context.

The first important scripture to set the stage is found in Hebrews 9:12 *"Nor yet through the blood of goats and calves but through his own blood He entered in once and for all into the Holy Place having obtained eternal redemption."* Now keep that picture in mind of Jesus the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world as we see what Daniel sees in heaven and also what is shown to John in Revelation 5.

Daniel gives us this incredible vision of Jesus entering heaven upon His ascension....

**Dan 7:9** *I beheld till thrones were placed, and one that was ancient of days did sit: his raiment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and the wheels thereof burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousands of thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened. I beheld at that time because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake; I beheld even till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed, and it was given to be burned with fire. And as for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. I saw in the night-visions, and, behold, there came with the clouds of heaven one like unto a son of man, and he came even to the ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; until the ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High, and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. And the kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High: his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.*

Here is what is happening:

- Jesus is the one like unto a son of man. He comes with the "clouds of heaven". Hebrews 12:1 after describing all the Old Testament saints in Heb 11 as being persecuted and afflicted and not obtaining all the promises of God describes them in verse 12:1 as a "great cloud of witnesses."
- This great cloud of witnesses are the saints of old upon whom the great beast made war on and prevailed against them...until the time came that judgment was given against the great beast (Satan) and he was defeated and the saints of the most high were given the authority they lost over all the earth in Adam.
- This authority was won for the saints by the "one like unto a son of man" who defeated the great beast. And unto Him was given all power and glory and dominion that all peoples and nations should serve Him.

- This great courtroom drama of the transfer of authority and power from Satan to the Prince of Peace and the Lord of Lords occurred during the time that Jesus ascended after His meeting with Mary and His return to His disciples that night. He ascended to the Father with His blood to present Himself as the lamb of God slain from the foundations of the earth...He entered the most Holy of Holies with His own blood and made atonement for our sins once and for all.

This same picture of the transfer of authority to the lamb of God is seen by John and recorded in Rev. 5:9 "***...and they sang a new song saying Thou art worthy to take the book and to open the seals thereof for you were slain and have redeemed us to God by your blood out of every nation, kindred and tribe....and I heard loud voices....Worthy is the lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and honour and glory and blessing....***

Then something important happened....the lamb of God, after entering the most Holy Place with His blood in heaven and receiving all power and authority over all creation from the Father, then returned to earth to meet with His disciples with this great revelation and injunction....

Matth. 28:18-19 "***And Jesus came to them and spake to them saying, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations....***"

Here is the deception of modern prophecy teachers and writers that this revelation from scripture negates. I have been taught in the past and have taught in the past...

- That the kingdom of God is only one day coming when Jesus returns.
- The resurrection of the saints will one day happen when Jesus comes.
- Satan will one day in the future be bound and judged.
- That one day in the Millennium all this will take place for a thousand years. Only then can we disciple the nations. Only then will the saints possess the kingdom. Until then Satan is the prince of this world. Oh and of course the saints that will possess the Kingdom is not the church it is the Jews who will restore the Kingdom of God as we the church will be taken out of the world to protect us from the power of Satan and the Antichrist.

All the above is deception. All designed to lie us into inactivity and helpless powerlessness.

Strangely enough all this reality of the Kingdom authority only really became a reality to me when I realized something powerful happened between when Jesus spoke with Mary Magdalene on Sunday morning on His way to heaven and when He returned from heaven that evening and could announce to His disciples...."all power in heaven and on earth has been given unto me" and by extension He transferred that power and authority to we His church when He sent the Holy Spirit to empower us.

The first resurrection has taken place and all who die in Christ are now alive in Christ and we who were dead in our trespasses and sins are now seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Satan was judged, bound and defeated 2000 years ago. Power and authority over all of creation was regained to us from our Second Adam who won what we lost from our first Adam. And that happened 2000 years ago. There is no

future Millennium simply because Christ is now reigning already. The Millennium when Christ reigns started 2000 years ago. Yes there are still some "beasts" around as Daniel tells us that need to be conquered, but they no longer have any authority...Jesus defeated and bound "the strong man of the house" so that we can spoil him of all his goods.

So lets get on with the job....