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SERIES: LUKE: THE SON OF MAN, THE SAVIOR
HAS COME, WEEK 71

TITLE: ANOTHER PROPHECY OF THE PASSION

TEXT: LUKE 9:43B-45

INTRODUCTION: (1) DEATH IS AN APPOINTMENT
THAT ALL OF US WILL KEEP, FOR HEBREWS 9:27
SAYS: (QUOTE IT).

* NOW NONE OF US WILL BE LATE FOR THAT
APPOINTMENT OR EARLY, BUT RIGHT ON TIME.
IN FACT JOB 14:1&5 SAYS: "MAN, WHO IS BORN
OF WOMAN, IS SHORT LIVED AND FULL OF
TURMOIL." V. 5 - "SINCE HIS DAYS ARE
DETERMINED, THE NUMBER OF HIS MONTHS IS
WITH THEM, AND HIS LIMITS THOU HAS SET SO
THAT HE CANNOT PASS."

** IN LIGHT OF THAT, WE AS FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST MUST REDEEM THE TIME, AND LIVE WISELY, QUOTE EPHESIANS 5:15&16, PSALM 39:4, PSALM 90:12 AND JOHN 9:4.

*** AND BELOVED, WE MUST USE OUR TIME WISELY, LIVING FOR CHRIST, AS HE GIVES US LIFE AND BREATH FOR DEATH IS INEVITABLE.

**** AND DEATH WAS INEVITABLE FOR JESUS CHRIST, IT WAS THE WILL OF GOD, ORDAINED BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.

(2) IN FACT, JESUS WAS BORN TO DIE. BORN TO DIE THAT HUMAN BEINGS WOULD LIVE, BE GRANTED ETERNAL LIFE, TO GO SPIRITUALLY FROM DEATH TO LIFE, BROUGHT ABOUT **THROUGH AN ETERNAL DECREE, THROUGH GOD'S** SOVEREIGN PLAN, FOR HIS SON AND PEOPLE HE WOULD COME INTO THE WORD TO SAVE.

*** SO JESUS' DEATH WAS NOT AN ACCIDENT, NOT A PLAN B, NOT A MISTAKE, AND NOT A SURPRISE.**

** THE DEATH OF JESUS WAS PLANNED, PREDICTED AND PROPHESED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SAVING HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS.

*** JESUS HAD TO DIE, THE PLAN OF GOD COULD NOT BE SET ASIDE.

**** AND IN OUR TEXT TODAY, FOR THE THIRD TIME IN LUKE 9, IT IS REVEALED THAT JESUS IS GOING TO DIE.

(3) FOR IN LUKE 9:22 JESUS SAID, "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 UP ON THE THIRD DAY."

* THEN IN LUKE 9:31 AS JESUS IS TRANSFIGURED, ALONG WITH MOSES AND **ELIJAH APPEARING WITH HIM, "WERE SPEAKING** OF HIS DEPARTURE, HIS EXODUS, HIS DEATH COMING UP AT JERUSALEM."

** AND THEN IN OUR PASSAGE FOR TODAY IN LUKE 9:44, **JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "FOR THE SON OF MAN IS GOING TO BE DELIVERED INTO THE HANDS OF MEN."**

*** AND IN THE COMPANION PARALLEL TEXT IN **MATTHEW 17:22&23, MATTHEW SAID: "THE SON OF MAN IS GOING TO BE DELIVERED INTO THE HANDS OF MEN AND THEY WILL KILL HIM, AND HE WILL BE RAISED ON THE THIRD DAY."**

**** SO THE DEATH OF JESUS IS PREDICTED AGAIN, 3 TIMES IN LUKE 9.

(4) BUT SADLY AGAIN, THE DISCIPLES DON'T GET IT, AND WE WILL FIND OUT ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THAT IN LUKE 9:45, "BECAUSE IT WAS CONCEALED, HID, HIDDEN FROM THEM," WHICH WILL ADD A NEW TWIST TO THE GREAT TRUTH OF CHRIST'S PROPHECY OF HIS DEATH.

*** IN LIGHT OF THAT, I'VE TITLED OUR STUDY TODAY, "ANOTHER PROPHECY OF THE PASSION,"**
THE PASSION SPEAKING OF THE DEATH OF OUR SAVIOR.

