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## AMAZING AND ASTOUNDING: WHAT HAPPENED AND WHAT JESUS DID

At this important time of the year it is good for us again to reflect on the amazing happenings during the crucifixion of Jesus and his extraordinary accomplishments in going through that and the resurrection.

### AMAZING EVENTS OF THE CRUCIFIXION

(1) In going to and through the cross Jesus' appearance became disfigured beyond recognition as a human being. The movie a few years ago called THE PASSION did not begin to show how horribly he was beaten. Part of the disfiguring surely also had to do with the incredible burden of corrupt humanity that he was bearing, the sins and sicknesses of all people forever.

*Just as there were many who were appalled at him. His appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness* (Isaiah 52:14)

(2) Jesus died at three in the afternoon.

(3) When he died the curtain in the temple that separated the most holy place, the place of the ark, from the rest of the temple was torn in two. And torn from top to bottom!!! This likely was angels doing the tearing, God opening the way to him for all believers. This curtain that was torn in two is said to have been four inches thick and sixty feet high. Tearing it in two was far beyond the abilities of any human being.

*At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.* (Matthew 27:51)

(4) When he died, tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. After Jesus' resurrection they came out of the tombs and went into Jerusalem and appeared to many people. Note that these were holy people! What did they do when they appeared to many? How did those seeing this react?

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*Keep Your Eyes on Jesus!*

(5) The centurion and those guarding Jesus at the cross exclaimed at seeing all that happened after his death that surely he was the Son of God.

***When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"*** (Matthew 27:54)

(6) When Jesus was arrested in the garden, the soldiers and officials who came for him said they were looking for "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus responded "I am he" and the power of that response and his presence knocked them to the ground! Everyone should have known they were dealing with something and someone beyond anything they had ever known. Jesus could only be arrested by his allowing it to happen. (In the original Greek of the New Testament, what Jesus actually said was "ego eimi," or "I am," the same words identifying himself that God said to Moses in identifying himself.)

***When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground.*** (John 18:6)

(7) Before the crucifixion, during the trial, Pilate's wife had warned him to have nothing to do with the innocent Jesus:

***While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."*** (Matthew 27:19)

(8) After his arrest, Jesus responded to the high priest's questioning him by affirming that indeed he was the Christ, the Son of God.

***Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"***

***"I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."*** (Mark 14:61-62)

Jesus did not hide who he was and was specific in dealing with these spiritually blind religious leaders.

(9) In Mark, Matthew, and Luke, Pilate asked Jesus if he was the king of the Jews, and Jesus is quoted in each book as answering:

***"Yes, it is as you say."***

In John, Jesus was more specific –

***Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."***

***"You are a king, then!" said Pilate.***

***Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."*** (John 18:36-37)

## **ASTOUNDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JESUS IN HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION**

- **FORGIVENESS** - Perhaps the best known of things he did, Jesus made possible for us to receive God's forgiveness of our sins. (Isaiah 53:4-5)
- **PEACE WITH GOD** - Jesus brought us peace with God (Luke 2:14). That's what the angels were singing about – peace between God and man – obviously not peace between all men. Look at the earth and all the wars and disagreements today!
- **DIVINE HEALING AND HEALTH** - In all ways. For today, right now. By his stripes, you have been healed. As I say often, God wants you well. (Isaiah 53:4-5; 1 Peter 2:24).
- **RIGHTEOUSNESS** - Jesus took our unrighteousness that we might be the righteousness of God in him. (II Corinthians 5:21).
- **ETERNAL LIFE** - Jesus overcame death and brought us life everlasting (John 3:16). And not just any life, but life with him and his father, life in the Kingdom of God.
- **ABUNDANT PROVISION** - Jesus became poor that we might be rich (2 Corinthians 9:9).
- **KINGDOM OF GOD** - He began the restoration of the Kingdom of God on Earth (Luke 4:43). He actually said that preaching the good news of the Kingdom of God was why he was sent.
- **FREEDOM FROM SHAME** - He took our shame upon himself that we might be free from shame. (Psalm 69:7).
- **FREEDOM FROM REJECTION** - He took our rejection upon himself that we might be free of that too. (Isaiah 53:3). No one in Christ is rejected. We are all part of a wonderful family, the family of God.
- **DESTRUCTION OF THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL** – As the scripture says, Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8). Until Armageddon the devil continues to be in control of this world (1 John 5:19); but we believers have the authority in Jesus' name to cast out demons and we have the Kingdom of God inside us.
- **BLESSINGS INSTEAD OF CURSES** - He freed us from curses of the law and instead brought us the blessing given Abraham (Galatians 3:13-14).
- **THE HOLY SPIRIT** - He asked the Father and the Father sent us the Holy Spirit (John 14:16). The Holy Spirit is for every believer. While Jesus was on earth, he could only be in one place just like each of us. But when he left, he asked his father, and his father sent us the Holy Spirit. God – the Holy Spirit can be and is anywhere he wants to be and with any and everyone he wants to be all at the same time. And with the baptism of the Holy Spirit comes all those wonderful gifts of the Spirit, gifts of healings, of

miraculous works, of faith, of discernment, of speaking and interpreting in tongues, of prophecy, of word of knowledge, of word of wisdom. And so many more.

- **SHOWED US WHO WE ARE IN HIM** - For example, in Jesus' name we cast out demons. In his name, we do the same things he did, even greater. See the handout "Who Are We in Jesus" on our website. Or request a copy from us and we will mail it to you. It is a long list of who we are in Jesus, which in effect is a list of great gifts he has brought each believer.
- **PROPHESIED WHAT HAD TO HAPPEN BEFORE HIS RETURN** (Mark 13, Matthew 24, Luke 21) – He told us what to look for that would be signs of his imminent return.  
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[We produced several television programs titled *What Did Jesus Accomplish?* You can watch these on our website in the video section or on our YOUTUBE channel.]

**AS ALWAYS, OUR GREAT THANKS AGAIN TO ALL THOSE SUPPORTING THIS MINISTRY WITH YOUR PRAYERS AND FINANCIAL DONATIONS! WE CAN ALL SEE WITH OUR OWN EYES THE EVENTS OF THE LAST DAYS PLAYING OUT AND WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP IN OUR GETTING THE TRUTHS OF THE GOSPEL TO MORE AND MORE OF THOSE WHO JUST DO NOT KNOW THEM!**

**STAND FIRM IN YOUR FAITH AND KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS!  
SOON YOU WILL BE SEEING HIM IN A WHOLE NEW WAY!**

***May you live in the blessings of God always.***

***John***

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