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## Jesus' Foreknowledge of His Death, Burial and Resurrection

Does our eschatology affect our Theology?

Eschatology:

Theology:

## Jesus predicted his Death, Burial and Resurrection in the Synoptic Books:

Matthew	Mark	Luke
<p><i>Matthew 16:21-23:</i> From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!” But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”</p>	<p><i>Mark 8:31-33:</i> And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, “Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”</p>	<p><i>Luke 9:21-22:</i> And He strictly warned and commanded them to tell this to no one, saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.”</p>
<p><i>Matthew 17:22-23:</i> Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up.” And they were exceedingly sorrowful.</p>	<p><i>Mark 9:30-32:</i> Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, “The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day.” But they did not understand this saying, and were afraid to ask Him.</p>	<p><i>Luke 9:43-45:</i> But while everyone marveled at all the things which Jesus did, He said to His disciples, “Let these words sink down into your ears, for the Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men.” But they did not understand this saying, and it was hidden from them so that they did not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this saying.</p>
<p><i>Matthew 20:17-19:</i> Now Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples aside on the road and said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again.”</p>	<p><i>Mark 10:32-34:</i> Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus... began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.</p>	<p><i>Luke 18:31-34:</i> Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished. For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon. They will scourge Him and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.” But they understood none of these things; this saying was hidden from them, and they did not know the things which were spoken.</p>

## Allusions to his death or burial or resurrection:

### Matthew:

Matt. 12:39-40, Sign of Jonah

Matt. 16:4, Sign of Jonah

Matt. 17:9, Do not tell information until risen from the dead

Matt. 17:12, Son to suffer

Matt. 20:22, Drink of cup and be baptized

Matt. 20:28, Give life a ransom for many

Matt. 21:37-39, Parable of the husbandman-gives son-killed by workers

Matt. 26:2, 24, To be crucified

Matt. 26:28, Drink of blood

Matt. 26:54, Scriptures must be fulfilled

### Mark

Mark 8:34-35, Deny, take up the cross and follow

Mark 9:9, Don't tell until Jesus arose

Mark 10:38, Drink of the cup, be baptized

Mark 10:45, Give life a ransom for many

Mark 12:6-8, Son killed by vineyard workers

Mark 14:8, Anoint body for burying

Mark 14:22-24, This is my body

## Luke

Lk. 9:23, Take up the cross

Lk. 9:36, Do not tell what was seen until after the resurrection

Lk. 11:29-32, Sign of Jonah

Lk. 12:50, Baptism to be baptized with

Lk. 13:32, Third day perfected

Lk. 16:30-31, Not persuaded though one rise from the dead

Lk. 18:31-33, Mocked, killed and rise again

Lk. 20:14-15, Son killed by vineyard workers

Lk. 22:15, Eat Passover before suffering

Lk. 22:19-20, Bread and wine-body and blood symbolism

Lk. 22:37, Allusion to death

Lk. 22:42, Agony in Gethsemane-let cup pass

## John

John 1:29, 36, Lamb of God

John 2:18-22, Destroy temple and raise it in three days

John 3:14, Son must be lifted up

John 3:32, Meat to eat that you know not of

John 6:27, Labor for the meat of life-son of man shall give

John 6:51-58, Bread given-flesh of Jesus

John 8:28, Lifted up the Son of man

John 10:15, Lay down life for sheep 10:17-18, Lay down life and take it

John 11:50-51, Caiaphas prophesied Jesus' death

John 12:7, Ointment used for Jesus' burying

John 12:23-25, Son of man to be glorified-possibly means death

John 12:32-33, Lifted up

John 13:11, 21, Jesus knew who would betray him

John 13:33, Only with them a little while

John 13:36, Cannot follow now, but later

John 16:16, Little while and will not see Jesus

John 16:32, Disciples to forsake Jesus

## **Why does this matter to my personal evangelism?**

"Because the nation has rejected Him, the Lord ... (withdraws) the offer of the kingdom ..., and announces the inception of an entirely new, unheralded, and unexpected program -- the church" - Things to Come, Pentecost, p. 463f (via Miller, p. 43f).

"...the present age is a parenthesis or a time period not predicted by the Old Testament and therefore not fulfilling or advancing the program of events revealed in the Old Testament foreview ... If the church does not fulfill these predictions and in fact is the fulfillment of a purpose of God not revealed until the New Testament, then the premillenarians are right" - The Millennial Kingdom, Walvoord, p. 231 (via Miller, p. 46, and via McGuiggan & Jordan, slide #161).

