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THE COURSE OF CHRIST

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Texts: "But after I am risen again I will go before you into Galilee." "Behold, He goeth before you into Galilee." (Matt. 26:32; Matt. 28:7).

Introduction: The first text was uttered by the Master at the Last Supper and other text was spoken by the angel on the morn of the Resurrection. We wish to dwell on the thought of "Christ going before us." This had to be in order for man to make Heaven. In making this spiritual application I shall touch some points in the course of Christ. This is an outline of important stations in His great course.

I. His Incarnation (God in the flesh). Why the need of Christ in the flesh?

A. Because of a great separation made by "The Fall of Man" in Eden. Jesus was the only One who could span the chasm.

B. Because of a need of a clearer revelation of God. The fullest and clearest revelation of God is seen in the Incarnate Christ.

C. Because of a need of a foundation for all the other doctrines. His Incarnation preceded His crucifixion, resurrection, ascension and intercession and made possible everything that followed. His Incarnation is the true basis for our justification, sanctification and glorification.

D. Because of a need of participation or identification. By his Incarnation or birth He partook of our human nature and became the Son of Man that by Regeneration or "New Birth" we might partake of His divine nature and become the sons of God. Our exaltation is based on His humiliation.

II. His Ministration:

A. Sacred and secular histories have never produced such a stately king, sympathetic priest, true prophet, and pure character as Christ, who possessed all these human qualities plus all the divine attributes.

1. In His ministration exaltation becomes humiliation, purity bears the weight of the sins of the world, and love is exposed to the worst hatred.

D. In His ministration He left man a clear revelation of God's will and a true example for men to pattern their lives after.

III. His Crucifixion:

A. If Divine Revelation had been sufficient, the Christ Incarnate in the flesh would have been enough.

B. If matchless teaching had been all that was needed, His unparalleled teaching would have been all that was required.

C. If a Spotless Example had been enough to procure salvation, then the pure Son of God with His sinless life would have been sufficient.

D. His Crucifixion was the only means of Redemption. It was on the cross He cried, "It is finished."

1. In the world's greatest battle.

2. With the greatest forces at work.
3. With the most at stake.
4. Everything in His life and teaching led to that hour. When facing the cross but a little way off Christ could say, "For this cause came I into the world," etc.
5. We are saved by His death and the power of an endless life.
6. We are saved by accepting th Christ of Calvary, and lost by rejecting Him and His atoning sacrifice.

IV. His Resurrection.

A. A Clean Vindication of His Deity.

1. He had declared He was the Son of God.

2. He had challenged the grave and death to hold Him after the third day.

3. He testified that He was dead, but is alive for evermore.

B. A Seal of Redemption.

1. Not the blood of a victim, but the blood of a victor.

2. Not the blood of a martyr, but the blood of the Saviour.

3. Others had carried the blood of a lamb into the holy of holies to procure a temporary salvation (annual act). Christ carried His own blood into Heaven to procure an eternal salvation (final act).

C. A Blow to Every Argument of Enemy.

1. The Risen Christ appeared often enough and stayed long enough and was seen by enough people so He shattered every argument of His enemies and removed every doubt of His adherents.

D. A Source of Comfort in the Hour of Great Perplexity.

1. Manner in which He appeared. The Risen Christ appeared in a humble, gentle, tender, kind, sympathetic, loving and understanding way. He appeared in a garden, in homes, by the sea, and on a road.

2. What it meant then and will mean to us today.

- a. To doubting Thomas—Assurance.
- b. To weeping Mary and a sad world—Comfort.
- c. To fallen Peter—Restoration.
- d. To hungering hearts—Invitation to "Come and dine."
- e. To disturbed disciples—Peace.
- f. To a bewildered world—Proof.
- g. To those on the Resurrection Road (way to Emmaus) "Opened eyes" and "burning hearts."
- h. To unsteady hearts struggling with carnality and the stain of sin—Permanence, purity and power of Pentecost.
- i. To unsaved ones everywhere—A commissioned church with the gospel of salvation to save from sin.

E. The Great Proof of Eternal Life.

1. Jesus said that He would rise the third day. He arose as He said.

2. He also said, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

V. His Ascension.

A. Back into the presence of God in Heaven did Christ go.

1. That He might send the Holy Ghost upon a waiting church that needed purity and power and upon a sinful world that needed to be convinced of sin and made to realize the finished work of Christ on Calvary.

2. That He might intercede at God's right hand for precious souls for whom He died.

3. That He might prepare the mansion-for the blood-washed.

VI. His Return.

A. He came the first time to redeem men (Matt. 1:21; Heb. 9:26).

B. He will come the next time to receive men (John 14:3; Heb. 9:28; Matt. 25:10).

1. We must get ready and keep ready.

2. If we are not ashamed of Christ in this sinful generation, He will not be ashamed of us when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels

3. If we live blameless here, He will present us faultless in Heaven.

THE MAN OF THE HOUR

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"And I sought for a man, that should make up the hedge and stand in the gap." The gap needs to be filled and God is looking for a man. The caption of this article is a very familiar expression, but what is the hour and where is the man? God has and always will depend upon men to promote His cause. The grave question is, "Where is the man for this hour?" History would indicate that for every moral and spiritual crisis God has provided a man, "after His own heart" to become a leader and guide to the people. Without doubt the world is in and passing through its paramount need of all time. The economic, political, and social world is looking for a superman by whom it may be delivered out of its present chaotic state.

There is a universal agreement among all men of deep spiritual understanding and holy vision that the supreme need of our present age is for a true revival of scriptural holiness, with all its practical application upon the hearts and lives of men. If this revival is ever realized there will have to be some mighty Spirit-filled, pure-hearted, clear-headed men developed in our day. Please notice some outstanding qualifications for this type of men. First, he must possess a heart and a will that is constantly abandoned to the whole will of God. The supernatural element of our Christian religion must not be substituted for a mere intellectual, materialistic concept. The whole will of God as revealed by the Holy Spirit and the blessed Word of God must hold superiority over the triune being of man. Again, he must be dominated by an all-absorbing passion for the lost and perishing. His life must be one unbroken fellowship in the intercessory life of our Lord and Master. Apart from this vital relationship the man of God will fail and the cause of God will be hindered. Lastly, he must maintain a sound, comprehensive conception of the scope and power of the atonement which our Lord brought into realization by giving His life and shedding His precious blood upon the cross. The efficacy of this atonement is too often restricted by unwise and narrow denominational enthusiasm. Each truly evangelistic denomination has its definite ministry, and its members should be loyal to all its activities and burdens, but not to the sacrifice of the larger, united service and accomplishments of the whole body of Jesus Christ. Yes, the man of the hour is the man who will preach the BLOOD.

In the midst of these horrible delusions, heresies, and unscriptural dogmas we must have men with brave hearts, strong minds, and fired with the Holy Ghost. No movement or association of men in all the world can produce such men like the holiness movement. Brethren, let us dedicate ourselves afresh to this all-important, God-given task of spreading scriptural holiness the world around, and trust God to raise up Holy Ghost men for the hour.

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