

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE LIFE OF JESUS

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PART 21: THE FINAL DAYS WITH JESUS

RÉGIME CHANGE

It was time to confront the Devil the moment Jesus entered into His resurrected body. Jesus had resisted the Devil prior to the cross but He had never taken dominion over him. The time had finally come to summon Lucifer (a.k.a. the Devil, the Old Serpent, Satan, Deceiver) to appear in Jerusalem. This took place in the spirit world and was not witnessed by any human being.

Jesus' bodyguard of 72,000 angels secured the area and the Devil was told to stand before Jesus while the rest of the fallen angels and evil spirits solemnly observed what was about to take place. A command was given for Satan to lay prostrate and then Jesus walked over and stomped on his head. **Genesis 3:15**

The Devil was officially dethroned and no longer the ruler of the earth. **John 12:31**

Jesus then demanded that the Devil, the other fallen angels and evil spirits bow their knees and declare His Lordship. **Colossians 2:14-15; Philippians 2:5-11**

Jesus made sure that the Devil and his crowd understood that all power in heaven and earth had been given to the Son of God. **Matthew 28:16-18; Revelation 1:8-18**

Jesus took back what Adam lost! **Romans 5:12-19**

ENTERING THE THRONE ROOM

Jesus showed Himself to Mary Magdalene shortly after the resurrection but instructed her not to touch Him because He had not yet presented Himself and His blood to God the Father in heaven. **John 20:16-17**

Jesus traveled to heaven, entered the throne room of God and presented His blood to God the Father. **Hebrews 9:11-26**

Eight days later He let Thomas to touch his body. **John 20:26-27**

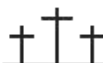
SHOWING HIMSELF

Two of Jesus' disciples were walking to the village of Emmaus from Jerusalem. Jesus joined them but they failed to recognize Him. When He asked why they were downcast, they told him about the crucifixion and how the Messiah was dead.

Jesus began to teach them until they finally recognized it was Him. They got so excited that they immediately returned to Jerusalem to report what they had seen and heard to the apostles. **Luke 24:13-35**

Jesus appeared soon after Cleopas and his friend came to the apostles. **verses 36-44**

The most extensive narrative of the risen Jesus was written by John. Some of the apostles had returned to Galilee and decided to go fishing but they didn't catch anything all night. **John 21:1-3**



They found a man standing by the shore in the morning and did not realize it was Jesus. **verse 4**

Jesus asked if they had caught any fish and then told them to cast their net on the other side of the boat, resulting in a catch so massive that they could not haul it aboard. **verses 5-6**

Peter got excited when John told him it was Jesus on the shore. **verse 7**

The other disciples were in a different boat and they helped drag the enormous catch to shore. **verses 8-11**

Jesus told the men to come and dine and they were so intimidated that they did not dare ask Jesus who He was. **verse 12**

After they had dined, Jesus challenged Peter three times with variations of the same question. Twice Jesus used the word “agape” twice, which refers to divine love; the last time He used the word “phileo,” which refers to brotherly love. **verses 13-19**

Then Peter asked what would happen to John and Jesus more or less told him it was none of his business. **verses 20-25**

THE GREAT COMMISSION

It was on a mountain in Galilee that Jesus bestowed the great commission to the apostles. **Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:14-18**

THE ASCENSION

Jesus spent 40 days on the earth after the resurrection. It is obvious that most of the time Jesus devoted to the disciples was not recorded. **Acts 1:1-3; John 21:25**

Jesus summoned His followers to Mount Olivet (Mount of Olives) with an elevation of 2,710 feet.

His last instruction was for them to wait for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. They were more interested in knowing when Jesus would restore the Kingdom of Israel. Jesus told them not to leave Jerusalem until they had been baptized in the Holy Spirit. **Acts 1:4-8**

Once Jesus finished speaking, He began to rise up through the air and disappeared in a cloud. **verse 9**

Angels appeared while they stood gazing at the sky and told them that Jesus would return to the earth in the same way He left. **verses 10-11**

All of them then returned to Jerusalem and stayed in a house with an upper room. **verses 12-13**

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?