Boll says that Jesus first taught "the Old Testament hope of the Messianic kingdom." But Israel began to oppose Jesus, so He "began to announce an entirely new and different aspect which his kingdom was to assume" which he calls "the present, spiritual, veiled, suffering form of the kingdom of heaven..." - Kingdom of God, Boll, p. 46 (via Wallace, p. 163).

### AMILLENNIALISM

**Millennium**

**The Church Age**

**Tribulation**

**Second Coming of Christ & Final Judgment**

**ETERNITY**

**What is amillennialism?**  
Amillennialism is the belief that the millennium is the spiritual reign of Jesus in the hearts of his followers. Revelation 19:11-21 portrays Christ's triumph over Satan through His death and resurrection. This triumph restrained the power of Satan on the earth (Revelation 20:1-3). The "first resurrection" in Revelation 20:5 is not a physical restoration from the dead; it is the spiritual resurrection that is also known as regeneration. When Christ returns, He will immediately defeat the powers of evil, resurrect the saved and the unsaved, judge them, and deliver them to their eternal destinies.  
According to amillennialists . . .

- The great tribulation represents calamities and persecutions that have occurred throughout church history.
- Most references to "Israel" in Revelation are symbolic references to the people of God on earth (compare Romans 9:6-8; Galatians 6:16).
- In apocalyptic literature, numbers represent concepts, not literal statistics. For example, six symbolizes incompleteness, seven represents completeness, ten indicates something that is extreme but limited, twelve represents the perfection of God's people, and one thousand symbolizes a great amount or long period of time.

**What Scriptures seem to support amillennialism?**

- The Bible frequently uses the number 1,000 figuratively—Psalms 50:10; 90:4; 105:8; 2 Peter 3:8.
- The first resurrection (Rev. 20:4) could refer to the spiritual resurrection (the regeneration or new birth) of persons who trust Christ—Rom. 11:13-15; Ephesians 2:1-4.
- The Second Coming of Christ and the resurrection of the saved and the unsaved will occur at the same time—Daniel 12:2, 3; John 5:28, 29.
- The saints are on earth during the tribulation—Revelation 13:7.

**When has amillennialism been popular?** Amillennialism became popular in the fifth century. Amillennialism has remained widespread throughout church history. Prominent amillennialists include the Protestant reformers Martin Luther and John Calvin, as well as evangelical theologians such as E.Y. Mullins, Abraham Kuyper, G.C. Berkouwer, Herschel Hobbs, Stanley Grenz, and J. I. Packer. Many students of church history believe that the church father Augustine of Hippo was the first amillennialist.

### POSTMILLENNIALISM

**Second Coming of Christ & Final Judgment**

**ETERNITY**

**The Church Age**

**Tribulation**

**Millennium**

**What is postmillennialism?**  
Postmillennialism is the belief that the Second Coming of Christ will occur after the millennium. The millennial reign described in Revelation 20:1-6 represents a long time period when, through the preaching of the gospel, most of the world will submit to Jesus Christ. During this time, Satan will have no power over the earth, and evil regimes will collapse (see Rev. 19:19-20:3). A period of great tribulation may precede the millennium. According to postmillennialists . . .

- During the millennium, Christ will rule the earth through His Spirit and through His church; He will not, however, be physically present on the earth.
- The resurrection depicted in Revelation 20:4 represents the spiritual regeneration of people who trust Jesus Christ.
- The Second Coming of Christ, the final conflict between good and evil, the defeat of Satan, the physical resurrection of all people, and the final judgment will occur together, immediately after the millennium (Rev. 20:7-15).

**What Scriptures seem to support postmillennialism?**

- Every ethnic group will receive the gospel before the Second Coming—Matthew 24:14; Mark 13:10.
- The first resurrection (Rev. 20:4) could refer to the spiritual resurrection (the regeneration or new birth) of persons who trust Christ—Romans 11:13-15; Ephesians 2:1-4.
- The Second Coming of Christ and the resurrection of all people, saved and unsaved, will occur at the same time—Dan. 12:2, 3; John 5:28, 29.

