

## Resurrection Sunday 2020

From Blessed Be the One

To Save Us

To Give Us Barabbas

To Crucify Him

To He is Risen

In just One short week

One week in the life of Jews that was supposed to be a Holy Observance, a Holy Week, a Feast of God, the Passover.

In just One short week, many went from shouting Jesus' Name, proclaiming Him, rightfully so, as the Son David who had come in The Name of The Lord to shouting

for His execution, demanding that He be crucified.

In keeping with what Don talked about last week, we know that there is a beginning of the story as well as an end. We already know the end, or at least understand that there is an end of the story. But there is still some story yet to tell. After the death. After the burial. After the three days. After all of that which culminated in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the Savior. That week before, during that Palm Sunday, the crowd of people had been shouting, "Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord."

Hosanna means Help Us or Save Us. His very Name, Jesus, means to rescue or to deliver. He is the Savior. He is the Deliverer.

With all of this, we still haven't reached the end of the story. Jesus stayed around for 40 days following the resurrection, appearing to many people who didn't recognize him, they suspected him to be the gardener or just a random passerby, he spent time teaching & laying out His orders to His disciples and then, on that fortieth day, He told them to hang around Jerusalem until they witnessed the coming of Holy Spirit on what had been called the Feast of Weeks in Hebrew Shavuot, or as is more commonly referred to in Christianity as Pentecost. Pente meaning Five, as in Pentagram. Shavuot means a week of

weeks or 7 weeks. Pentecost refers to 50 days, the 49 days of Shavuot plus one more day. In Judaism, the 50th day is known as the Feast of Firstfruits.

Romans 8:14-39 The mature children of God are those who are moved by the impulses of the Holy Spirit. 15 And you did not receive the “spirit of religious duty,” leading you back into the fear of never being good enough . But you have received the “Spirit of full acceptance,” enfolding you into the family of God. And you will never feel orphaned, for as he rises up within us, our spirits join him in saying the words of tender affection, “Beloved Father!” 16 For the Holy Spirit makes God’s fatherhood real to us as he whispers into our innermost being, “You are God’s beloved child!” 17 And since we

are his true children, we qualify to share all his treasures, for indeed, we are heirs of God himself. And since we are joined to Christ, we also inherit all that he is and all that he has. We will experience being co-glorified with him provided that we accept his sufferings as our own. 18 I am convinced that any suffering we endure is less than nothing compared to the magnitude of glory that is about to be unveiled within us. 19 The entire universe is standing on tiptoe, yearning to see the unveiling of God's glorious sons and daughters! 20 For against its will the universe itself has had to endure the empty futility resulting from the consequences of human sin. But now, with eager expectation, 21 all creation longs for freedom from its slavery to decay and to

experience with us the wonderful freedom coming to God's children. 22 24 For this is the hope of our salvation. But hope means that we must trust and wait for what is still unseen. For why would we need to hope for something we already have? 25 So because our hope is set on what is yet to be seen, we patiently keep on waiting for its fulfillment. 26 And in a similar way, the Holy Spirit takes hold of us in our human frailty to empower us in our weakness. For example, at times we don't even know how to pray, or know the best things to ask for. But the Holy Spirit rises up within us to super-intercede on our behalf, pleading to God with emotional sighs too deep for words. 27 God, the searcher of the heart, knows fully our longings, yet he also understands the

desires of the Spirit, because the Holy Spirit passionately pleads before God for us, his holy ones, in perfect harmony with God's plan and our destiny. 28 So we are convinced that every detail of our lives is continually woven together to fit into God's perfect plan of bringing good into our lives, for we are his lovers who have been called to fulfill his designed purpose. 29 For he knew all about us before we were born and he destined us from the beginning to share the likeness of his Son. This means the Son is the oldest among a vast family of brothers and sisters who will become just like him. 30 Having determined our destiny ahead of time, he called us to himself and transferred his perfect righteousness to everyone he called. And those who possess his perfect

righteousness he co-glorified with his Son!  
31 So, what does all this mean? If God has determined to stand with us, tell me, who then could ever stand against us? 32 For God has proved his love by giving us his greatest treasure, the gift of his Son. And since God freely offered him up as the sacrifice for us all, he certainly won't withhold from us anything else he has to give. 33 Who then would dare to accuse those whom God has chosen in love to be his? God himself is the judge who has issued his final verdict over them—"Not guilty!" 34 Who then is left to condemn us? Certainly not Jesus, the Anointed One! For he gave his life for us, and even more than that, he has conquered death and is now risen, exalted, and enthroned by God at his right hand. So how could he possibly



condemn us since he is continually praying for our triumph ? 35 Who could ever separate us from the endless love of God's Anointed One? Absolutely no one! For nothing in the universe has the power to diminish his love toward us. Troubles, pressures, and problems are unable to come between us and heaven's love.

What about persecutions, deprivations, dangers, and death threats? No, for they are all impotent to hinder omnipotent love, 36 even though it is written: All day long we face death threats for your sake, God. We are considered to be nothing more than sheep to be slaughtered! 37 Yet even in the midst of all these things, we triumph over them all, for God has made us to be more than conquerors, and his demonstrated love is our glorious victory

over everything! 38 So now I live with the confidence that there is nothing in the universe with the power to separate us from God's love. I'm convinced that his love will triumph over death, life's troubles, fallen angels, or dark rulers in the heavens. There is nothing in our present or future circumstances that can weaken his love. 39 There is no power above us or beneath us—no power that could ever be found in the universe that can distance us from God's passionate love, which is lavished upon us through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One!