

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

**NO CHURCH THIS SUNDAY**

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The Holy Spirit woke me up on the morning of October 7th at 4:00 AM to show me a vision about the end times. For some time I have been asking God to show me why He gave the great revelation to the apostle John, which we know today as the Book of Revelation.

## **THE FIRST SIXTY YEARS**

From the day of Pentecost until 90 A.D., a time period of about 60 years, the apostles, including Paul, had not been instructed by Jesus as to how the world system would be closed down. They had been given some glimpses like the references to a period of tribulation when Jesus referred to a person as the "abomination of desolation" standing in the temple in Jerusalem. When this happened, it would be time to flee. **Matthew 24:15-20**

The apostle Paul referred to the man of sin but there were no details of what would happen during the most turbulent period in the history of mankind. **2 Thessalonians 2:1-11**

The apostle Peter said the earth and the entire universe would be dissolved with a new creation following afterward. These were future events but the sequence in which they would come was not revealed. **2 Peter 3:10-13**

It must have come as a shock to the Christians when the temple in Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 A.D., even though it was prophesied by Jesus.

In order for the generation who is going to live during the tribulation period, a written record had to be written down so that God's people could prepare themselves and not be surprised by the world dictator, who would rule over a world federation with total economic and religious control. The people also needed to know that this ruler will be defeated by Jesus and about the judgments of God and when the new creation would take place.

## **PERSECUTION OF THE CHURCH**

Jesus was persecuted from the day He was born in Bethlehem until the day He died on the cross. From the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus prepared the disciples to expect persecution when proclaiming the Gospel message instead of being received with great joy. **Matthew 10:16-39**

With the exception of John, every apostle died a violent death at the hands of men who hated Jesus.

The church was birthed in a time of persecution and there will be much persecution before Jesus comes back. **Revelation 13:4-9**



## **THE MARK OF THE BEAST**

Never before in the history of mankind has such a financial, industrial and commerce network existed that controls individuals in every nation on the earth; but Jesus predicted this exact scenario. **Revelation 13:11-18**

There will be a mark of loyalty for people to be part of this global system but no one will be forced to take it. Every person who takes this mark on their forehead or right hand will voluntarily pledge their loyalty to the Antichrist. **Revelation 13:14-15**

## **THE PENALTY FOR TAKING THE MARK OF THE BEAST**

Jesus also made it clear there are eternal consequences for the person that takes the mark; eternal damnation in the Lake of Fire, with no possibility or repentance. In other words, you cannot undo this action; not even the blood of Jesus will wash away this sin. **Revelation 14:9-13**

## **WHAT SHOULD CHRISTIANS DO?**

The warning has been given by Jesus; it is up to each individual to take action. We will do well if we listen to the Holy Spirit and learn how He led the early church through their time of persecution. **John 16:7-15**

## **PUBLIC CHURCHES ARE COMING TO AN END**

When the time of the Antichrist begins, it will become unlawful to be a professing Christian, church buildings will be closed; pastors and church leaders who insist on preaching the true Gospel will be arrested, sent to labor camps or executed. This is the life of Christians in China today.

Christians will no longer have access to the Internet, which will be purged of all websites that include Christian content or opposes the new world government. Christians who have smart phones will find themselves cut off from service.

There will be no more stores that sell Bibles and you won't be able to find them for sale except on the black market.

## **HOW DID THE EARLY CHURCH SURVIVE?**

The early church survived because of the following factors:

1. There was no central leadership for the first 200 years.
2. There were no church buildings; instead, Christians met in small home groups and were lead by an elder. Every city or a rural province would have a bishop, who instructed the elders from the Bible. **1 Timothy 3:1-7**
3. To be accepted into a home group, an individual had to repent of his sins, receive Christ as Lord and Savior and submit to water baptism through immersion. Once he had proved himself to be a disciple, he was accepted into the fellowship. **Acts 9:26-27**
4. Jesus had set up the different offices in the church. **Ephesians 4:11-16**

5. In order to gain access to a local fellowship, a letter of recommendation was required. **Acts 15:22-27**
6. The written word of God was used by the Holy Spirit to keep the churches spiritually healthy. **2 Peter 1:13-21**

## **TURKEY**

There is a television channel called, "Hayat" that has been operating from Turkey since 2007. They offer satellite and Internet streaming. Millions of Muslims watch it daily and 30 house churches have been founded from people being saved watching this channel in Turkey. It is staffed by Turkish and other Middle East nationals.

## **MONGOLIA**

Mongolia has a population of 3 million. When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, there were four known national Christians. In 2013 there are more than 100,000 Christians spread out among 600 churches. The awakening continues in this country.

## **CHINA**

China has an estimated population in 2013 of 1.354 billion people. According to conservative estimates from Christian leaders in China, 80,000 people per week are born again and join the Christian house churches that now number more than 100 million.

When the communist took power in 1949 and killed or drove out all missionaries, there were about one million Chinese Christians.

It is against the law to witness to people under the age of 18 in China. One Christian leader, a woman, was asked by the Christian church leaders to develop a program for Sunday school and to train 10,000 Sunday school teachers in five years. She developed the Dove Training Kit. Once the 10,000 teachers had been trained and started teaching Sunday school secretly, they were in turn to train 10 each. The target was met in three years and today China has an estimated 200,000 trained Sunday School teachers, teaching children from four to eleven year old.

***Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!***

***Do you have an ear to hear with?***