**When has postmillennialism been popular?** The earliest postmillennialist writer was Joachim of Fiore (ca 1135-1202). Postmillennialism became popular in the 19th century, partly because of that era's optimism about the future. Prominent postmillennialists include early church leaders such as Eusebius and Athanasius; preachers such as Jonathan Edwards and Charles Haddon Spurgeon; and theologians such as B. B. Warfield, Augustus H. Strong, Charles Hodge, R.L. Dabney, Loraine Boettner, and R.C. Sproul.

### HISTORIC PREMILLENNIALISM

**The Church Age**      **Great Tribulation**      **Millennium**      **ETERNITY**

**What is historic premillennialism?**  
 Historic premillennialism is the belief that the Second Coming of Christ will precede the millennium and that the church has replaced the nation of Israel as God's covenant people. Also known as "covenant premillennialism," historic premillennialism treats the millennium as a literal future event. Most historic premillennialists believe that Christians will remain on the earth during the great tribulation. The tribulation will purify the churches by rooting out false believers. According to historic premillennialists . . .

- God's promises of land and blessings to Abraham and his offspring were conditional promises, based on obedience. Israel's persistent disobedience negated God's covenant with them.
- God has maintained a covenant of grace throughout the Old and New Testaments with all who trusted in Him. These believers—embodied today in the church—are the true Israel (see Romans 9:6-8; Galatians 6:16).
- Most references to "Israel" in Revelation refer symbolically to the church.

**What Scriptures seem to support historic premillennialism?**

- The revealing of the Antichrist precedes Christ's return—2 Thess. 2:3, 4.
- The tribulation will root out false members from the churches—Rev. 2:22, 23;
- The saints are on earth during the tribulation—Revelation 13:7
- God's promises to Abraham and his offspring were conditional—Gen. 22:18; 2 Chronicles 33:8; Isaiah 1:19, 20; Jeremiah 7:6, 7.
- The New Testament frequently uses "Israel" and "the twelve tribes" to refer to Christians—Romans 9:6-8; James 1:1.

**When has historic premillennialism been popular?** Historic premillennialism seems to have been the earliest view of the end-times among post-apostolic Christians. Many early church fathers—including Lactantius (ca 240-320), Irenaeus (ca 130-200), Justin Martyr (ca 100-165), and probably Papias (ca 60-130), a disciple of the apostle John—embraced historic premillennialism. Modern supporters include scholars such as John Warwick Montgomery, George R. Beasley-Murray, David Dockery, Robert Gundry, and George E. Ladd.

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### DISPENSATIONAL PREMILLENNIALISM

**God's Work with Israel**      **God's Work with the Church**      **Great Tribulation**      **Millennium**      **ETERNITY**

**What is dispensational premillennialism?**  
 Dispensational premillennialism is the belief that the Second Coming of Christ will precede the millennium and that God will still give the nation of Israel the land described in Genesis 15:18.

Dispensational premillennialism treats the millennium as a literal, future event. Most dispensational premillennialists are pre-tribulationists; they understand Rev. 4:1, 2 to refer to "the rapture," when Christ removes Christians from the earth before the great tribulation begins. Some dispensational premillennialists, known as mid-tribulationists, believe the rapture will occur during the great tribulation. According to the dispensational premillennialists . . .

- God's promises to Abraham and his offspring were unconditional; therefore, the Jews will still receive the land described in Genesis 15:18.
- During the great tribulation, many Jews will turn to Jesus Christ.
- All references to Israel in Revelation refer to the nation of Israel.

**What Scriptures seem to support dispensational premillennialism?**

- God's promises to Abraham and his offspring were unconditional—Genesis 15:7-21.
- God will keep Christians from the outpouring of His wrath during the tribulation—I Thessalonians 5:9; Revelation 3:10.
- The church is not specifically mentioned between Revelation 4 and 19.

**When has dispensational premillennialism been popular?** This view emerged in the 1800's among the Plymouth Brethren. Dispensational premillennialism increased in popularity in the late 1800's and has remained widespread throughout the 20th century. Proponents have included J. Nelson Darby, C.I. Scofield, Harry A. Ironside, Gleason Archer, Donald G. Barnhouse, Hal Lindsey, Chuck Smith, John MacArthur, Charles Ryrie, Charles Stanley, Norman L. Geisler, and Tim LaHaye.

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Why does this matter to Christ?

