

## **SHEOL BURIAL OF JESUS**

We are currently studying a series entitled, Burial of Jesus.

There is much confusion about the burial of Jesus. For example, the three day burial, Jesus' visit to Sheol and the difference between the burial of the body in the tomb and the soul of Jesus in Sheol (Hades).

- Both Peter and Paul made the burial an important part of the gospel of grace salvation in their evangelism (Acts 2:27, 31; 13:29-35).
- They both quoted (Ps.16:8-10) as the important messianic prophesy for it.
- In (1 Cor.15:1-4), Paul made the Scriptural death, burial, and resurrection essential in the gospel message of grace salvation (Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

The Bible says that when Peter gave an invitation at the end of his Pentecost sermon 3000 souls were saved (Acts 2:41).

**Today's lesson will study five aspects of the Sheol Burial of Jesus.**

### **1. The messianic prophesy for the Sheol Burial of Jesus is Ps.16:8-10. "For You will not abandon My soul to Sheol; nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay." (Ps.16:10)**

(1 Cor.15:3-4) "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised according to the Scriptures."

### **2. Sheol is located in the heart of the earth.**

(Matt.12:40) "For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

- (Isa.14:9) Sheol from beneath
- (Eph.4:9) Lower part of the earth
- (Phil.2:10) Under the earth.

### **3. Jesus was abandoned while on cross for sin by the other two members of the Godhead, but not in His burial.**

(2 Cor.5:21) "For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; nor allow Your Holy One to undergo decay." (Ps.16:10)

(Matt.27:46) "About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthni?' that is, 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?'" (Ps.22:1)

Both Peter and Paul quote (Ps.16:10) in (Acts 2:27, 31; 13:35-39) to show that Jesus was not abandon by the Godhead in His burial or resurrection (Rom.8:11).

**4. A three day burial was a prominent teaching of Jesus during His earthly ministry (Matt.16:21-23; 17:23; 20:19).**

- Court (Mk.14:53-65 (**57-59**))
- Crowd (Mk.15:25-32 (**29**))
- Chief priests (Matt.27:62-66 (**63**))

The burial-resurrection of Jesus was to be the greatest sign to Israel that He was the Christ, Son of God, and Savior of the world (1 Cor.1:22; Isa.7:14; 1 Cor.14:21-22).

(Matt.12:39-40) “An evil and adulterous generation craves a sign; and yet no sign will be given to it **but the sign of Jonah** the prophet; for just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”

(John 2:18-22) “The Jews then said to Him, ‘What sign do You show us as Your authority for doing these things?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up’ The Jews then said, ‘It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?’ But He was speaking of the temple of His body. So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they **believed the Scriptures** and the word which Jesus had spoken.”

**5. Jesus completed a four-fold mission during His three days in Sheol.**

(Acts 5:30-31) “The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, Whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a cross. He is the One whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.”

- **His presence in Sheol was witnessed to the fact that God would highly exalt Him because of His finishing the salvation work on the Cross.** (Phil.2:8-10; Acts 2:31-33).
  - (Eph.1:20-23) <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.
- **He kept an appointment with the thief and believers whose tombs were opened;**
  - (Luke 23:43) Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."
  - (Matt 27:50-54) “Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, truly this was the Son of God.”
- **He gave an official message in Tartarus –the Abyss - to the fallen angels of Gen. Ch. 6.**
  - (1 Pet.3:19-20) <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.
  - (2 Pet.2:4-5) <sup>4</sup> For if God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell<sup>[a]</sup> and committed them to chains<sup>[b]</sup> of deepest darkness to be kept until the judgment; <sup>5</sup> and if he did not spare the ancient world, even though he saved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood on a world of the ungodly;

- (Jude 6)<sup>6</sup> and the angels who did not keep their own position, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains in deepest darkness for the judgment of the great day.
  
- **He officially shut down Paradise [Abraham's bosom of Sheol] during the Church Age.**
  - (2 Cor.5:6-8)<sup>6</sup> So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - <sup>7</sup> for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.
  
  - (2 Cor.12:1-4) "It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup> I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that such a person - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows - <sup>4</sup> was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat."
  
  - (Phil.1:21-23)<sup>21</sup> For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup> I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better;
  
  - (Gal.3:27-29)<sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.
  
- **And having accomplished that He, Jesus would receive the key to the Abyss.**
  - **(Rev.1:18)** "I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades".
  
  - **(Rev.9:1-11)** And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit <sup>2</sup> He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft. <sup>3</sup> Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth. <sup>4</sup> They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, but only those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> They were allowed to torment them for five months, but not to kill them, and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings someone. <sup>6</sup> And in those days people will seek death and will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them. <sup>7</sup> In appearance the locusts were like horses prepared for battle: on their heads were what looked like crowns of gold; their faces were like human faces, <sup>8</sup> their hair like women's hair, and their teeth like lions' teeth; <sup>9</sup> they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the noise of their wings was like the noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle. <sup>10</sup> They have tails and stings like scorpions, and their power to hurt people for five months is in their tails. <sup>11</sup> They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he is called Apollyon.
  
  - **(Rev.20:1)** And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain.