YOUR PROMISED LAND

**7––HIS CROSS … AND OURS** (Easter 2021)

**Mark 15:1, 9-15, 25 (NKJV)** Immediately, in the morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council; and they bound Jesus, led Him away, and delivered Him to Pilate. **… Verse 9** But Pilate answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” **10** For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy. **11** But the chief priests stirred up the crowd, so that he should rather release Barabbas to them. **12** Pilate answered and said to them again, “What then do you want me to do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?” **13** So they cried out again, “Crucify Him!” **14** Then Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has He done?” But they cried out all the more, “Crucify Him!” **15** So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be crucified. **… Verse 25** Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him.

**Mark 16:1–7 (NKJV)** Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. **2** Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. **3** And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” **4** But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. **5** And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. **6** But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. **7** But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.”

**WHY DID HE DIE IN THE FIRST PLACE?**

**John 3:16–17 (NKJV)** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **17** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

**IF YOU DON’T KNOW JESUS AS YOUR SAVIOR, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO REPENT OF YOUR SINS … TO COMMIT YOUR LIFE TO JESUS … AND BE SAVED**

**Romans 10:9 (NKJV)** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

**WHAT IS GOD’S PLAN FOR THE REST OF THE WORLD TO BE SAVED?**

**Mark 16:15–16 (NKJV)** And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. **16** He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

**BUT HOW MANY PEOPLE REALLY DO THIS? EVERYONE HAS THEIR OWN WAY OF LIFE**

**LISTEN TO WHAT JESUS SAID IN…**

**Mark 8:34 (NLT)** **…** “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.”

**Luke 14:27 (NLT)** “And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple.”

**Matthew 10:38 (NLT)** “If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine.”

**IT’S BEEN ABOUT 2000 YEARS, AND HE STILL HAS NOT COME … WHY?**

**2 Peter 3:9 (NLT)** The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

**HOWEVER … WE’RE GETTING CLOSE NOW … CAN YOU SEE IT?**

**THE TIME IS SHORT … THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES ARE FLASHING RED**

**Revelation 13:15–18 (NIV)** The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. **16** It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, **17** so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name. **18** This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666.

**Revelation 14:9–11 (NIV)** A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: “If

anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand, **10** they, too, will drink the wine of God’s fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. They will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. **11** And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name.”

**JESUS WARNED US THAT WE MUST BE WATCHING AND READY**

**Romans 13:11–14 (ESV)** Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. **12** The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. **13** Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. **14** But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**SO WHAT SHOULD WE DO?**

**Matthew 28:19–20 (NIV)** “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.”

**WE MUST WORK TOGETHER … WE MUST MAKE DISCIPLES AND PLANT MORE CHURCHES THAT MAKE DISCIPLES**

**MAY 23 IS PENTECOST SUNDAY**

* **YOU CAN PLANT A CHURCH AS PART OF THE ROCK, AND BE PART OF THE FOURSQUARE DENOMINATION**
* **OR YOU CAN PLANT A CHURCH AS PART OF SOLID LIVES, A GLOBAL DISCIPLESHIP AND CHURCH PLANTING MINISTRY**
* **PASTOR JERRY WILL ALSO HELP THOSE WHO WANT TO START A NEW MOVEMENT AS PART OF THE BFAM NETWORK**

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