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I Am The Resurrection

Jeri has already shared much with you about our experience at Messiah Conference and this exciting direction we are headed.

In the prologue for Roar from Zion, you saw the message...the scriptures, the promises. These are of Adonai for He has a way in which He will do everything.

His order.
His way.

I share this with you based on what you have heard already.

As I have learned, there is no word in Hebrew for coincidence and as such I find it fitting that my final message on Yeshua as being the I AM of Exodus 3 and 6 fitting.

For the last several weeks I have shown you through Scripture how Yeshua is Adonai and Adonai is Yeshua. A major stumbling block for the Jewish community. They believe it to be impossible that Adonai can appear in human form based on a single verse, using only the first five words and ignoring the remainder...

Num 23:19 "God is not a human who lies or a mortal who changes his mind. When he says something, he will do it; when he makes a promise, he will fulfill it.

This is one of the obstacles to their belief that Sha'ul has alluded to when He shared...

Rom 9:30 So, what are we to say? This: that Gentiles, even though they were not striving for righteousness, have obtained righteousness; but it is a righteousness grounded in trusting!

Rom 9:31 However, Isra'el, even though they kept pursuing a Torah that offers righteousness, did not reach what the Torah offers.

Rom 9:32 Why? Because they did not pursue righteousness as being grounded in trusting but as if it were grounded in doing legalistic works. They stumbled over the stone that makes people stumble.

Rom 9:33 As the Tanakh puts it, "Look, I am laying in Tziyon a stone that will make people stumble, a rock that will trip them up. But he who rests his trust on it will not be humiliated."

and is based on Psalm 118, a very important Psalm that relates to Yeshua in many ways.

Psa 118:20 This is the gate of Adonai; the righteous can enter it.

Psa 118:21 I am thanking you because you answered me; you became my salvation.

Psa 118:22 The very rock that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone!

Psa 118:23 This has come from Adonai, and in our eyes it is amazing.

The builders are the religious leaders who believed that Yeshua was speaking blasphemy as He related to the Father, while subtly showing that He is Adonai. It would be here and in relation to Yeshua being the Resurrection that they, the religious leaders would stumble greatly.

First, let's look at what transpires.

A friend of Yeshua's has become very sick. His name, El'azar

Joh 11:1 There was a man who had fallen sick. His name was El`azar, and he came from Beit-Anyah, the village where Miryam and her sister Marta lived.

There was more to this illness than would be understood in the moment. Message was sent to Yeshua about El'azar's illness. Yet, the response of Yeshua was one that puzzled many...

Joh 11:3 So the sisters sent a message to Yeshua, "Lord, the man you love is sick."

Joh 11:4 On hearing it, he said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may receive glory through it."

Joh 11:5 Yeshua loved Marta and her sister and El`azar;

Joh 11:6 so when he heard he was sick, first he stayed where he was two more days;

Joh 11:7 then, after this, he said to the talmidim, "Let's go back to Y'hudah."

Joh 11:8 The talmidim replied, "Rabbi! Just a short while ago the Judeans were out to stone you—and you want to go back there?"

Your friend is gravely ill and you stay two days and then and now wanted to go to Judea where they are out to stone you? Yeshua's response to His bewildered talmidim...

Joh 11:9 Yeshua answered, "Aren't there twelve hours of daylight? If a person walks during daylight, he doesn't stumble; because he sees the light of this world.

Joh 11:10 But if a person walks at night, he does stumble; because he has no light with him."

What would one make of such a statement. The emphasis here is on stumbling, yet the connection is not yet clear. What does Yeshua mean. In being in Michael Brown's class he said something in a different way than what I convey but it is just as effective. I talk about context. He talks about context as well when he teaches and used this phrase, which surprisingly, many do not do. He said...

"Read on"

So, let's read on...

Joh 11:11 Yeshua said these things, and afterwards he said to the talmidim, "Our friend El`azar has gone to sleep; but I am going in order to wake him up."

Joh 11:12 The talmidim said to him, "Lord, if he has gone to sleep, he will get better."

Joh 11:13 Now Yeshua had used the phrase to speak about El`azar's death, but they thought he had been talking literally about sleep.

Joh 11:14 So Yeshua told them in plain language, "El`azar has died.

Joh 11:15 And for your sakes, I am glad that I wasn't there, so that you may come to trust. But let's go to him."

How good it is that I (Yeshua) didn't go and that this is for your (talmidim) sake. So that you won't stumble,

Why?

Because the resurrection from the dead is the paradigm shifting moment that will require trust/faith. It will be the stumbling block that will cause many to miss what has been revealed. It will be the stumbling block that will cause many to walk away. Go back to Romans 9...

