

A PLACE FOR YOU

Today we begin our series on the resurrection, with the real story of dominion, and the real plan of God for the ages...

Luke 4:5-6 - ⁵Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶And the devil said to Him, “All this authority I will give You, and their glory; **for this has been delivered to me**, and I give it to whomever I wish. (NKJV)

How did the devil get power and dominion over the earth?

- Gen. 1:26 – God gave Adam dominion over the earth, but through sin he delivers it to Satan.
- Jn 12 – Jesus calls the devil “the ruler of this world.”

Just about a month later

Matthew 28:18 - ¹⁸And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. (KJV)

Q What happened between Satan’s claim to all power and then Jesus claim to all power?

A. The _____ happened.

Today my purpose is to show you HOW it happened!

John 14:1-4—“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.” (NIV)

I go to prepare a place for you... in My Father’s house are many rooms

- Some translations say mansions = popular
- Accurate interpretation = dwelling places... I go to prepare a place for you to live... to dwell

To prepare

- To provide, make it available, to make it ready

Q Is He talking about the second coming?

John 14:28 – “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ ²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. (NIV)

Same night same context

John 16:16 – “A little while and you will not see me and then a little while and you will see me because I go to My Father.” (NIV)

John 16:20 – “I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn over what is going to happen to Me, but the world will rejoice. You will grieve, but your grief will suddenly turn to wonderful joy. (NLT)

Resurrection Day

John 20:1-17 – Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”...

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but **she did not realize that it was Jesus.**

¹⁵ He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

¹⁷ Jesus said, “Do not hold on to Me (touch Me), for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

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Context:

Col. 2 – disarmed principles and demonic rulers...shaming them.

Jude 1 – Preached to the spirits in prison

Eph. 4 – took the keys...dominion... took captivity captive

Matthew 27:51-53 – Then behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked and the rocks were split, ⁵² and the tombs broke open, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³ After Jesus’ resurrection, when they had come out of the tombs, they entered the holy city and appeared to many people. (NKJV)

Q Why did He ascend?

Hebrews 9:12 – He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but He entered the Most Holy Place once and for all by His own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. ^(NKJV)

Q What was happening?

He was preparing a place for you to live, to have relationship, to present Himself before the Father, as the Lamb slain, to seal redemption, and to make a place for us in His house.

Acts 1:8 – But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”⁹After He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. ^(NIV)