Why does this matter to my relationship with the Church/Body of Christ?

Why does this matter to me and my relationship with God?

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Prayer in Gethsemane (Mt. 26:36-46; Mk. 14:32-42; Lk. 22:39-46; Jn 18:1)

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Betrayal & Arrest (Mt. 26:47-56; Mk. 14:43-52; Lk 22:47-53; Jn. 18:2-11)

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# The Trials of Christ

Lisa Hendrix

Matthew 26-27; Mark 14-15; Luke 22-23; John 18-19

## 1. The Trial of Abandonment and Betrayal

A. The Agony of Gethsemane

B. The Agony of Betrayal

C. The Agony of Being Abandoned by His Disciples

## 2. The Jewish Trials

A. Annas

B. Caiaphas

C. The Sanhedrin

### 3. The Roman Trials

A. The First Trial with Pilate

B. Herod

C. The Second Trial with Pilate

# Quotes Regarding Crucifixion

“Can anyone be found who would prefer wasting away in pain dying limb by limb, or letting out his life drop by drop, rather than expiring once for all? Can any man be found willing to be fastened to the accursed tree, long sickly, already deformed, swelling with ugly weals\* on shoulders and chest, and drawing the breath of life amid long drawn-out agony? He would have many excuses for dying even before mounting the cross.”

(Lucius Annaeus Seneca, Epistle 101 to Lucilius)

\*Weal: A red, swollen mark left on flesh by a blow or pressure.

**Lucius Annaeus Seneca 4BC-65AD** was a tutor and later advisor to emperor Nero. He was forced to commit suicide for alleged involvement in the “Pisonian conspiracy” to assassinate Nero. His Father was **Marcus Annaeus Seneca** 54 BC to circa 39 AD (Seneca the Elder). His elder brother was **Lucius Junius Gallio Annaeanus** or Gallio a Roman senator and proconsul of Achaia 51-52 AD best known for his refusal of judgment on a legal case involving the Apostle Paul and antagonistic Jews at Corinth. **Acts 18:12-17.**

# Only Known Survivor of Crucifixion

And when I was sent by Titus Caesar with Cerealins, and a thousand horsemen, to a certain village called Thecoa, in order to know whether it were a place fit for a camp, as I came back, I saw many captives crucified, and remembered three of them as my former acquaintance. I was very sorry at this in my mind, and went with tears in my eyes to Titus, and told him of them; so he immediately commanded them to be taken down, and to have the greatest care taken of them, in order to their recovery; yet two of them died under the physician's hands, while the third recovered.

The Life of Flavius Josephus 75.

## Roman Legionnaires

### Centurion Cassius Scaeva

Who fought under Julius Caesar in the Battle of Dyrrachium  
“...with one eye gone, his thigh and shoulder wounded, and his shield bored through [with arrows] in a hundred and twenty places, [he] continued to guard the gate of a fortress put in his charge... [he] boarded the ship and drove the enemy before him with the boss of his shield.”

Gaius Suetonius Tranquillus

**De Vita Caesarum “*The Life of the Caesars*”**

## **The Battle of Philippi** October 3 and 23, 42 BC

“For a long time there was pushing of shield against shield and thrusting with the sword, as they were at first cautiously looking for a chance to wound others without being wounded themselves.” **Cassius Dio** Roman History

### **Marc Antony’s** men during campaign in **Armenia:**

“One day, when they fell into an ambush and were being struck by dense showers of arrows [the legionaries] suddenly formed the testudo\* by joining their shields and rested their left knees on the ground. The barbarians...threw aside their bows, leaped from their horses, and drawing their daggers, came up close to put an end to them. At this the Romans sprang to their feet, extended their battle-line...and confronting the foe face to face, fell upon them...and cut down great numbers.”

