Part III: "Behold The King of Kings!"

John 19:31-42

Verse 31: Then the Jews, because it was the Day of Preparation For The Passover, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a High Holy Day), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, & that they might be taken away.

The Jews Could Not Be Defiled By The Sun Going Down On Them
While They Remained Outside & Not Covered By The Roofs Of Their Houses On The Sabbath,
Especially On This Holy Day Of The Passover!

So, They Request A Quick End To The Crucifixions.

Here At The End They Finally Have Some Pity Even On The Condemned But Even Then – Really Only For Their Own Sakes!

Verses 32 – 34: So the soldiers came, & broke the legs of the first man & of the other who was crucified with Him; but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, & immediately blood & water came out.

Coroner's Report - The Death Certificate

This Is Stated As Absolute Physical Proof That Jesus Is Really Dead By The Method Of Crucifixion! Verse 35: And he who has seen has testified, & his testimony is true; & he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe.

Trial Recorders' Report – The Factual Evidence Of The Case

This Is Stated As An Absolute Eye Witness Account Of Proof

By The "Mystery Disciple" - The "Disciple Whom Jesus Loved"

That His Writings About These Events Are Indeed True & Can Be Believed!

Verses 36 – 37: For these things came to pass to fulfill the Scripture, "Not a bone of Him shall be broken!" & again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him Whom they have pierced!"

Prophetic Report - The Word of God & Historical Record

This Is Stated To Prove That Jesus Could Not After Death Alter History Or God's Will Written Hundred's Of Years Before He Was Born As A Man

The Soldiers Act In A Different Way Toward Jesus Than The Two Thieves

& Once Again Fulfill The Ancient Prophecies Concerning The Crucifixion & Death Of Jesus Christ!

1) They Do Not Break Jesus' Legs - "I can count all My bones. They look & stare at Me!"

Psalm 22:17 (NKJV)

2) They Lance / Pierce His Side – "They will look on Me Whom they pierced!" Zechariah 12:9b (NKJV)

This is itself an echo of the Prophet Zechariah spoken 400 years before & simultaneously looking forward into the future to us gathered here this morning for its final fulfillment when the Lord returns in His Second Coming to claim Us, His Chosen People as His own:

At The End Of Days – God's Promise Holds!

"It shall be in that Day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. 'And I will pour on the house of David & on the inhabitants of Jerusalem A Spirit of Grace & A Spirit Of Supplication; then they will look on Me Whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for His Only Son & grieve for Him as one grieves for a Firstborn!" Zechariah 12:9-10 (NASB)

7th Declaration Of Jesus As King

"Exists In The Silent Reverence, Attention To Details, & The Lavish Expense
To Care For The Body Of Jesus Of Nazareth By Two Jewish Priests
Who Belonged To The High Council Of The Sanhedrin Fulfilling Their Sacred Duty!"

Verses 38 – 39a: After these things <u>Joseph of Arimathea</u>, being a <u>Disciple of Jesus</u>, but a secret one for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the <u>Body of Jesus</u>; & Pilate granted permission. So Joseph came & took away <u>His Body</u>. <u>Nicodemus</u>, <u>who had first come to <u>Jesus</u> <u>by night</u>, also came, ...</u>

After Jesus Dies On The Cross His Loyal Priests, Joseph Of Arimathea & Nicodemus Come To Remove His Body To Take Away The Curse Of God Upon His Son!

"If a man has committed a sin deserving of death, & he is put to death, & you hang him on a tree, his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day, so that you do not defile the land which the Lord Your God is giving you as an inheritance; for He Who is hanged on a tree is Cursed Of God!"

Deuteronomy 21:22-23 (NKJV)

Verses 39b – 42: ... bringing a mixture of myrrh & aloes, about <u>a hundred pounds weight</u>. So they took the *Body Of Jesus* & bound it in linen wrappings with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where *He* was crucified there was a garden, & in the garden <u>a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid</u>. Therefore, because of the Jewish Day of Preparation For The Passover, since the tomb was nearby, they laid *Jesus* there.

These Two Priests & Jewish Authorities Bury Jesus In A New Expensive & Lavish Tomb.

& The Amount Of Perfume & Spices Weighing About 100 Pounds Indicates That These Priests Believed Jesus To Be <u>Royalty</u> – <u>A King</u> In Death They Claimed Him As Their "<u>King Of Kings & Lord of Lords</u>"!

The Jewish People to this very day are still blinded for the most part to the Truth of the Identity of Jesus Christ as God's only Son, the Long-Awaited Messiah of Israel & their King of Kings! However, in every age, even in our age, God is still faithful to His Chosen People – The Jews & He still calls & receives some of them each & every day by Faith in His Son Jesus Christ!

And God will remain faithful to His Eternal Promise to the Jewish People through Abraham even to the very Last Day of this World's Existence because of His Great Never-Ending Perfect Love for them!

Thanks Be To God He Loves His Chosen People – The Jews Forever!

Thanks Be To God He Loves His Gentile People – Everyone Else Including You & Me Forever! Thanks Be To God He Desires To Love The Lost & Broken Of This World Through You & Me!

Q: "What If All I Heard Today Seems Distant To Me?"

Q: "What If Something In My Life Today Is Just Not Right?"

I Implore You Now As If God Was Speaking Directly Through Me

If you know deep inside your soul all is not well; then raise your hand, or bow your head right where you are, or come up front & kneel at this altar,

A: Get Right Today, With God Your Father
At The Foot Of The Cross Of His Only Son, Jesus Christ,

"The Eternal King Of Kings, & The Lord Of Lords!"

Today - Die To Yourself, Be Crucified With Christ, Be Buried With Christ, & Today Rise To The Newness of Life In His Resurrection & Live No Longer For Yourself

But For Your King Who Loved You & Gave Himself For You!

There At The Foot Of The Cross
Receive God's Eternal Forgiveness & Grace
There Receive – #GodsLove
Through Jesus Christ – #GodsWay

Today Christians Anxiously Await The Second Coming
Of The King Of Kings & Lord of Lords!
John The Evangelist In His Final Words
In The Final Book Of Prophecy Of Revelation
Says Again To Us Today:

"The Spirit & The Bride Say, 'Come!'"
"Let Them Who Hears Say, 'Come Quickly King Jesus!"

Q: "Does Your Soul Desire More Than Anything This Morning To Cry Out?"

A: "Come Quickly King Jesus!" – Bring To Earth #GodsJustice

A: "Come Quickly King Jesus!" – Bring To Earth #GodsKingdom

If you know deep inside your soul, you are troubled about the lack of justice

or that God's Kingdom seems far off and hard to view then:

Bow Your Heads & Ask For God's Courage, Strength, Understanding, & Blessing!

May The King of Kings & Lord of Lords,
Fill You With All Of His Love, Courage, Strength & Understanding,
That You May Go Forth From Here Today To Witness
That Jesus Christ Is God's Only Son, Who Became One Of Us
That We Might Give Everyone By Our Testimony
The Opportunity To Be In Relationship With God Our Creator Forever!
Go Now

And Tell Everyone You Meet

He Is Risen – Never To Die Again!

Tell Everyone Jesus Christ Is Coming Soon

As This World's King Of Kings & Lord Of Lords!"