



NOW What?

NOW WHAT? PT. 2 | JESUS APPEARS | PASTOR RYAN ROBERTS

THE CROSS AND THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST WAS THE END OF THE REIGN OF SIN IN DEATH... IT WAS THE FULFILLMENT OF THE COVENANT PROMISE, IT WAS THE FINAL SACRIFICIAL ACT THAT BRIDGES THE GAP BETWEEN GOD AND SINNERS, IT REMOVED THE STING OF DEATH, THE POWER OF THE GRAVE AND THE TRIUMPH OF HELL, IT DISARMED THE POWERS OF DARKNESS, SICKNESS AND DISEASE AND PUBLICALLY SHAMED THEM....

BUT IT IS NOT THE END! IT FINISHED THE PRICE. BUT IT IS NOT THE END OF GOD'S REDEMPITIVE PLAN!

IF IT WERE THE END, WE WOULDN'T BE HERE! THE END RESULT IS CHRIST'S 2ND COMING, THE BIBLE CALLS THIS THE DAY OF THE LORD...

The birth connects God to humanity

The ascension connects humanity back to God

The ascension gives us direct access to Father God

And TODAY Jesus is interceding for you!

LAST WEEK: WE STARTED EXAMINING THE RESURRECTION STORY ACCORDING TO JOHN... SEE EACH DISCIPLE HAD AS LITTLE DIFFERENT RESPONSE TO LIFE AFTER THE CROSS, AFTER THE RESURRECTION...

THE POST-RESURRECTION STORIES AFTER THE CROSS... THE DISCIPLES MUST HAD BEEN CONFUSED... SOME WERE ATTEMPTING TO GO BACK TO NORMAL, SOME WERE IN FEAR, AND I CAN IMAGINE ALL OF THEM WERE ASKING: **NOW WHAT?**

JOHN 20:14-23

JESUS ESSENTIALLY COMMISSIONS MARY TO GO AND TELL HIS BROTHERS

JOHN 20:19-23

OBSERVATIONS:

1. THE DOORS TO THE ROOM ARE LOCKED, OUT OF FEAR

HOW DID JESUS GET IN?

1 COR 15:35-49

PEACE: **eiréné** (Greek): from *eirō*, "to *join, tie together* into a *whole*" when all essential parts are joined together; *peace* (God's gift of *wholeness*)... corresponds directly with the Hebrew word: שלום **Shalom**

FEAR: **5401. Phobos** (Greek): meant *withdrawal*, fleeing because feeling inadequate (without sufficient *resources*

Romans 16:17-20

John 20:20-23

2. JESUS BEGINS TO COMMISSION THEM AND HE BREATHES ON THEM... AND SAYS “RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT”

Emphusaó (em-foo-sah'-o): to breathe into...

Accomplishes:

- A. It previews what is to come**
- B. It enables them to function in the ministry until the infilling of power**
- C. It marks them as a new creation (in Christ), directly relating to Father God breathing into Adam at creation! (Genesis 2)**

What about verse 23????

THE AMPLIFIED VERSION HELPS: ²³ If you forgive the sins of anyone they are forgiven [because of their faith]; if you retain *the sins* of anyone, they are retained [and remain unforgiven because of their unbelief].”

JOHN 20:24-29

- 3. THOMAS IS CALLED THE TWIN**
- 4. THOMAS WAS INVITED BY JESUS TO PLACE HIS FINGER IN HIS HANDS AND ON HIS SIDE**
- 5. THOMAS RESPONDS WHEN HE TOUCHES HIM: “MY LORD, MY GOD”!**

THE WHOLE POINT OF THIS TEACHING IS TO ANSWER THE QUESTION: NOW, WHAT?

ENEMIES OF FAITH: FEAR, COMPLACENCY, & CYNICAL DOUBT

“Our constant stimulation demands relentless attention, expecting immediate results and offering instant pleasure without effort. Which can be detrimental to our intellect (learning), cognition (brain function), and willingness to exercise faith (spiritual competence), which all require time and effort.” -Pastor Ryan

AND THIS IS ONE OF THE WAYS THE ENEMY TEMPTS US TO DOUBT.

1 John 5:4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

James 2:17 So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

JOHN 20:30-31

SO, NOW WHAT?

PUT YOUR FAITH MUSCLES TO WORK!

EXERCISE YOUR FAITH

INCREASE YOUR FAITH

SHARE YOUR FAITH

MAINTAIN YOUR FAITH