

Salvation, or Not?

Shortly before the Passover week began, which led to the crucifixion, Jesus gave a discourse to the Scribes and Pharisees concerning doctrines and their evil examples of life. Closing the discourse, Jesus spoke with a very compassionate heart, saying,

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not.!” Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see Me henceforth till ye shall say, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord” (Matt. 23:37-39).

The Israelites were God’s chosen people. He yearned for an intimate relationship with this nation of the Old Testament. But now, He desired to live in their hearts. They did not understand the Prophecies of the Old Testament concerning the only begotten Son of God, and therefore they rejected Jesus when He came when He came and showed Himself in the flesh. They mocked Him when He claimed Kingship, that He was the Savior of men.

In His unfathomable love for man, God sent prophets and others to the Israelites to encourage their acceptance of His Son (Mat. 11:28). They killed those prophets and the others who were sent because their careers and lives seemed at stake, and this Jesus was a blasphemer! And when they rejected Him, Jesus told them their house was left unto them. In other words, He told them He was moving out of their Temple, lock, stock, and barrel. Their sign would be the veil in the Temple being rent from the top to the bottom. *“I will not recognize your many sacrifices, nor will you see Me when you enter the Holiest place. You will not see a cloud by day, nor fire by night. Even your fleshly temple will be desolate unto you, for I am not there.”*

In verse 39, Jesus continues, “You cannot feel My presence, and you will not know who I am. Neither will you know My Father whom you believe you serve. When you next see Me, It will be when your heart opens to My tender Love. Then by the revelation of My Spirit you will know Me once again, and you will say, *“Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.”*

You and I are the reasons Jesus gave His own Life on the cross and suffered separation from the Father those three days. Then on that third day, He arose to live forevermore. Because He lives, you and I can live also!

No man has ever loved as Jesus loved.

Jesus loves you and He wants you to come to Him. Paul gave us the formula for eternal Life in Him. Here it is:

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved; for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, whosoever believeth on the Lord shall not be ashamed...For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:9-11, and 13).

Jesus said, *“surely I come quickly”. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus”* (Revelation 22:20).