

DIVINE DREAM OF RESTORATION

A World Put Right By the Resurrection

John 3.17—Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be healed through him.

Hebrews 2.14—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.

1 John 3.8—The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's works.

John 16.11— . . . the ruler of this world . . . [magistrate]

John 14.30 (NRSV)—I will not say much more to you, for the ruler of this world is coming.

Why Jesus was Crucified

Galatians 1.4—Who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father.

John 12.20-28—“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” . . . Now is the judgment of this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

Luke 11.21-22—When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up his plunder.

Luke 4.5-7—The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

1 John 5.19—We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the **CONTROL OF THE EVIL ONE**.

Acts 10.38—How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil.

Mark 10.45—For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a **RANSOM** for many.

Three Sacrificial Systems

John 8.44—You are from your father the devil, and you choose to do your

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God in the hands of Angry Sinners

Mark 11.11—Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

Matthew 9.13—Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’

Matthew 12.7—But if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless.

Hosea 6.6—For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God [in others] rather than burnt offerings.

Isaiah 1.11-12—What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand?

The unjust execution of Jesus must not be looked upon as the Victory of God, for that has not happened yet. This is nothing more than the victory of the threatened Powers, yet again, as another Victim is sacrificed.

father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Luke 9.22—“The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

Hope of the Hebrew People

Mark 11.15-18—On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts . . . The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching.

John 11.47-50—So the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the council. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation.” But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all! You do not understand that it is better for you to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed.”

Luke 22.52— . . . the officers of the TEMPLE POLICE, and the elders who had come for him . . .

Luke 23.12—That day Herod and Pilate BECAME FRIENDS—before this they had been enemies.

Mark 15.15—Wanting to SATISFY THE CROWD, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

Luke 23.34—Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING.”

The Gospel story someone was crucified, nor is it simply someone came back to life. The Gospel is the story concerning a specific Person who was executed by the System, and GOD stood in solidarity with Him and brought Him back to Life!

The Story of this Resurrected One marks the end of Sacrificial Systems that demand the death of those who are innocent, whether Political relying on violence, Religious based on fear, or Economic driven by greed. It puts on display that the Presence of God is not found within the most exclusive holy places belonging to those systems. The true dwelling place of The Presence is found in the One shamefully suspended on a cursed tree at the orders of those Powers that Be (political, religious and economic). The Resurrection is the start of a whole new world where we need not fear the consequences our engagement against those Powers. We stand in the Victory of the Christ over all injustice. A Victory which has already been won.

A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act. — Mahatma Gandhi

Greek Transliteration of the Aramaic

Psalms 22.0—To the leader: according to The Deer of the Dawn. A Psalm of David. “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Psalms 22.24—For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him

Paradeisos—Garden, Paradise

Genesis 2.8—And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden . . .

Acts 2.22-36—Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, given to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. **But God raised him up**, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power . . . **God has raised this Jesus to life**, and we are all witnesses of the fact . . . **Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.**”

Acts 3.13-15—The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, **has glorified his servant Jesus**. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, **but God raised him from the dead**. We are witnesses of this.

Acts 13.32-33—We tell you the good news: **What God promised our ancestors he has fulfilled for us, their children, BY RAISING UP JESUS.**

Acts 5.30-31—The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. **God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior . . .**

Matthew 27.41-46—In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! **He’s the King of Israel!** Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” . . . Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

Luke 23.43—He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

John 12.28—“Father, glorify your name.”

John 12.28—“The prince of this world will be driven out.”

Matthew 28.18-20—Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples . . . instructing them in the practice of everything I have taught you. And I’ll be with you every step of the way till this age is brought to its end.” (Personal Translation)

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Preoccupation with Post-Mortem Change or Enlarging the Kingdom here and now.

Kingdom of Heaven

Matthew 6.10—Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Displaying A World Changed By Jesus
Violence, Greed and Fear

Genesis 3.15— . . . he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.

Romans 16.20—The God of peace will shortly crush the satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Matthew 10.7—As you go, proclaim this message: “The Kingdom of heaven has come.”

Luke 9.22-24—Saying, “The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, **and on the third day be raised.**” Then he said to them all, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and **take up their cross** daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.

Matthew 20.22-23—But Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?” They said to him, “We are able.” He said to them, “**You will indeed drink my cup . . .**

John 3.17—For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but **that the world through him might be healed.**

John 20.19-21—When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

Acts 28.30-31—He lived there two whole years at his own expense and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.