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On the Road to Emmaus

¹³ That very day two of them (*husband and wife*) were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and *they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.* ¹⁵ **While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.** ¹⁶ **But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.** ¹⁷ **And he said to them, ‘What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?’** And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas (*Jesus' uncle, brother of Joseph*), answered him, ‘**Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?**’ ¹⁹ And *he said to them, ‘What things?’* And they said to him, ‘**Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,**’ ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ **But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.** Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² *Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning,* ²³ *and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.* ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.’ ²⁵ And *he said to them, ‘O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!’* ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?’ ²⁷ **And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.**

²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.’ **So he went in to stay with them.** ³⁰ **When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.** ³¹ **And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.** And he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, ‘**Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?**’ ³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. *And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,* ³⁴ saying, ‘**The Lord has risen indeed,** and has appeared to Simon!’ ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.’

Luke 24:13-35

Have our Eyes been Opened, do we recognize Jesus (the true messiah and not a false messiah), are our Hearts Burning Within Us when we read the Scriptures, regarding Jesus being the True Messiah, and do we believe that Jesus, our Lord and Savior, has Risen Indeed? We would only know if we were walking with Jesus and searched the Scriptures with Jesus, allowing Him to illuminate the Truth, and not man. Not with New Revelation, but with the Revelation that God has already give us (Jesus used Moses and all the Prophets, the Scriptures, given by God, to Interpret the Scriptures concerning himself). As Paul said, “*Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ,*” 1 Corinthians 11:1.

For many in the Church, Jesus begins in the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), the New Testament, and ended at his Resurrection, with many in the Church going so far as to say that everything before the Resurrection has been completed and is no longer relevant, which in fact, contradicts the very words of Jesus who said, “*Do not think that I have come to abolish (bring to not, overthrow) the Law or the Prophets (teaching and instruction of God); I have not come to abolish (bring to not, overthrow) them but to fulfill (to be obeyed (walked out) as it should be) them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes (does away with a law) one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness (the condition acceptable to God – “So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”*

James 2:17) exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven,” Matthew 5:17-20; which in fact, Jesus himself, only used the Scriptures (which never included what we know as the New Testament, but the only Scripture they had, which was the Law and the Prophets) in verifying his divine purpose, again, as we read in Luke 24:27, “And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself,” Luke 24:27; and as it is understood of him in John 1:1-5, “*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*”

Ryan Roberts, *Key2Changes*

It was a Sunday, the first day of the week following Passover, also known as the Feast of First Fruits, the same day the Feast falls on every year, known also as the Eight Day, following the day of Sabbath Rest, a day symbolizing, “*New Beginning(s)*”. Interesting enough, had the Torah Reading continued to be sequentially read, not to have been paused for the annual Feast of Passover, the next reading would be read out of Leviticus chapter 9, which is instead read the following week, includes a revealing insight of what “*New Beginning(s)*” intel, which reads as follows:

*“For seven days, Aaron and his sons stayed at the Tent of Meeting as part of their ordination process. **On the eighth day, Moses called for them to begin presenting the offerings to the Lord.**”* Leviticus 9:1-2

These offerings were given as a kind of “**welcoming ceremony**” to greet the arrival of God’s Shekhinah (God’s Glory or Divine Presence):

“Then Moses said, ‘This is what the LORD has commanded you to do, so that the glory of the LORD may appear to you.’”
Leviticus 9:6

It took a full seven days of preparation before they could begin this new and holy function as priests who serve Adonai in the Tabernacle, where the Glory of the Lord came to reside.

New Beginnings Start with “Eight”

While the number seven represents completion (such as God’s creation of the universe), the number eight often represents new beginnings:

- On the seventh day, God rested and blessed it, declaring it as a set-apart, holy day of rest. On the eighth day, however, work resumed once more — only this time, human beings began stewardship of God’s creation by tending and caring for the Garden of Eden.
- The eighth day is, therefore, a type of anniversary of the Creation.
- Eight souls were saved during the Great Flood.
- The eighth day is considered a day of covenant, for it is on this day that every Jewish male infant is to be brought into covenant with the Almighty God through the rite of circumcision.
- David was the eighth son of Jesse and Israel’s first great king from whose lineage the Messiah would come.
- On the eighth day (first day of the week), Jesus rose from the grave and became the firstfruits of all those who will be resurrected on the last day.

