

## A TIME OF REFLECTION

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The greatest day in human history, some two thousand years ago on the Sunday after Jesus rose from the dead, Jerusalem was full of whispers and rumors and damage control by the Temple leaders. But it wasn't working. Crowds were growing and Jesus Himself opened the first "*Christian Seminary*". He didn't call it that, and neither did His followers. But it was a sequence, a collection of conversations, where He explained the Old Testament from a different point of view. Suddenly it became clear to His followers that they had jobs to do far more important than the restoration of the Davidic Kingdom. **They were called to change the world, not just Israel.**

Within seventy years some fiery Jewish patriots rose up against Rome and Jerusalem was over. Was it Jesus' fault? No. He had returned to Heaven. Was it His followers' fault? No. They were too busy teaching anyone who would listen the truth of the Gospel story. Was it Rome's fault? Maybe a little. But they had a responsibility to keep peace in all the provinces and this one province was a constant problem. The Roman general took control of the city and told the citizens they would never rebel against Rome again. He took plows and slowly but surely destroyed every building and residence by literally plowing them under. When you wonder why Solomon's Temple is not the only religious artifact on the Temple Mount, don't blame the Muslims. Blame the residents of Jerusalem who called themselves Jewish.

The Christians had no way to rebuild the city, besides, they were building God's Kingdom. Hundreds of years later, some of them vowed to be knights of Jesus' army, and they went back to Jerusalem to fight. Sometimes they won. Sometimes they lost. Eventually, they gave up again. At the end of a major world war, designed by the Nazis to eradicate all Jews, the British carved out a little space about the size of New Jersey, called it Israel and made it a state. Here we are today watching Israel fight for peace in Gaza.

**What a mess Jesus' resurrection caused.** Yet we and all who accept Jesus' message have eternal life because of this historical mess. Thank God for His ability to take what man messes up and bring about His glory and a great gift to all men. John 1:12-13 (Amplified Bible):

**But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His Name—who owe their birth neither to bloods nor to the will of the flesh [that of physical impulse] nor to the will of man [that of a natural father], but to God. [They are born of God!]**

# Welcome!

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024



*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."*

### SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM  
Unity in Prayer & Youth: 6:00 – 7:00 PM  
Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM; Kid's Club  
Prayer ½ hour before services

JESUS REIGNS – HE’S IN CHARGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Wednesday Bible Study** – we continue our new study, “The Great Disappearance” – Rapture of the church, taken from Dr. David Jeremiah’s study. We have student study guides available for \$10 each. Please see the Pastor for more details.

**Flagging Class** – suspended until further notice.

**Women’s Annual Spring Event** – April 27<sup>th</sup>, for more information please see Caroline Zeyak. There is a signup sheet on the table in the foyer.

**Iron Sharpens Iron 2024** – May 18<sup>th</sup>, call all men to please put this on your calendar and plan to attend. More information to follow. There are postcards on the table in the foyer. Take all you need and let’s recruit men to go with us to this event.

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**TEXT:** Revelation 11:15-17

Jesus, \_\_\_\_\_ now is seated as King and Lord over \_\_\_\_\_ things!  
Colossians 1:19-20; 2:9-10; Ephesians 1:15-23

**I. THE \_\_\_\_\_ HAS BEEN WON!**

The battle is \_\_\_\_\_! Revelation 12:7-10; Colossians 2:15; Isaiah 40:15; 17

**II. THE GLORY IS \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_! Exodus 33:21-23; 34:6-7; 2 Corinthians 3:14-15**

The veil, the \_\_\_\_\_ is taken away in Christ! 2 Corinthians 3:16  
Our \_\_\_\_\_ is most evident in our place of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Exodus 25:22

The very moment you \_\_\_\_\_ your place of prayer, the very moment you \_\_\_\_\_ your knee in prayer, the very moment you \_\_\_\_\_ your voice in prayer to God,  
He is there to put to \_\_\_\_\_ all His power on your \_\_\_\_\_!  
His \_\_\_\_\_ is in me and is in you! Ephesians 3:20-21

**III. HIS \_\_\_\_\_ IS OURS DAILY**

All things are under His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Psalm 99:1-3; 93:1-2; 96:10; 24:7-10; 68:23-33; Isaiah 52:7; 19:1; 2 Kings 6:17; Revelation 19:11-16

We have been invited to a \_\_\_\_\_! Revelation 19:6-9; Psalm 149:2; 149:3-5

The King Jesus has \_\_\_\_\_ your life and house with a multitude of all powerful heavenly \_\_\_\_\_ – Calvary – He is ready, He sits upon His white horse.