

“The Keys Of Death”
Revelation 1:17-18
Easter Morning Services April 8, 2012

When you look at all 4 Gospels and the appearances of Jesus, you find that there are 10 or 11 times that Jesus appeared. 5 of these appearances were on the day of resurrection.

Acts 1:3

Of all post resurrection appearances, Revelation 1 is often forgotten or at least neglected.

The Year Is 95 AD. It was off the coast of the Aegean Sea on a volcanic rocky island called Patmos.

The Apostle John (John “The Beloved”) was banished to this island because his witness in life and Word.

It has been 60 years since the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ.

Rev. 1:17 “And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as a dead man.”

Why Was John So Frightened? Because Jesus was different.

2 Cor 5:16

His Appearance has changed but His Actions Have Not Changed: (2 Things That Jesus did)

1. Jesus Touched Him: “And He laid His right hand upon me,”

Mark 1:40-41

That touch brought comfort and assurance:

2. Jesus Spoke Words To Comfort: “saying, “Do not be afraid”;” – “Stop being afraid!”

There are 3 Supreme Fears of Mankind that the resurrection of Jesus Christ Conquers!

1. The Fear Of Life

2. The Fear Of Death

3. The Fear Of Eternity

1. The Fear Of Life:

Because Jesus rose from the dead He bids us "Not To Be Afraid Of Life!"

Rev 1:18 – "and the living One;"

What this means is "He alone is Self-Existent", John 14:6

1 Cor 15:19

"What Are Some Of Our Fears Today?"

1. The Fear Of A Wasted Life:
2. The Fear Of Life's Sorrows:

Romans 8:18

Romans 8:28

3. The Fear Of Life's Responsibilities:

Phil 4:13

Matt 6:31-32

4. The Fear Of Being Left Alone:

Heb 13:5

"What Is The Purpose of Life?"

Matt 10:39

Mark 8:36-37

John 10:10

2. The Fear Of Death:

Because Jesus rose from the dead He bids us "Not To Be Afraid Of Death!"

Rev 1:18 – "I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore,"

The record is clear, Jesus died: "and I was dead,"

John 10:18

How Did Jesus Die? All four Gospels record His death: On the Cross

Why Did Jesus Die? Because of our sin. Romans 6:23

1 Pet. 2:24

2 Cor 5:21

John 12:32

To Reconcile Man To God (Man's fault) and man with fellow man, and this universe: Col 1:20

The record is clear, Jesus was raised from the dead: "and behold, I am alive forevermore,"

What do we mean by "Resurrection?" The word Resurrection – means "to come to life again, to live again."

Phil 1:21

1 Cor 15:55

What Does Death For The Believer Mean?

1. Death For The Believer Means Coronation: 2 Tim 4:7-8
2. Death For The Believer Means Being With The Lord: 2 Cor 5:8
3. Death For The Believer Means Going Home: John 14:2-3
4. Death For The Believer Means An Exodus: 2 Cor 5:1-3

1 Cor 15:20

3. The Fear Of Eternity:

Because Jesus rose from the dead, He bids us "Not To Be Afraid Of Eternity!"

Rev 1:18 – "I have the keys of death and of Hades."

"I have the keys" – The keys – speak of "His authority"

"of death" – "separation"

“and of Hades.” – “the unseen world”

Job 14:14

1 John 5:11

Remember Death Is Universal! Hebrews 9:27

Application: How can I be ready?

Remember God Loves You! Nothing More That Jesus Can Do For You. He Came, died, buried, resurrected and ascended

Realize You Are A Lost Sinner! You can't save yourself! By grace are we saved (Eph 2:8-9)

Receive Jesus As Your Savior! Repent, (Turn from your way to God's way), Place Your Faith in Jesus! Believe In Him. Live For Him!