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"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, .. to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord!" - Isa. 61:1-2

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A BIGGER VIEW OF JESUS

by Steve Klein

From a Babe in a manger, to a Carpenter, Preacher, Miracle Worker, Man on a cross, and finally a risen Lord -- the concept most of us have of Jesus is limited to the life He lived on earth. And, as glorious as that life was, it gives us only a small glimpse at His true greatness and majesty.

Among men on earth, perhaps only Peter, James and John were ever privileged to see something of the full glory of Christ. You'll remember that Jesus took these three men up to a mountain alone and was *"transfigured before them"* (**Matt 17:1-9; Mark 9:1-9**). Years later, Peter wrote about this incident and affirmed that he and James and John *"were eyewitnesses of His majesty"* (**2 Peter 1:16**).

While the full majesty of Jesus may not have been revealed to all men while He walked the earth, it is spoken of and referred to in Scripture. Increasing our field of view beyond the borders of Jesus' perfect earthly life can do us nothing but good. As we consider His eternal majesty it will humble us, motivate us, and enrich us as His servants.

Consider the following:

1. All things were Created by Jesus. It was through Jesus Christ that God the Father *"made the worlds"* (**Heb 1:2**). **Col 1:16** says of Jesus that, *"...by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers...."* There is nothing in the physical universe that does not owe its existence to Christ, and that includes you and me! We are here because Christ put us here!

2. Jesus is the Sustainer. Jesus is "upholding all things by the word of His power" (**Heb 1:3**), "...and in Him all things consist" or hold together (**Col 1:17**). Whatever science may say about the mysterious forces that keep the universe going, the Bible declares that Jesus Christ is the Sustainer of it all.
3. Jesus is the Purpose for Everything. In **Col 1:17**, the Scripture states that *"All things were created through Him and for Him."* Notice the words "for Him." Everything that is has its ultimate destination in Christ. **Eph 1:10** says that, when the time is right, God will, *"gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth; in Him."*
4. Jesus is Above Everyone. The position of Christ is *"far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come"* (**Eph 1:21**). He is *"the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords"* (**1 Tim 6:15**).

Have you ever paused at the end of the day and asked yourself "What's it all about?" "What is the meaning of it all?" "What is the purpose of it all?" "Why does the world keep turning?" "Why am I here?" The person who has correctly expanded his view of Jesus has the answer to these questions. "Jesus" is the answer! It's all about Jesus. We are put here and sustained here by His power. He is the reason behind the creation and the reason for the creation. He is above everyone and everything. That's the way it is because that's what pleased the Father in heaven. *"For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell"* (**Col 1:19**).

-- The Exhorter, January 7, 2001

Here are two pieces of biblical advice that might help you this week.

First, when an angry driver, customer, or offspring lashes at you, avoid the temptation to reply in kind. "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger" (**Proverbs 15:1**). People have been killed because they were just as angry as the drivers who cut them off in traffic. They rode bumpers, honked horns, or sped by to "make a point" and wound up victims of what we are now calling road rage. Road rage? It's just plain old bad temper and incivility. It isn't a psychological problem. It's a spiritual problem.

Second, resolve to model civility and basic good manners in all the relationships of your life. Do the things your mother taught you: Smile more. Say "please" and "thank you" often. Praise more than you criticize. And do what the Bible says about turning the other cheek and returning good for evil: "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (**Romans 12:21**).

There will always be boorish behavior in your world. Just be sure to maintain the distinction between observing it and displaying it.

-----The FAX of Life – Rubel Shelly

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

The largest room in the world is the room for improvement.

You probably wouldn't worry about what people think of you if you knew how seldom they do.

It is much better to be despised for the right than to be praised for the wrong.

You can't change the past, but you can ruin a perfectly good present by worrying about the future.

If you are in the right you won't have any trouble keeping your temper. If you are wrong you can't afford to lose it.

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## CHRIST IS REIGNING NOW

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God promised David that He would set one of his descendants upon his throne (**2 Sam 7:12-14**). God said that He would *"establish the throne of his kingdom forever."* (**Vs. 13**). Thus, when the descendant of David was on his throne, he would be on the throne of his kingdom, reigning over his kingdom. The same promise was repeated by Isaiah (**Isa 9:6-7**) and he likewise made it clear that when this one would be *"upon the throne of David,"* he would also be *"over His kingdom."* The one who would be reigning upon the throne of David would be at the same time reigning over his kingdom.