**** NOW UNDER THAT TITLE WE'LL LOOK AT 3 POINTS AS WE COVER LUKE 9:43B-45.**

*** NO. 1 THE POPULARITY OF JESUS AT THIS TIME, V. 43B; NO. 2 THE PREDICTION BY JESUS OF HIS DEATH, V. 44; AND NO. 3 THE PERPLEXITY OF THE DISCIPLES, V. 45.

**** AND WITH THOSE 3 POINTS AS OUR **ROADMAP, LOOK AT V. 43 PLEASE WHERE WE'LL** SEE OUR FIRST POINT TODAY, THE POPULARITY OF JESUS.

I. THE POPULARITY, (READ V. 43)

A. NOW THE PEOPLE IN GALILEE AT THIS TIME **WERE MARVELING, NOT ONLY OF CHRIST'S** DELIVERANCE OF A YOUNG BOY FROM A POWERFUL DEMON, WHICH WE LOOKED AT LAST **SUNDAY, BUT ALSO "AT ALL THAT HE WAS DOING."**

* AND THAT PHRASE TELLS US THE CROWDS **RESPONSE TO JESUS' WORKS IN GENERAL IN** THAT AREA. THIS IS A BROAD SUMMARY OF ALL THE MIRACLES JESUS PERFORMED INCLUDING CASTING THE DEMON OUT OF THE YOUNG BOY IN LUKE 9:37-42.

** AND PEOPLE THAT WITNESSED THESE MIRACLES WERE MARVELING AT HIS POWER AND WHAT HE WAS DOING.

** AND THE GREEK WORD FOR MARVELING LIT. MEANS TO BE FILLED WITH ASTONISHMENT, TO BE FILLED WITH WONDER, TO BE FILLED WITH AMAZEMENT AT SOMETHING OUTSIDE THE REALM OF HUMAN EXPLANATION.

**** PEOPLE IN GALILEE WERE MARVELING AT **JESUS' POWER AT THIS TIME, THUS HE WAS AT** THE PEAK OF HIS POPULARITY BECAUSE OF ALL OF HIS MIRACLES, BECAUSE OF ALL THAT HE WAS DOING.

1. BUT YOU NEED TO SEE SOMETHING WITH ME TODAY, IN THE SAME BREATH AND VERSE, LUKE **SAYS: "HE SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES" IN THE MIDST OF THIS GREAT AMAZEMENT.**

* MEANING, JESUS TAKES THE OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW A CRUCIAL CONTRAST BETWEEN THE **PEOPLE'S PERSPECTIVE AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN** IN A FEW MONTHS.

** IT IS TO SAY, IN CONTRAST TO THE **CROWD'S** AMAZEMENT, WONDER AND ASTONISHMENT, THEY WERE FICKLE, FOLLOWING JESUS FOR FOOD AND MIRACLES, PHYSICAL THINGS.

*** BUT JESUS SAYS IN CONTRAST TO THIS, HE IS GOING TO BE BETRAYED AND DELIVERED INTO THE HANDS OF MEN, WHICH MEANS IN **MATTHEW AND MARK'S PARALLEL COMPANION** TEXTS IN MATTHEW 17:22&23 AND MARK 9:31, HE IS GOING TO DIE.

**** HENCE, THE POINT IS TO HIS DISCIPLES **WAS, "GUYS, DO NOT BE MISLED BY ALL THIS POPULAR ATTENTION, AMAZEMENT AND ASTONISHMENT BY THE CROWDS. THINGS WILL CHANGE."**

2. SO WE HAVE A CLEAR CRUCIAL CONTRAST **BETWEEN JESUS' PERSPECTIVE AND EVERYONE ELSE. AND JESUS DIDN'T WANT HIS DISCIPLES TO BE CAUGHT OFF GUARD, CONTROLLED BY THE WAVE OF EMOTION BY PEOPLE IN GENERAL.**

* AND TO COUNTER THAT, JESUS MAKES A **PREDICTION IN V. 44 WHERE WE'LL SEE OUR 2'D POINT, THE PREDICTION. LOOK AT V. 44 PLEASE.**

II. THE PREDICTION, (READ V. 44)

A. NOW WANTING TO MAKE SURE THAT HIS DISCIPLES DID NOT NURTURE AND CULTIVATE ANY FALSE EXPECTATIONS, THE LORD SAID, **"LET THESE WORDS SINK INTO YOUR EARS."**

* THAT IS, PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO WHAT I AM ABOUT TO TELL YOU, LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY, LISTEN UP, UNDERSTAND WHAT I AM ABOUT TO SAY.