**Cassius Dio** Roman History

\*Testudo: Latin for tortoise

# Dionysius of Halicarnassus

in the first century BC described a crucifixion:

“A Roman citizen of no obscure station, having ordered one of his slaves to be put to death, delivered him to his fellow-slaves to be led away, and in order that his punishment might be witnessed by all, directed them to drag him through the Forum and every other conspicuous part of the city as they whipped him, and that he should go ahead of the procession which the Romans were at the time conducting in honour of the god. The men ordered to lead the slave to his punishment, having stretched out both hands and fastened them to a piece of wood which extended across his chest and shoulders as far as his wrists, followed him, tearing his naked body with whips”

***(Roman Antiquities, 7.691-2).***



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## Jesus' Resurrection

“...that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection...” Phil. 3:10

**Our Outlook**

**Our Character**

**Our Mission**

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# **The Ascension of Jesus and the Establishment of the Church Acts 1-2**

## **Old Testament references to the Ascension:**

### **Psalm 68:18**

*You have ascended on high, you have led captivity captive.....*

### **Daniel 7:13-14**

*I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.*

## **Old Testament References to the Kingdom:**

### **2 Samuel 7:13**

*.....I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.*

### **Psalm 45:6**

*Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.*

**Isaiah 9:6-7a**

*For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom.....*

**Daniel 2:44a**

*And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed.....*

**Daniel 7:13-14**

*I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.*

***New Testament References to the Kingdom***

**Matthew 3:2**

*.....Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

**Matthew 4:17**

*.....Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

**Matthew 16:18-19**

*And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of Heaven and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.*

**Mark 9:1**

*.....Assuredly I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.*

**Colossians 1:13**

*He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love*

**New Testament References to the Ascension Before the Cross:**

**Luke 9:51**

*Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem.....*

**John 7:33**

*I shall be with you a little while longer, and then I go to Him who sent Me.*

**John 13:1**

*Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world.....*

**John 14:2**

*In My Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*

**John 14:12**

*Most assuredly I say to you he who believes in Me the works that I do he will do also, and greater works than these he will do because I go to My Father.*

**John 14:28**

*You have heard Me say to you, "I am going away and coming back to you." If you loved Me you would rejoice because I said, "I am going to the Father" for my Father is greater than I.*

**John 16:7**

*Nevertheless, it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.*

**John 16:16**

*A little while and you will not see Me, and again a little while and you will see Me, because I go to the Father.*

**John 16:28**

*I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.*

## **Ascension accounts:**

### **Mark 16:19**

*So then after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.*

### **Luke 24:51**

*Now it came to pass while He blessed them that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven.*

### **Acts 1:9**

*Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up and a cloud received Him out of their sight.*

## **More New Testament References of the Ascension:**

### **Acts 1:2**

*The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up.....*

### **Acts 1:22**



*Therefore of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us.....*

**1 Timothy 3:16**

*God was manifested in the flesh*

*Justified in the Spirit*

*Seen by angels*

*Preached among the Gentiles*

*Believed on in the world*

*Received up in glory*

**Hebrews 4:14**

*Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God.....*

**Hebrews 6:19-20**

*This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast and which enters the Presence behind the veil where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.*

**Hebrews 9:24**

*For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands which are copies of the true but into heaven itself now to appear in the presence of God for us...*

## Day of Pentecost – The Kingdom Begins!

***Day of Pentecost – One of three major feasts where all the males were commanded to appear before the Lord.***

*Exodus 23:17      Exodus 34:23      Deuteronomy 16:16*

*2 Chronicles 8:13*

1. *Passover Feast (In conjunction with the 7 day Feast of Unleavened Bread)*

*Passover was on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month followed immediately by the Feast of Unleavened Bread*

*Leviticus 23:5-8, Numbers 28:16-25*

2. *Feast of Weeks (also known as Day of Pentecost, Feast of Harvest or Feast of Firstfruits)*

*This feast was 50 days or 7 weeks after the Passover Feast*

*Leviticus 23:15-22, Numbers 28:26-31*

3. *Feast of Tabernacles (also known as Feast of Booths, Feast of Ingathering)*

*This feast was on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month.*

*Leviticus 23:33-43, Numbers 29:12-40*

## Outline of Acts 2

I. *The Power Comes*

II. *Prophecy fulfilled*

A. *Jesus is preached: death, burial, resurrection*

B. *Peter uses two prophecies of David from the Psalms:*

1. *Psalm 16:8-11*

2. *Psalm 110:1*

III. *Jesus is now Lord and Christ*

IV. *Response*

V. *Instructions*

VI. *Obedience*

VII. *The church begins!*

*Then those who gladly received his word were baptized and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. Acts 2:41*

