

## **MOST PEOPLE'S INTERPRETATION**

- In Matthew 27 we see the story of the crucifixion of Jesus.
- We see Him made fun of, spit on, beaten, and then nailed to a tree.
- Most people's interpretation of Jesus stops here.
- Today I want to take you beyond the cross and into the resurrection.
- What Jesus did on the cross was amazing. It was powerful. It was necessary. It was the only way we could be forgiven, saved, healed, redeemed, restored, blessed, and declared righteous.
- Something happened though after the cross that changed the lives of Christians forever.

## **GOING BEYOND THE CROSS**

### **Matthew 28: 1-10, 16-20 (NIV)**

**1** *After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.*

**2** *There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.*

**3** *His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.*

**4** *The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.*

**5** *The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.*

**6** *He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.*

**7** *Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."*

**8** *So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.*

**9** *Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.*

**10** *Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."*

**16** Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.  
**17** When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.  
**18** Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.  
**19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
**20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

- Why did Jesus just now tell them that He has all authority in Heaven and earth?
- Why wouldn't He have said this before He died?
- For some reason we focus only on the cross. I am not making light of the cross, but merely bringing light to the resurrection.
- You see, for Jesus to say that all authority has been given unto Him, He must not have had that authority before the resurrection.
- Jesus told the disciples before his ascension that there would be a day when they are to pray in His name.
- He told them that in that day, all power would be given through that name.
- That at that name every knee shall bow.
- That demons will flee at that name.
- That name was made great through the resurrection.
- The cross brought us the sacrifice for our sins, the resurrection brought us authority over our sins.

## **IT'S A PACKAGE DEAL**

### **Hebrews 9:11-12 (NIV)**

**11** When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation.  
**12** He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.

- We needed Christ to die, but it was a package deal.
- You cannot have the death without the resurrection.

- We needed Him to resurrect so that He could go to the Father on our behalf with His own Blood and complete the sacrifice.
- The cross signifies death and defeat.
- The resurrection signifies life and victory.
- The God I serve was not defeated!
- He defeated defeat!

**Galatians 2:20 (NIV)**

*I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

- The Bible says that we were crucified with Him.
- If we died with Him then we also rose with Him.
- The man I serve is a King!
- He gave us power and authority to rule and reign in this life with Him.
- Because of the resurrection we have authority as believers over satan.
- Death couldn't hold Jesus down.
- He was beaten, bruised, tortured, and put to death for everything wrong you have ever done or will ever do. For any sickness that has attacked or will ever attack your body.
- He forgave you when He was on the cross.
- But when He rose...WOW! He made you righteous, holy, gave you authority, and He sat down at the right hand of the Father.

**Ephesians 2:6 (NIV)**

*And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,*

- Not only were we crucified with Him, we rose with Him, and we are seated with Him.
- Whatever the devil has lied to you about and made you feel unworthy about, you remind him of your seat.
- Jesus paid to high of a price for you to be ignorant of your place in Christ.
- Together we died, together we rose, and together we reign.