**** AND WHAT DOES JESUS SAY, "THE SON OF MAN IS GOING TO BE DELIVERED INTO THE HANDS OF MEN."**

***** AND THE PHRASE "SON OF MAN," USED 26 TIMES IN MY BIBLE IN LUKE IS USED BY JESUS.**

****** AND IT WAS HIS FAVORITE TITLE BECAUSE IT IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS THE MESSIAH WHILE IDENTIFYING HIMSELF WITH HUMANITY, MANKIND.**

1. SON OF MAN IS JESUS' SELF DESIGNATION AS THE GLORIOUS EXALTED ONE, BUT ONE WHO WAS BORN OF A WOMAN, EMPHASIZING HIS TIE TO HUMANITY.

* AND THE SON OF MAN IS GOING TO BE DELIVERED INTO THE HANDS OF MEN.

** NOW THE WORD DELIVERED, OR BETRAYED DEPENDING ON WHICH TRANSLATION YOU HAVE, LIT. MEANS TO GIVE INTO THE HANDS OF **ANOTHER, TO GIVE OVER TO ONE'S POWER AND USE.**

*** AND JESUS WAS GOING TO BE DELIVERED OR BETRAYED BY THE TREACHERY OF JUDAS ISCARIOT INTO THE HANDS OF JEWISH AND ROMAN LEADERS.

**** **AND IN CHRIST'S WILLINGNESS TO GIVE HIS** LIFE A RANSOM FOR MANY, JESUS SUBMITTED HIMSELF BOTH TO THE EVIL PLANS OF MEN AND TO THE GRACIOUS AND RIGHTEOUS PLAN OF HIS HEAVENLY FATHER.

2. THIS WOULD BE THE WILL OF GOD, BUT ALSO THE WILL OF MAN!

* AND IN APPLICATION OF THAT, I WANT TO COMMUNICATE TO YOU AN IMPORTANT TRUTH, **OF GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY.**

** AND TO HELP DO THAT, I WANT YOU TO LOOK AT ACTS 2:22&23 ON THE SCREEN, FOR THIS TEXT COMMUNICATES THE WILL OF GOD AND **THE WILL OF MAN, ILLUSTRATING WHAT I'VE** JUST COMMUNICATED TO YOU.

*** AND PETER IS PREACHING ON PENTECOST AND SAYS:

V. 22 - **"MEN OF ISRAEL, LISTEN TO THESE** WORDS: JESUS THE NAZARENE, A MAN ATTESTED TO YOU BY GOD WITH MIRACLES AND WONDERS AND SIGNS WHICH GOD PERFORMED THROUGH HIM IN YOUR MIDST, JUST AS YOU YOURSELVES KNOW -

V. 23 - THIS MAN, DELIVERED UP BY THE PREDETERMINED PLAN AND FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD, YOU NAILED TO A CROSS BY THE HANDS OF GODLESS MEN AND PUT HIM TO **DEATH."**

**** NOW A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS HERE. WHAT DID GOD ALMIGHTY ETERNALLY DECREE WOULD HAPPEN TO HIS SON?

3. HE WOULD BE CRUCIFIED. NOW WHAT DID THE JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND THE CROWD DEMAND TO TAKE PLACE IN FRONT OF PILATE?

*** CRUCIFY HIM. CRUCIFY HIM, WE'LL HAVE NO KING BUT CAESAR. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THE CROWD WANTED, THEY WERE NOT PUPPETS. THAT WAS THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE, TO CRUCIFY JESUS.**

** NOW TWO MORE QUESTIONS, WHAT IS THE VERY THING THAT WILL SATISFY THE CHARACTER OF A HOLY GOD? THE ANSWER: THE SUBSTITUTIONARY DEATH OF HIS SON, THE SHED BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST.

*** NOW WHAT IS THE ONLY THING THAT WOULD SATISFY THE HATE AND PASSION OF THE CROWD WITH PILATE?

**** THE ANSWER: THE SHED BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST!

4. **AND HERE'S THE TRUTH. WHAT GOD SOVEREIGNLY ORDAINS IN ETERNITY, MAN WILL CHOOSE BY HIS OWN WILL IN TIME.**

* WHAT GOD SOVEREIGNLY DECREES IN ETERNITY, MAN WILL ALWAYS DEMAND IN TIME.