Rom 9:33 As the Tanakh puts it, "Look, I am laying in Tziyon a stone that will make people stumble, a rock that will trip them up. But he who rests his trust on it will not be humiliated."

It was important for Yeshua to show His Talmidim the power of resurrection. A preview of what would come.

Yet, as Yeshua arrived at Beit Anyah, He was received by grief stricken family of His dear friend.

Joh 11:17 On arrival, Yeshua found that El`azar had already been in the tomb for four days.

Joh 11:18 Now Beit-Anyah was about two miles from Yerushalayim,

Joh 11:19 and many of the Judeans had come to Marta and Miryam in order to comfort them at the loss of their brother.

Joh 11:20 So when Marta heard that Yeshua was coming, she went out to meet him; but Miryam continued sitting shiv'ah in the house.

Joh 11:21 Marta said to Yeshua, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

Joh 11:22 Even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you."

Grieving the loss of their dear brother, Marta was vocal and direct with Yeshua while Miryam was remained in the house.

There was this glimpse of hope within Miryam's words, "I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you."

Yet she didn't truly understand what she was saying within the entirety of the moment. Yeshua said to Marta...

Joh 11:23 Yeshua said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

Here response was one of David...

Joh 11:24 Marta said, "I know that he will rise again at the Resurrection on the Last Day."

David, believed in the resurrection too. After the death of his child, he prayed and fasted while the child was still alive, believing that Adonai could and would heal him. Yet when the child died, David got up ate and went about his kingly duties.

2Sa 12:15 Then Natan returned to his house. Adonai struck the child that Uriyah's wife had borne to David, and it became very ill.

2Sa 12:16 David prayed to God on behalf of the child; David fasted, then came and lay all night on the ground.

2Sa 12:17 The court officials got up and stood next to him trying to get him off the ground, but he refused, and he wouldn't eat food with them.

2Sa 12:18 On the seventh day, the child died. The servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, because they said, "While the child was still alive, we spoke to him, and he didn't listen to us; if we tell him now that the child is dead, he may do himself some harm."

2Sa 12:19 But when David saw his servants whispering to each other, he suspected that the child was dead. David asked his servants, "Is the child dead?" and they answered, "He is dead."

2Sa 12:20 Then David got up off the ground, washed, anointed himself and changed his clothes. He went into the house of Adonai and worshipped; then he went to his own palace; and when he asked for food, they served it to him; and he ate.

2Sa 12:22 He answered, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept; because I thought, 'Maybe Adonai will show his grace to me and let the child live.'

2Sa 12:23 But now that he's dead, why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me."

Marta...I will see him again at the resurrection, in the last days.

This is where the revelation of resurrection became real, a true sign of Messiah.

When Yeshua responded to Yochanan's request while in prison...

Mat 11:2 Meanwhile, Yochanan the Immerser, who had been put in prison, heard what the Messiah had been doing; so he sent a message to him through his talmidim,

Mat 11:3 asking, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for someone else?"

Mat 11:4 Yeshua answered, "Go and tell Yochanan what you are hearing and seeing—

Mat 11:5 the blind are seeing again, the lame are walking, people with tzara`at are being cleansed, the deaf are hearing, the dead are being raised, the Good News is being told to the poor—

Mat 11:6 and how blessed is anyone not offended by me!"

Yeshua's answer is also in code. He refers to prophecies in the book of **Isaiah** of six signs which the Messiah will give when he comes: he will make the blind see ([Isa 29:18](#), [Isa 35:5](#)), make the lame walk ([Isa 35:6](#), [Isa 61:1](#)), cleanse lepers ([Isa 61:1](#)), make the deaf hear ([Isa 29:18](#), [Isa 35:5](#)), and evangelize the poor ([Isa 61:1-2](#)) and raise the dead (implied in [Isa 11:1-2](#) but not made specific)

Isa 11:1 But a branch will emerge from the trunk of Yishai, a shoot will grow

from his roots.

Isa 11:2 The Spirit of Adonai will rest on him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and power, the Spirit of knowledge and fearing Adonai— Since he has done all these things (chapters 8-9), the message should be clear: Yeshua is the one; Yochanan need not look for another.

It would be here, El'azar's death that would bring forth greater clarity, not alluded to. The spirit of power resting upon the Messiah to do things that only Adonai can do. One thing that only Adonai can do is give life. What is the promise of Israel's return to Messiah after they have been blinded through lack of trust, stumbling as I have shared...

Rom 11:13 However, to those of you who are Gentiles I say this: since I myself am an emissary sent to the Gentiles, I make known the importance of my work

Rom 11:14 in the hope that somehow I may provoke some of my own people to jealousy and save some of them!

