



# It Is Not Over - Only A Divine Appointment

**“Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again” (Matthew 27:63).**

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“And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; 52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, 53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. 54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God. 55 And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him: 56 Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedees children. 57 When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: 58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. 59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. 61 And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre. 62 Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, 63 Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. 64 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. 65 Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. 66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch” (Matthew 27:51-66).

Death is not the ultimate end to human existence, but merely a transition into the next. Hebrews 9:27 makes it clear that it is a divine appointment. Therefore, it is inescapable, but the most important thing is what happens next. At Christ's death, Satan thought that he had won the ultimate victory. Unfortunately, he had no clue whatsoever that it is not over until it is over! Observe the following salient points in this story:

**“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment” (Hebrews 9:27).**

- 1) The miracles attesting to his divinity including (a) temple veil rent, (b) earthquake, (c) graves open, (d) saints resurrected (e) saints came out of the graves and (f) went into the holy city and appeared to many (vs 51-53);
- 2) The miracles induced fear in the onlookers and conviction that Jesus was the son of God (vs 54);
- 3) Many women followed & observed (vs 55-56);
- 4) Joseph Arimathaea buried Jesus in his grave (vs 57-60);
- 5) The two Marys sat over against the sepulchre (vs 61)
- 6) Pharisees remembered what Jesus said about resurrecting, and with the permission of Pilate took futile steps to prevent it from happening (vs 62-66) - all to no avail.
- 7) Whilst the disciples forgot and fled in fear, the Pharisees remembered what Jesus had said.

To many, the death and burial of Jesus marked the end of His life and ministry, but to God and Jesus, it was just the necessary transition to the next phase. Satan will always fight to prevent fulfilment of prophecies, but if God said it, you can be rest assured that IT SHALL COME TO PASS.

So, when your dream is “shot” down, and it appears it is dead, remember Joseph. His brethren, thought his dream was killed when they sold him into slavery in Egypt. However, in God's plan, it was just a necessary next step transition to the place where his dream would be realised and blossom. Hold unto your God-given dreams and prophecies, because your future is as bright as the promises in God's word. Jesus assured us that heaven and earth may pass away, but not one jot or tittle of God's word will fail to be fulfilled (Matthew 5:18).