** **MAN'S QUOTE "FREE WILL" WHICH IS DOMINATED BY SIN WILL ALWAYS FREELY CHOOSE THE VERY THING THAT GOD HAS SOVEREIGNLY ORDAINED AND GOD'S PURPOSE WILL BE FULFILLED.**

*** AND JUST AS SURELY MAN WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS EVERY ACT OF SIN.

**** THE WORD OF GOD, FROM BEGINNING TO END, TEACHES THAT GOD IS ABSOLUTELY SOVEREIGN AND CONTROLS EVERYTHING AS HE WORKS OUT HIS FOREORDAINED PURPOSE AND PLAN.

5. HOWEVER, OUR SAME BIBLE TEACHES THAT EVERY HUMAN BEING IS 100% RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERY ONE OF HIS ACTIONS, AND THE CROSS IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF THAT.

*** AND HERE'S THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION. WE MUST NEVER FEEL THAT WE ARE "PAWNS" OR "VICTIMS" OF THE UNGODLY. WE SHOULD ALWAYS SEE THE HAND OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER CONTROLLING ALL THINGS.**

** AND IF THE WICKED PREVAIL FOR A TIME, THEY WILL NOT PREVAIL IN ETERNITY AND THEIR WILL BE NO INJUSTICE IN ETERNITY. IT IS ONLY BECAUSE GOD HAS PURPOSED TO USE IT FOR HIS OWN GLORY AND FOR OUR GOOD.

*** SO WE NEED TO REST IN **THE ALMIGHTY'S** GOODNESS, AND HIS ULTIMATE GOOD PURPOSE, **WHEN IT ALL DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, AND** SOMETHING TERRIBLE AND DESPICABLE HAPPENS THAT BREAKS OUR HEARTS.

**** REMEMBER GOD NEVER AUTHORS THE SIN BEHIND THE EVIL PURPOSE AND EVIL DESIRES OF PEOPLE.

6. PURITAN THOMAS WATSON PUT IT THIS **WAY, "GOD ALWAYS HAS A HAND IN THE ACTION WHERE THE SIN IS, BUT HE NEVER HAS A HAND IN THE SIN OF THE ACTION."**

* NOW WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? WELL, IT MEANS IT DOES NOT MATTER WHAT HAPPENED, WHEN IT HAPPENED, WHERE IT HAPPENED, OR TO WHOM IT HAPPENED.

** IF IT HAPPENED, THEN GOD HAD A HAND IN IT; HE CONTROLLED IT. HOWEVER, HE IS NOT GUILTY OF THE SIN OR HATRED IN THE HEARTS OF PEOPLE THAT CAUSED THE SIN IN THE SITUATION.

*** **SO GOD'S DECREES WILL COME TO PASS** USING WHAT MAN TRULY WANTS IN HIS DEPRAVITY.

**** **PSALM 135:6 SAYS: "WHATEVER THE LORD PLEASES HE DOES", BUT I REMIND YOU** WHATEVER HE DOES IS RIGHT.

7. **PSALM 103:19 SAYS: "THE LORD HAS ESTABLISHED HIS THRONE IN THE HEAVENS; AND HIS SOVEREIGNTY RULES OVER ALL."**

* **GENESIS 50:20 - "WHAT MAN INTENDS FOR EVIL, GOD USES FOR GOOD."** ISAIAH 46:9&10
V. 10 - DECLARING THE END FROM THE BEGINNING AND FROM ANCIENT TIMES THINGS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN DONE, SAYING MY PURPOSE WILL BE ESTABLISHED, AND I WILL ACCOMPLISH ALL MY GOOD PLEASURE.

** AND THEN ROMANS 8:28&29 (QUOTE THEM)

*** AND BELOVED, WE NEED TO REST IN THAT TRUTH. AND AS WE GO BACK TO LUKE 9:44, YES JESUS WOULD BE DELIVERED INTO THE HANDS OF WICKED MEN, BY JUDAS ISCARIOT, AND JUDAS FREELY WANTED TO DO THAT, THAT WAS **JUDAS' PLAN, BUT ULTIMATELY IT WAS GOD'S** PLAN TO PROVIDE A REDEEMER.