Other occurrences of eight include the following:

- There were eight spices of incense. As well, the High Priest had eight articles of clothing.
- Often the weeklong festivals of Passover and Sukkot are given an additional eighth day of celebration, such as **Acharon shel Pesach** (Final Day of Passover) and **Shemini Atzeret** (Eighth Day of Assembly) on **Sukkot** (Tabernacles).

It is this same “*Feast of Passover*”, which some have said in the Church we should no longer celebrate, yet Jesus, himself even eagerly desired to have the Passover with his disciples, “*When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. And He said to them, ‘I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God’*” Luke 22:14–16, and equally today he desires us to behold (listen with understanding), as he demonstrated above in the account of Jesus “*On the Road to Emmaus*”, which directly illustrates how Jesus valued teaching and training when it came to these Appointed Times/Feasts of the Lord (and not the Jews).

Today, I want you to See God, See your Messiah, See Jesus your Redeemer who lives (“For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And . . . in my flesh shall I see God,” Job 19:25–26) and wants to walk with you in this Journey as he did the Israelites for 40 years as we learn below:

*“And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, **testing** you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.”* Deuteronomy 8:2

Annually, we celebrated the Passover Seder, recounting how the Angel of Death passed over the homes of the Israelites and all those in Egypt who applied the blood of the Passover lamb to their lintels and doorposts.

Two thousand years ago, **12 men celebrating the Passover Seder in Jerusalem were told by their rabbi and master, Jesus, that this would be their last Seder together.**

He also explained that it had prophetic significance.

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Despite this last breaking of unleavened bread and last sharing of the wine, Jesus did not leave them without hope. **He emphasized the physical coming of the Kingdom of God to the earth and His return:**

“After taking the cup, He gave thanks and said, *‘Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.’* And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, *‘This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’* In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, *‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.’*” **Luke 22:17–20**

And so Jesus taught his disciples that the Passover Seder was from that time on to be celebrated in remembrance of the sacrifice that He was to make of Himself in order to become an atonement for the sins of all mankind:

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” **John 1:29**

What Did Our Redeemer Do for Us?

“Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Messiah our Passover also has been sacrificed.” **1 Corinthians 5:7**

As the blood of the Passover lamb spared firstborns from judgment in the form of the last of the ten plagues in Egypt, the blood of our Messiah spares Believers from the curse for disobeying the law.

The law says in Deuteronomy 27:26, “Cursed is anyone who does not uphold the words of this law by carrying them out.” (see also Jeremiah 11:3 and Galatians 3:10)

The Messiah would redeem us from this curse: legal punishment that involved being “cut off” from society either through death or banishment.

Indeed, no sacrifice could cover intentionally disobeying the law. Nor could its covering of sin extend into eternity. **Only the Lamb of God could redeem humankind from the curse and the punishment of disobedience, as well as give eternal life.**

In 700 BC, the prophet Isaiah spoke of the fulfillment of Passover through the coming of the Passover Lamb, the Suffering Servant of God, who would become this curse for us and bear the sins of many:

“But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by His wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”
(Isaiah 53:5–6; see also Galatians 3:10, 13; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

But Isaiah 53 is not the only prophecy about Jesus. We can know that Jesus was this Suffering Servant and took our death penalty upon Himself as our Passover Lamb by carefully reading Passover Scriptures that foreshadow Him:

Foreshadow: Exodus 12:5 speaks of a spotless (unblemished) lamb to be used in the Seder. Isaiah 53:11 further describes the coming Passover Lamb as being the “righteous servant”.

Fulfilled: Paul tells us that “God made Him [Jesus] who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” **2 Corinthians 5:21**

Foreshadow: Exodus 12:22–23 describes how the blood of the lamb is used to cover the members of the household from judgment. Isaiah 53:6 says Messiah bore the “iniquity of us all”.

Fulfilled: Believers now “have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, His body.” **Hebrews 10:19–20**

Foreshadow: Exodus 12:6 says that the lamb is to be slaughtered between the evenings (sometimes translated twilight).

Fulfilled: Matthew 27:45–46 describes how Jesus hung on the tree from the 6th hour to the 9th hour, which is before evening fell. It is the same time that the Passover lambs were being slain for the Passover Seder.

Foreshadow: Exodus 12:46 says that not a bone of the lamb is to be broken.

Fulfilled: John 19:31–36 states that when the soldiers came to break the legs of those condemned to die on the Roman execution stake in order to hasten their death, Jesus was already dead. Not one of His bones was broken.

Foreshadow: Leviticus 23:5 says that Passover is to be celebrated on the 14th of Nisan at twilight.

