

Are You Ready for Jesus to Call You?

“I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work”, John 9:4.

The Lord had come to personally lead the straying Chosen Nation back to the Father, but they were anything but ready.

The same people had heard Him talk of His Father. They saw Him perform miracles that had never been performed by any of the earlier prophets. The people saw His works, and some accepted Him as a Saviour.

The religious leaders saw Jesus as one who would take away the life they had designed for their own comfort and wealth.

After three years of seeing Jesus work and teach without breaking one minute part of the Law, they called for His death. They even amassed an army of paid liars to witness against the Son of God.

They also had a problem. They remembered that the Lord had said, that if they brought about His Death, He would rise from the dead, AND COME BACK!

The people God had called to be His, turned to a heathen nation to have Him put to death.

After His Death, the same people again turned to a heathen nation, and asked for military guards to be placed at the tomb to ensure that nobody could open the way for the Lord to come out.

Consider the following for a minute.

Jesus had died on the Cross, and Joseph, a rich man from Arimathæa took the Lord's body, and placed it in his own grave.

In heaven, we have God and the angels looking down on earth with large grins on their faces as they watch the Temple hierarchy trying to seal up the Word of God, soldiers from a pagan, trying to manoeuvre a large stone into place to stop a 'god from escaping', and then using a pagan seal to prove a stone had never been moved by another man!

On the other side of the 'stage', God, who through His Word had placed everything in the universe in its place arranged with an angel, for the angel to go down and roll the stone away, and then sit on it, and await the ladies who would be given the news that the Son of God was not there, but had taken the keys of death and hell to His Father

The Temple hierarchy were trying to stop the inevitable, and insisted on using the wrong door to enter eternity.

They, like many to day, were saying, "God, you stay in you area, and we will do things our way".

To continue, we will look at man and his way.

Jesus did not need to come out of that door. He had a meeting with Satan to attend and reclaim the keys of death and hell.

"Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, "Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.

Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.

Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a

watch”, Matthew 27:62-66.

Whilst they certainly used the Lord’s followers as an excuse, I also suspect there was an element of fear of what the Lord had said would come to pass.

To day we serve a risen Saviour. A Saviour who has not only come back from the other side of death, but descended from Heaven to join His people.

He returned to those who would accept Him in their daily living, that He might become a part of our daily living.

A Saviour we remember and cherish by sharing the emblems of His broken body, and His shed blood as oft as we can. A Saviour who wants to know us, and for us to know Him. A Saviour who wants us to be obedient to His Commandment, “...this do in remembrance of me”, Luke 22:19.

As Christians we gather together, not only to acknowledge what our Heavenly Father’s Son did for us, but to receive more of our ‘Big Brother’s strength and presence in our lives, that we might have the ability our Lord had as He was obedient to His Father’s desires.

There is also a second point, that, as we physically meet together to receive that most precious gift, we are also physically proclaiming that we are waiting His Call, and that He is again returning to the earth as the Son of God, and as the King of kings.

Why then, are so many churches having communion on alternate weeks, once a month, every three months, or even just twice a year.

I have but one question to ask, “Who is being remembered on those alternate weeks, once a month, once every three months, or even just twice a year?”