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“The Ultimate Quest”

*“... (Jesus) was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.”
(1 Timothy 3:16)*

1st & 2nd Movements: Death & Resurrection

John 2:18-22 – (18) “So the Jews said to him, ‘What sign do you show us for doing these things?’ (19) Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ (20) The Jews then said, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?’ (21) But he was speaking about the temple of his body. (22) When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.”

3rd Movement: The Reign

Isaiah 53:11-12 – (11) “Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. (12) Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.”

Revelation 11:15 – “Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”

4th Movement: The Judgment

Acts 17:31 – “because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Our Vindicator

Job 19:25-27 – (25) “For I know that my Redeemer (*advocate, vindicator, deliverer*) lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. (26) And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, (27) whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!”

Our Vindication

Revelation 6:9-11 – (9) “When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. (10) They cried out with a loud voice, ‘O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?’” (11) Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.”

Revelation 20:4 – “Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.”

His Promise/Our Responsibility

Luke 18:7-8 – (7) “And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? (8) I tell you,

Key Point: He will give justice to <i>(us)</i> speedily.

Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Who is looking out for us? (Rom. 8:31-32)

To whom does vengeance belong? (Rom. 12:17, 19-20)

Is God into restoration? (Job 42:10; Joel 2:25; Rev. 21:5)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)