Fulfilled: Matthew 27:62 tells us that Jesus died on the day of preparation for the Passover, which is Nisan 14th.

When Jesus became our Passover Lamb, He was cut off from the living for three days.

Because of this indescribable sacrifice on our behalf, Believers will be resurrected to be with Him on the last day, just as Martha proclaimed about her brother Lazarus, “I know He will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” **John 11:24**

Jesus Explains His Death and Resurrection

Some have argued that what was an apparent resurrection of Jesus’ body had been manufactured by the disciples in accordance with what they knew to be the Messianic prophecies.

But, in fact, they did not fully comprehend these prophecies until after the resurrection. We can see this specifically in Luke’s account of the appearance of the Messiah on the road to Emmaus. There on that road, Jesus interpreted these prophetic writings to His disciples saying:

*“Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?’ And **beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself.**” **Luke 24:26–27***

Even though Jesus’ disciples had witnessed Him revive many people from the dead, no one had been resurrected from death to **eternal life**:

i.e. The Death of Lazarus

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” ¹²The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

Jesus Weeps

²⁸ When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”
²⁹ And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴ And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”

Jesus Raises Lazarus

³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.”
⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” ⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” **John 11:1-44**

i.e. Jesus Raises a Widow's Son

⁴¹ Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹² As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, ‘Do not weep.’ ¹⁴ Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, ‘Young man, I say to you, arise.’ ¹⁵ And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶ Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, ‘A great prophet has arisen among us!’ and ‘God has visited his people!’ ¹⁷ And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.” **Luke 7:11-17**

i.e. Jairus' Daughter

⁴⁹ While he was still speaking, someone from the ruler's house came and said, ‘Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more.’ ⁵⁰ But Jesus on hearing this answered him, ‘Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well.’ ⁵¹ And when he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. ⁵² And all were weeping and mourning for her, but he said, ‘Do not weep, for she is not dead but sleeping.’ ⁵³ And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴ But taking her by the hand he called, saying, ‘Child, arise.’ ⁵⁵ And her spirit returned, and she got up at once. And he directed that something should be given her to eat. ⁵⁶ And her parents were amazed, but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.” **Luke 8:49-56**

i.e. The Rich Man and Lazarus

¹⁹ There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’” **Luke 16:19-31**

Even with all this prophetic teaching, it did not fully penetrate the hearts and minds of the disciples. After seeing the empty tomb, Peter “went away, wondering to himself what had happened.” **Luke 24:12**

Though the disciples were familiar with the Scriptures, they did not yet connect the prophecies about the identity of the Messiah or His suffering and resurrection, even though Jesus had prepared them for both when He told them:

“We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn Him to death and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day He will be raised to life!” **Matthew 20:18–19; see also Mark 8:31**

Jesus also compared Himself with the prophet Jonah, saying, *“For as Jonah was **three days and three nights** in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be **three days and three nights** in the heart of the earth.”*
Matthew 12:40

And, of course, there is the story of Thomas who when told by the others that they had seen the risen Messiah said:

“Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where the nails were,
and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.” John 20:25

Once Jesus explained the prophecies that foreshadowed His death and resurrection, the hearts of the two individuals burned; they hurried to the other disciples to proclaim, “It is true! The Lord has risen.” Luke 24:32–34

Despite their new understanding of Messianic prophecy, the disciples still would not be empowered to boldly proclaim that understanding until the Feast of Shavuot (Pentecost) some 50 days later.

On that day, the Holy Spirit filled the disciples, empowering them with greater prophetic insight and knowledge.

On Shavuot, the “Feast of Pentecost”, full of the Spirit, Peter explained to many hundreds of Jewish people how King David foresaw the Messiah’s victory over death through His resurrection:

“Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet . . . Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that He was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did His body see decay.

“God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.”
(Acts 2:29–33; see Psalm 16:8–11 for David’s prophecy)

David’s prophetic insight gives us all hope. We, therefore, can proclaim in the words of Job: *“I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God.”* Job 19:25–26

Because of God’s great plan of redemption as prophesied throughout Scriptures, Jesus suffered for our sins and gained victory over both sin and death through His own death and resurrection.

Because of Him, we can enter into eternal life.

As a bridegroom prepares for the arrival of his bride, Jesus is even now preparing for the arrival of every Believer - both Jew and Gentile - into **a glorious eternity** just as He promised us:

*“In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.**”* John 14:2–3

Come, Lord Jesus, Come!