**** JESUS WAS NOT A VICTIM, BUT A VICTOR FOR EVERY PERSON THAT HE WILL SAVE BY HIS GRACE. AND MY SOUL THUNDERS OUT, O LORD MY GOD, YOU ARE VERY GREAT, YOU ARE CLOTHED WITH HONOR AND MAJESTY, PSALM 104:1.

- NOW FOR CLARITY AT THIS POINT, I WANT TO **GO BACK TO MATTHEW'S ACCOUNT OF THIS** TEXT AND LOOK AT MATTHEW 17:23 WHICH SAYS: **"AND THEY WILL KILL HIM, AND HE WILL BE RAISED ON THE THIRD DAY. AND THEY WERE DEEPLY GRIEVED."**

8. NOW V. 23, JUST FURTHER ILLUSTRATES THE **TRUTH I'VE JUST COMMUNICATED TO YOU. FOR IT SAYS: "AND THEY WILL KILL HIM."**

* NOW WHO IS THE THEY? WELL, THE JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND ULTIMATELY THE ROMAN GOVT.

** BUT IN REALITY, WHO KILLED JESUS? WELL ULTIMATELY GOD THE FATHER, FOR ISAIAH 53:10 SAYS: (QUOTE IT AND COMMENT). ALSO QUOTE II CORINTHIANS 5:21, I JOHN 4:9&10, GALATIANS 4:4&5

*** AND THEN ROMANS 8:32 SAYS: HE WHO DID NOT SPARE HIS OWN SON, BUT DELIVERED HIM UP FOR US ALL, HOW WILL HE NOT ALSO WITH HIM FREELY GIVE US ALL THINGS?

**** AND BELIEVER FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE, AND GOD COMMENDETH HIS LOVE TOWARD US AS BELIEVERS, FOR WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US. SO WHO KILLED JESUS? MAN AND GOD. WHO ORDAINED IT? THE FATHER, JEHOVAH, THE GOD-HEAD.

9. AND THEN GOD THE FATHER WOULD RAISE HIS SON FROM THE DEAD THE THIRD DAY TO DECLARE HIM LORD OF DEATH, QUOTE ROMANS 1:4, I CORINTHIANS 15:20.

* AND THE VICTORY OF THE RESURRECTION SEPARATES JESUS FROM ALL THE OTHER FOUNDERS OF RELIGIONS IN THE WORLD FOR HE IS ALIVE, BUT THEY ARE DEAD!

** AND THIS SHOULD HAVE ENCOURAGED THE **DISCIPLES. BUT IT DIDN'T, FOR THE END OF V. 23 SAYS "THEY WERE DEEPLY GRIEVED,"** EXCEEDINGLY SORROWFUL, FILLED WITH GRIEF.

*** AND THEY WERE LOOKING AT THIS SOLELY WITH PHYSICAL EYES RATHER THAN SPIRITUAL **EYES, AND THEY COULD NOT GET BY JESUS' DEATH AT THIS TIME TO UNDERSTAND HIS RESURRECTION.**

**** AND MARK IN HIS PARALLEL COMPANION TEXT SAID IN MARK 9:32 THAT THE DISCIPLES, **"DID NOT UNDERSTAND THIS STATEMENT AND THEY WERE AFRAID TO ASK HIM."**

***** THEY JUST COULD NOT COMPREHEND THAT THEIR MESSIAH WOULD HAVE TO SUFFER AND **DIE, IT DIDN'T CONNECT.**

- BUT THEY COULD NOT GET BEYOND THEIR OWN FEELINGS AT THIS TIME TO REJOICE IN THE RESURRECTION, ALL THEY COULD SEE WAS THE TEMPORAL, HIS DEATH. THEY WERE PERPLEXED.

- AND THAT REALITY LEADS US BACK TO LUKE 9:45 AND OUR LAST POINT TODAY, THE PERPLEXITY. LOOK AT V. 45 PLEASE.

III. THE PERPLEXITY, (READ V. 45)

A. NOW THE LORD'S PREDICTION CAUSED THE DISCIPLES SOME PERPLEXITY, AS I HAVE ALREADY COMMUNICATED.

* AND AS I HAVE ALREADY POINTED OUT FROM MATTHEW, THEY WERE DEEPLY GRIEVED AND THEY COULD NOT RECONCILE A TRUE MESSIAH DYING AND BEING BETRAYED.

