



Ressurrection Sunday, 4-12-20

Intro: He is Risen ! Risen indeed !! & the great Question ! Is, Jesus Christ an artifact of history, a big lie, or, the centerpiece of history, the beginning and end of it ??

- #1. Rev. 1:5. “ And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us, and released us from our sins by His blood !”
- #2. Rev. 1:8. “ I am the Alpha and the Omega”, says the Lord God, who is who was and who is to come the Almighty “

And Thus !!

#4. Rev1:17. “ And when I saw Him I fell at his feet as a Dead man. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying, “ Do not be afraid, I am the First and the Last,”

#3. Rev. 1:18. “ And the Living one, and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.”



2.



He Touched me.

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"As a dead man" Christ in all his power and glory and might to judge the world, touches us also in our "As a dead Man" condition and says to us also, do not be afraid ! His wrath and His Judgement will not fall on His own !

&, He touched John with his right hand, the very symbol of His strength, We have great reason not to be afraid ! As Steve mentioned last week, if God is for us, who can be against us !??

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#Who do you say that I am? "

#1. Rev. 1:5. " And from Jesus Christ the **faithful witness**, the **first born of the dead**, and the **ruler of the kings** of the earth. To Him who loves us, and **released us from our sins by His blood !**"

- a. **Faithful witness: The Truth teller !! vs. The lies**
- b. **First Born of the Dead: The giver of life eternal**
- c. **King of kings, not "A" king ! He is in control !!**
- d. **Released us: True freedom ! His blood on the cross is our true " Delaration of Indepence"**

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#2. Rev. 1:8. " I am the Alpha and the Omega", says the Lord God, who is who was and who is to come the Almighty "

The Alpha & Omega



As the Rabbis would say!

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- The Emphatic statement of His Diety !
- His O.T. signature !

In Hebrew thought !

The Alpha & Omega in Hebrew is

#1. From "Aleph to Tau" !

The whole Law !!

The Great Theologian Buz Light Year

"To infinity & beyond"

- Aleph or Alpha: Meant the chief of persons or things !**

We would say, "The very Best... " Christ is the Very Best of all !
But not only the "Best" He is the Primus, the First of all

- "Tau is the end of the seal of the Holy Blessed God !" Rabbi Levi

Why Jesus said: I am the Truth !! "The seal of the Holy Blessed God is Truth" Rabbi Chanina

A reading from John Gill the Great 17th C.

theologian & expositor. Born 1697

mastered the latin classics and learned Greek by 11 years old, can speak to us today !

Read Slow !!

"So Christ, He Is

Alpha, the chief as to his divine nature, being God over all, blessed for ever; and in his divine sonship, none, angels or men, are in such sense the Son of God as he is; and in all his offices, of prophet, priest, and King; he is the prophet, the great prophet of the church, never man spake like him, or taught as he did; he is the most excellent priest, that exceeds Aaron and all his sons, having an unchangeable priesthood; and he is the King of kings, and Lord of lords; he has the chief place

he is the Alpha and Omega, the first and last, the chief, the whole of things; as of the covenant of grace, he is the first and last of it, he is the Mediator, surety, and messenger of it, and the ratifier and confirmer of it, he is the covenant itself, all its blessings and promises are in him; he is the sum and substance of the Scriptures, both of the law and of the Gospel; he is the fulfilling end of the law, and he is the subject matter of the Gospel; he stands in the first verse in Genesis, and in the last of the Revelation; he is the Alpha and Omega, the first and last, the whole and all in the business of salvation, in the affair of justification before God, in the sanctification of his people, in their adoption, and eternal glorification; he stands first and last in the book of God's purposes and decrees, in the book of the covenant, in the book of the creatures, or creation, being the first cause, and last end of all things, in the book of Providence, and in the book of the Scriptures: "



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a. Risen Indeed !!

b. The Keys: of death & the grave !

Is this not the great story of Easter, Christ the fountain of eternal life, it is he that has the key to it ! though one search for it elsewhere he will not find it any where else !! Not in some hidden spring in Florida, not in some new health food discovery, nor in some new medical cure, The only key to it is in the Hand of Jesus Christ.

It was His resurrection from the dead that demonstrated that He is the Key holder.

Thus !! John 11:25-26

" Jesus said to her, " I am the resurrection & the life, he that believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this ?"

c. Do you believe this ? If so fear has no place to reside within us, all may fall apart around us but we are the friend of the key holder to the door of life and life eternal !

The great message of the living hope !!
This is my message this Easter Sunday
It is our Message for the World, the Great **6.**
word of truth Christ Jesus the Lord

The Scoffers or the Believers

**Always these two groups, receiving
the outcome of their choice !**



Act 17:30 - "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, **Act of the "will"**

Act 17:31 - because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

Present Day troubles do not compare

Act 17:32 - Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some began to sneer, but others said, "We shall hear you again concerning this."

In Conclusion

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Knowing that those listening today are those who have not "Sneered" at the testimony of Christ but are those who have believed, Believing is another word for faith !

So ! Are we living in that Faith , or are we thinking our Lord has not a strong right arm to protect us, are we to be like the Immature believer that needs to be giving the milk of faith again, & again !

Let us be the Messengers of Life and the truth and power of the Resurrection.

Live not in the defeat of fear but always in the greatest of all victory the power of the Risen Lord who indwells US by His Spirit

We do not need an Amen, we need an "I Will !!"



Additional Thots:

- #1. The Alpha & The Omega
Not the Alpha & Amigo**
Christ as our "Amigo" is another Talk !
Susan Noticed my poor English (but good Sp.)
- #2. The Aleph & the Tau (& Beyond !)**
Meaning in Hebrew
- #3. Omega = O + Mega = The Big O !**
as apposed to the small "o"
Was pronounce by sayin two quik 'o'
- #4. But means the endless end !!**