Jesus Christ was promised the throne of David (**Lk 1:31-33**) and was raised to sit on it (**Acts 2:29-31**). Jesus sat down on the throne after He ascended into heaven (**Heb 8:1; Rev 3:21**). We must conclude, therefore, that when Christ ascended, He sat down on the throne and began reigning over the kingdom.

Christ would be a priest at the same time He sat and ruled upon His throne (**Zech 6:12-13**). He became the high priest when He sat

down on the right hand of God (**Heb 8:1; 10:11-12**). Furthermore, Christ was to receive the kingdom when He received dominion and glory (**Dan 7:13-14**). He received dominion and glory when He went into heaven and was placed on the right hand of God (**1 Pet 3:22; Lk 24:26; 1 Tim 3:16; 1 Pet 1:21**). Christ, therefore, began His reign over His kingdom when He ascended back to the Father and sat down on the throne.

Daniel saw a vision of the Christ coming in the clouds to the Ancient of days and there was given to Him dominion, glory, and a kingdom (**Dan 7:13-14**). In one of His parables, Jesus said, *"A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return."* (**Lk 19:12**). Thus, Jesus went in the clouds of heaven (his ascension) to a far country (heaven) and came to the Ancient of days (the Father) and received the dominion, kingdom, and glory and will return (the second coming) to render to everyone according to their works.

Some think that Christ could not have begun His reign after His ascension because He did not put down the wicked kingdoms. However, Christ hasn't yet conquered His enemies because the day of His wrath hasn't yet come (**Psa 110:1-5**; see also **Psa 2:7-12**). Paul confirms that **Psalms 2** refers to the reign of Christ - **Acts 13:31-33**. All those who don't willingly serve Christ are considered enemies and He'll pour out His wrath on them at His second coming (**2 Thes 1:7-9**).

Now is the accepted time to take refuge in Christ for there is a great day of wrath coming (**Rom 2:5**). Christ will continue to reign until His enemies are subdued. *"For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet."* (**1 Cor 15:25**). *"...But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool."* (**Heb 10:12-13**).

## HE HAS RISEN

Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:13-35

### INTRODUCTION:

- A. Most of us try to remain positive and not get too dejected or low, don't we?
  - 1. But, because of some events, we just can't seem to help it.
  - 2. Sometimes there's no mystery to our depression.
  - 3. Nothing can hit us harder or bring more grief than the loss of a loved one!
- B. For the disciples during His personal ministry, Jesus death was a crushing loss.
  - 1. They continued their grim tasks but the flame of joy was all but extinguished.
  - 2. After His crucifixion, they had only memories of His deeds and words.

### I. THE GRIM TASK, THE FEARFUL WONDER: A TRIP TO THE GRAVE WITH SPICES AND OINTMENTS.

- A. For the two Mary's and Salome this was probably the most painful duty of all.
  - 1. The only thing they would have hated more than doing it **was not doing it**.
  - 2. What those women found at Jesus' tomb was both wonderful and frightening.
- B. Nothing in their sadness prepared them for what they saw.
  - 1. Upon entering the body was gone, and there in the tomb was a young man in a white robe, who has been seen as an angel.
  - 2. The women leave that challenging scene with awe and wonder and fear.
  - 3. Of course they eventually tell the wonderful story but those who hear it are in no mood for what they consider to be the "idle tales of women.

### II. ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN LORD

#### A. THE TWO ON THE ROAD

- 1. Cleopas and his companion were so crushed by events that they were unwilling to stay for the mystery of the empty tomb and the women's story.
- 2. Yet, it is just here that they meet by a Stranger on their way.
  - a) He listens with interest to their conversation and questions them about the events.
  - b) Jesus didn't begin with His identity, but He showed them the necessity for the event that brought their great sadness.
  - c) After Jesus made Himself known to them and vanished, they said to each other, "*Were not **our hearts burning within us?***"

#### B. LATER, HE MET WITH HIS DISCIPLES. 1 Cor 15:4-8

- 1. After the disciples told Thomas they'd seen Jesus, he said he wouldn't believe unless he could touch Him. THEN, he didn't want to leave Him.
- 2. That risen Lord still can meet us today with the assurance that we have a glorious future - while we're still involved in a productive present.
  - a) We will meet Him in the atonement powered **Word**, and in His memorial **Supper**, and in the **fellowship** of His church.
  - b) And of course, we'll meet Him in the **daily tasks** of our lives of service.

### CONCLUSION:

- A. Testimony proving His resurrection also authenticates and empowers the message in His gospel for our salvation.
- B. You are urged to accept that Lord whose death frees you from the guilt of sins and whose life exemplifies your righteousness before God.