

# NOT JUST PASSING THROUGH

## *The Hope of the First Century Jesus Movement*

**Matthew 28.18-19**—And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority [dominion] in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of ALL NATIONS . . .”

**Luke 4.5-7**—Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you i will give their glory and all this authority [dominion]; for it has been given over to me, and i give it to anyone I please. if you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”

**Daniel 7.13,14**—in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

**Matthew 26.64**— . . . Jesus replied. “But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty one and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

**John 13.31**—When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him

**John 12.31**—Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

**Mark 1.15**—“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

**Matthew 10.7-8**—As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

**Luke 9.6**—so they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.

**Acts 28.30-31**—For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!

**Luke 13.19**—It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. it grew and became a tree, and the birds perched in its branches.

**Revelation 21.1-3**—Then I saw a **NEW** [Kainos vs neos] heaven and a **NEW** earth . . . And i heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them.”

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**Revelation 21.5**—And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making ALL THINGS NEW.”

## Two Ages

**Matthew 12.32**— . . . either in THIS AGE or in THE AGE TO COME.

**Mark 10.30**—Will fail to receive a hundred times as much in THIS PRESENT AGE: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields —along with persecutions—and in THE AGE TO COME eternal life.

**Luke 18.30**— . . . THIS AGE, and in THE AGE TO COME eternal life.”

**Matthew 13.39**—And the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the END OF THE AGE, and the harvesters are angels. As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at THE END OF THE AGE.

**Matthew 13.49**—This is how it will be at THE END OF THE AGE.

**Matthew 24.3**—As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of olives, the disciples came to him privately. “Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of THE END OF THE AGE?”

**Matthew 28.20**—And surely I am with you always, to THE VERY END OF THE AGE.

**Luke 20.35**— . . . taking part in THE AGE TO COME and in THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD . . .

**John 11:17-26**—So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. . . . Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him. . . . Martha then said to Jesus, ‘lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. even now i know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.’ Jesus said to her, ‘your brother will rise again.’ Martha said to Him, ‘I know that he will rise again in THE RESURRECTION AT THE LAST DAY.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I AM THE RESURRECTION and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die [eternally]. Do you believe this?’

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**John 11.11-14**—After he had said this, he went on to tell them, “our friend lazarus has fallen asleep; but i am going there to wake him up.” His disciples replied, “lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.” Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. so then he told them plainly, “lazarus is dead,

**Luke 8.51-53**—When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let any- one go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child’s father and mother. Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. “stop wailing,” Jesus said. “she is not dead but asleep.” They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead.

**John 5.28,29**—Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.

**Acts 2.25-36**—David said about him: “i saw the lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, i will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, YOU WILL NOT LET YOUR HOLY ONE SEE DECAY. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.” Brothers and sisters, we all know that the patriarch DAVID IS DEAD AND BURIED, AND HIS TOMB IS HERE TO THIS DAY. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. 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 the fact. 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. For DAVID DID NOT ASCEND TO HEAVEN, and yet he said, “The lord said to my lord: “SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.” Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both LORD AND MESSIAH.”

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**Acts 3.20-21**—Jesus, who must remain in heaven until the time of UNIVERSAL RESTORATION that God announced long ago through his holy prophets.

**1 Thessalonians 4.13-18**— Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that for those who have fallen asleep in Jesus, God will bring them forth [from death] just as with him [i.e. from the grave, do the same thing for them that God did for Jesus]. According to the lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds To MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR. And so we will be with the lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**1 Corinthians 15.12-34**—Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresent- ing God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. if for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact CHRIST HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD, the FIRST FRUITS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED . . . Then comes the end, when he hands over THE KINGDOM OF GOD THE FATHER, AFTER HE HAS DESTROYED EVERY RULER AND EVERY AUTHORITY AND POWER. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. THE LAST ENEMY TO BE DESTROYED IS DEATH . . .



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**Philippians 1.21-26**—For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. if i am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and i do not know which i prefer. i am hard pressed between the two: my desire is for THE RETURN [Analu] and being WITH CHRIST [1 Thessalonians 4.17], for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. since i am convinced of this, i know that i will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that i may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when i come to you again.

**Acts 18.23**—After spending some time there he DEPARTED [EXERCHOMAI] and went from place to place through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

**Luke 12.36**—Be like those who are waiting for their master to RETURN [Analu] from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

“Analu means clearly to return from another place to here not from here to another place.” [Tob. 2.9; Jud 13.1; 1esd 3.3; Wisd.2.1; 5.12; Ecclus 3.15; 2Macc 8.25; 9.1; 12.7; 15.18] e.W. Bullinger’s *The Church Epistles: Romans to Thessalonians* p. 137.

**Hebrews 2.14-15**—Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

**1 Corinthians 15.58** —Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the lord, because you know that in the lord your labor is not in vain.

The Resurrection of Christ enables us to believe a new world has come. Not a world where the Divine is found within the domination systems of this world, but a world where the Divine dwells with the one hanging on a tree placed there by those systems. We no longer fear the consequences of cleansing temples in our day, we believe we are not “just-a-passin’ through”. We are moved from PASSIVITY into ACTIVELY answering the call to put on display what the world changed by Jesus looks like.

Revelation 21.22—I saw no temple in the city . . .

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