** BECAUSE OF THEIR OWN MISCONCEPTIONS AND WORLDLY EXPECTATIONS CONCERNING THEIR MESSIAH AND HIS KINGDOM, THEY WERE **UNABLE TO MAKE SENSE OUT OF JESUS'** PREDICTION. IN THEIR MINDS, HOW WAS THIS POSSIBLE, IT CAUSED PERPLEXITY AND THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND.

*** NOW THE BIG TRUTH IN V. 45 THAT IS REVEALED IS WHY? WHY DID THEY NOT UNDERSTAND?

**** WELL, THE ANSWER FROM THE NEXT **PHRASE IN V. 45 GIVES US THE REASON, "IT WAS CONCEALED FROM THEM, SO THAT, (PURPOSE CLAUSE) SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT PERCEIVE IT OR UNDERSTAND IT."**

1. AND THIS IS BIG. FOR BEYOND THE REASONS **I'VE ALREADY MENTIONED** OF WHY THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND BECAUSE IT DID NOT FIT THEIR CONCEPT OF WHAT A MESSIAH WOULD BE.

* BUT AN ADDITIONAL REASON IS GIVEN HERE, IT WAS CONCEALED FROM THEM, LIT. HID FROM THEM, COVERED TO THEM, COMPLETELY COVERED OVER.

** AND THE QUESTION IS, WHO DID THE CONCEALING? WAS IT THE DEVIL OR GOD? DID THE DEVIL HIDE THIS FROM THEM OR GOD?

*** WELL, IF IT WERE THE DEVIL, WE ARE GIVING HIM TOO MUCH CREDIT AS WE DO SOMETIMES AS WE SAY, THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT. YET CERTAINLY, HE BLINDS PEOPLE ABOUT THE GOSPEL, ACCORDING TO II CORINTHIANS 4:3&4 (QUOTE THEM).

**** SO SATAN BLINDS LOST PEOPLE AND CERTAINLY DECEIVES BELIEVERS, BUT IS SATAN A PART OF THE CONTEXT HERE? IS THE FOCUS ON HIM OR GOD?

2. WHO ULTIMATELY DELIVERS JESUS OVER TO THE HAND OF MAN? THE ANSWER IS GOD. WHO OVERRULES IN WORKS OF PROVIDENCE? GOD. WHO IS ON THE THRONE? GOD.

* AND HERE WE ANSWER WHO IS CONCEALING THESE THINGS FROM THE DISCIPLES BEYOND THEIR OWN HARD HEARTS AND FAITHLESSNESS, HAVING EARLIER TALKED ABOUT THE WILL OF MAN AND THE WILL OF GOD THAT IS THE FIRST CAUSE OF THINGS THAT MAN FREELY CHOOSES.

** NOW IF IT IS GOD THAT IS CONCEALING, THE QUESTION IS WHY? WELL, THE ANSWER IS NOT GIVEN IN THE TEXT, THAT ANSWER IS NOT REVEALED.

*** BUT ULTIMATELY WE KNOW IN **GOD'S** PURPOSES, HE ALWAYS ALWAYS HAS A GOOD PURPOSE.

**** AND WE KNOW THEY WILL UNDERSTAND **AFTER CHRIST'S RESURRECTION. AND** CERTAINLY WE KNOW THAT GOD MUST GIVE SIGHT TO THE BLIND SPIRITUALLY, HE MUST OPEN THE EARS OF THE SPIRITUALLY DEAF, AND HE MUST QUICKEN OR MAKE ALIVE THOSE WHO ARE DEAD IN TRESPASSES AND SIN.

3. AND WE KNOW THAT THE EMMAUS DISCIPLES DID RECOGNIZE WHO JESUS WAS AFTER HIS RESURRECTION FOR IT SAYS IN LUKE 24:16 - "BUT THEIR EYES WERE PREVENTED FROM RECOGNIZING HIM."

* AND THEN IN LUKE 24:31 IT SAYS OF THESE SAME DISCIPLES - "THEN THEIR EYES WERE OPENED AND THEY RECOGNIZED HIM; AND HE VANISHED FROM THEIR SIGHT."