Rom 11:15 For if their casting Yeshua aside means reconciliation for the world, what will their accepting him mean? It will be life from the dead!

It is this dynamic, this relationship between Adonai and the people of the Covenants that is not fully understood.

So what better time to move the congregation forward in this new direction yet remaining true to our vision as reaching the non-Jewish believer than through the power of the resurrection and its message.

In Scripture it is conveyed by Sha'ul in Ephesians 2 that Gentiles are to come alongside the Messianic Jew and are to follow their lead.

Eph 2:11 Therefore, remember your former state: you Gentiles by birth—called the Uncircumcised by those who, merely because of an operation on their flesh, are called the Circumcised—

Eph 2:12 at that time had no Messiah. You were estranged from the national life of Isra'el. You were foreigners to the covenants embodying God's promise. You were in this world without hope and without God.

Eph 2:13 But now, you who were once far off have been brought near through the shedding of the Messiah's blood.

Eph 2:14 For he himself is our shalom—he has made us both one and has broken down the m'chitzah which divided us

Eph 2:15 by destroying in his own body the enmity occasioned by the Torah, with its commands set forth in the form of ordinances. He did this in order to create in union with himself from the two groups a single new humanity and thus make shalom,

Eph 2:16 and in order to reconcile to God both in a single body by being executed on a stake as a criminal and thus in himself killing that enmity.

Once foreigners and aliens and even enemies of the Covenants of Adonai, they have been brought near to the promises and are now co-heirs. This is consistent with Zechariah's prophecy as well...

Zec 8:23 Adonai-Tzva'ot says, 'When that time comes, ten men will take hold—speaking all the languages of the nations—will grab hold of the cloak of a Jew and say, "We want to go with you, because we have heard that God is with you." ' ' "

So we are taking our Tzitzit to the church, not intending to preach to them or at them, but to offer our support and assistance. In other words, How can we help them?

Just as Marta was not fully aware of the fullness of the resurrection when she spoke with Yeshua, so to, the church world is not fully aware of how Adonai's plan is to unfold. Rather than force the matter and get ignored, we will embrace our gentile brothers, not acquiescing to their doctrine but supporting their mission.

It is our belief that in doing so, Adonai will open more eyes. It will be by our actions that we will share more than by our words alone. It will be in Scripture speaking for itself that there will be a transformation that will occur.

I had shared part of Psalm 118 with you previously. I want to share this part with you in closing...

These are the words spoken of by the people upon Yeshua's entry in to Yerushalem when the Passover Lambs were to be selected, set apart and inspected...

Mat 21:6 So the talmidim went and did as Yeshua had directed them.

Mat 21:7 They brought the donkey and the colt and put their robes on them, and Yeshua sat on them.

Mat 21:8 Crowds of people carpeted the road with their clothing, while others cut branches from trees and spread them on the road.

Mat 21:9 The crowds ahead of him and behind shouted, "Please! Deliver us!" [*Greek Ôsanna (English "Hosanna") transliterates Hebrew Hosha na, which means "Please! Save [us]!"*] to the Son of David; "Blessed is he who comes in the name of Adonai!" "You in the highest heaven! Please! Deliver us!"

Mat 21:10 When he entered Yerushalayim, the whole city was stirred. "Who is this?" they asked.

Mat 21:11 And the crowds answered, "This is Yeshua, the prophet from Natzeret in the Galil."

Psa 118:24 This is the day Adonai has made, a day for us to rejoice and be glad.

Psa 118:25 Please, Adonai! Save us! Please, Adonai! Rescue us!

Psa 118:26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of Adonai. We bless you from the house of Adonai.

Psa 118:27 Adonai is God, and he gives us light. Join in the pilgrim festival with branches all the way to the horns of the altar.

Psa 118:28 You are my God, and I thank you. You are my God; I exalt you.

Psa 118:29 Give thanks to Adonai; for he is good, for his grace continues forever.

It is time to reconcile the entire state of Maine and the body of Messiah. You heard what a Rabbi and a Priest did when they united.

Let's see what happens here when Adonai unites us.

Psa 118:14 Yah is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

Psa 118:15 The sound of rejoicing and victory is heard in the tents of the righteous: "Adonai's right hand struck powerfully!"

Psa 118:16 Adonai's right hand is raised in triumph! Adonai's right hand struck powerfully!"

Psa 118:17 I will not die; no, I will live and proclaim the great deeds of Yah!

Psa 118:18 Yah disciplined me severely, but did not hand me over to death.

Psa 118:19 Open the gates of righteousness for me; I will enter them and thank Yah.

Psa 118:20 This is the gate of Adonai; the righteous can enter it.

Psa 118:21 I am thanking you because you answered me; you became my salvation.