*.....And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:47b*

## **Jesus Is At The Right Hand of God**

Psalm 110:1   Matthew 26:64   Mark 16:19   Luke 22:69   Acts 2:33  
Acts 2:34   Acts 5:31   Acts 7:55   Romans 8:34   Ephesians 1:20  
Colossians 3:1   Hebrews 1:3   Hebrews 8:1   Hebrews 10:12   Hebrews  
12:2   1 Peter 3:22

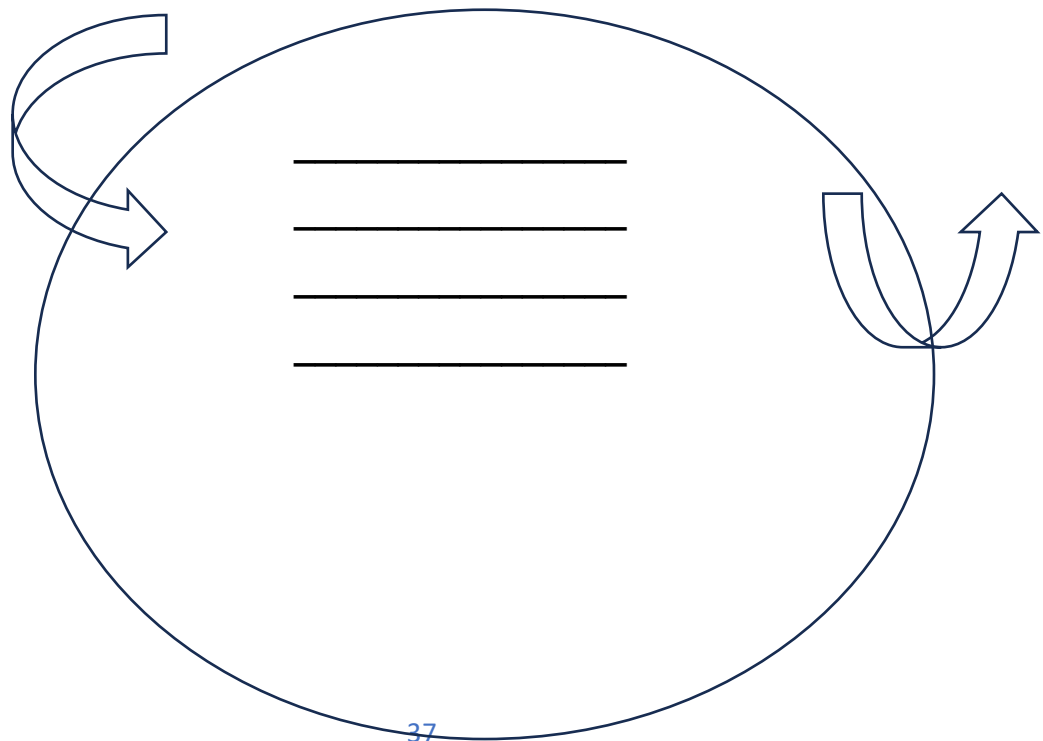
***This plan was in place before time began:***

**1 Peter 1:20**

*He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.*

**Ephesians 1:4-5**

*Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.*



### **1 Corinthians 2:7**

*But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory.*

### **2 Timothy 1:9**

*.....who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.....*

### **Titus 1:2**

*In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began.....*

## **The Ascension and the Kingdom**

### **Daniel 7:13-14**

*I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.*

## Retreat Survey

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MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
10:1-4 The Twelve Apostles Named	3:13-19	6:12-16	
10:5-11:1 Limited Commission	6:7-13	9:1-6	
			6:59-71 Jesus predicts Judas' betrayal.
26:6-13 Mary anoints Jesus' feet.	14:3-9		12:4-5
			13:1-20 Jesus washes the disciples' feet

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MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
26:14-16 Judas' Bargain	14:10-11	22:3-6	
26:17-19 Passover prepared.	14:12-16	22:7-13	
26:21-25 Jesus predicts His betrayer.	14:18-21	22:21-23	13:21-31
26:26-30 Lord's Supper instituted.	14:22-26	22:19-20	
26:31-35 Warning to the apostles	14:27-31	22:31-38	13:36-38

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MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
			13:31- 17:26 Jesus' final discourse and instructions given to the eleven.
26:36-46 Garden of Gethsemane	14:32-42	22:39-46	18:1
26:47-56 Jesus' Betrayal and Arrest	14:43-52	22:47-53	18:2-11
27:1-10 Judas's Remorse			