** AND BELOVED, MY POINT IS THERE ARE TIMES THAT GOD SOVEREIGNLY CONCEALS THINGS IN HIS SECRET COUNCIL, BUT WE MUST TRUST HIM, FOR HE IS GOOD, JUST, RIGHTEOUS, HOLY AND **CANNOT SIN. SO I TRUST HIM IN AREAS I DON'T UNDERSTAND, OR CAN'T UNDERSTAND UNTIL IT IS REVEALED TO ME.**

*** AND THE DISCIPLES WOULD SEE IT, ONE DAY, AND WHEN IT ALL CAME TOGETHER IN THEIR HEARTS AND MINDS, THROUGH SOVEREIGN GRACE, THEY WERE WILLING TO DIE FOR JESUS, WHICH ALL OF THE 12 DID EXCEPT JOHN, AND HE WAS WILLING TO DIE AND WOULD BE EXILED BECAUSE OF HIS FAITH.

**** BUT UNTIL THE LORD OPENED UP THEIR EYES, THEY WOULD NOT SEE. AND THE LAST PART OF V. 45 COMMUNICATES, THE DISCIPLES WERE AFRAID TO ASK JESUS ABOUT THIS STATEMENT, ABOUT HIS PREDICTION.

4. AND YOU KNOW WHAT THAT TELLS ME? **THEY DIDN'T WANT TO KNOW. THEY DID NOT WANT TO KNOW THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION.**

*** AND YOU KNOW WHY? THEY WEREN'T** READY. FOR THEM AT THIS POINT, TOO MUCH INFORMATION BECAUSE IF THEY WOULD HAVE ASKED, JESUS MIGHT HAVE GIVEN THEM THE ANSWER.

**** IT'S ALMOST AS IF THEY WERE AFRAID TO** HAVE THEIR FEARS CONFIRMED. THEY WERE AFRAID AND GRIEVED SO MUCH, THEY THOUGHT, IGNORANCE IS BLISS.

- NOW I WANT TO ATTEMPT TO BRING ALL OF THIS TOGETHER, SO I WANT TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO WHAT JESUS SAID IN LUKE 24:36-45, PLEASE TURN THERE. (READ IT)

(1) NOW IN GOD'S DIVINE PLAN AND SOVEREIGN WILL, HERE WE SEE THE 11 AND SOME OTHER BELIEVERS GATHERED, AND HE HAD TO OPEN THEIR MINDS FOR THEM TO UNDERSTAND AND THEN COMMISSION THEM.

* AND I GO BACK TO THE TRUTH THAT SOME **THINGS ARE CONCEALED UNTIL IN THE LORD'S** PURPOSE, IN HIS TIMING, HE REVEALS WHAT WAS CONCEALED.

** AND IF THAT CONFUSES YOU OR DOES NOT MAKE SENSE, TRUST HIM THAT HE ALWAYS **DOES WHAT'S BEST IN HIS WORK AND HIS** TIMING, BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS IN HIS BEING. **(ILLUSTRATE SEEING GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY IN SALVATION).**

*** AND BELOVED, I TAKE YOU TO DEUTERONOMY 29:29 WHICH SAYS: (QUOTE IT). ALSO QUOTE ISAIAH 55:8&9.

**** **AND CERTAINLY GOD'S WAYS ARE HIGHER** THAN OUR WAYS, AND HIS THOUGHTS, OUR THOUGHTS.

(2) HE IS INFINITE, I AM FINITE. HE IS ALL KNOWING, I AM LIMITED IN KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM.

* **AND ISN'T IT INTERESTING HOW** WE TRUST THE LORD IN OTHER AREAS THAT ARE **REVEALED, THAT WE DON'T FULLY** UNDERSTAND, LIKE THE TRINITY, LIKE HOW DID GOD MAKE EVERYTHING OUT OF NOTHING, AND **EVEN JESUS WALKING ON THE WATER, THAT'S** NOT POSSIBLE, EXCEPT WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE FOR HIM.

** LET OUR HEARTS BE LIFTED UP TO HIM TODAY IN WORSHIP, AS OUR CREATOR, SAVIOR, SUSTAINER AND LORD. HE IS BIG AND WE ARE SMALL, HE MUST INCREASE AND WE MUST DECREASE. HE IS WORTHY OF OUR WORSHIP, OBEDIENCE AND PRAISE.

*** AND HE IS A WORTHY SAVIOR AND LORD **TODAY. IF YOU DON'T KNOW HIM, TURN TO HIM** AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR IN REPENTANCE OF SINS AND FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST ALONE, FOR **BY SOVEREIGN GRACE WE ARE SAVED. (LET'S PRAY)**