

Jesus said, Arise!

A Study of an Awakening

LESSON TEXT: Mark 5:23-24, 35-42; Psalms 33.9

TOPIC VERSE: “For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.” – Psalms 33.9

GENERAL COMMENT:

It's Spring Time. March 20th marks the end of winter and beginning of new life. From the beginning of time God established the cycle of season to allow the world to see His restorative power.

There are many people who experienced a difficult time this past year. There are those of you who had a tumultuous, roller coaster type year with storms constantly rising and thunderous winds blowing through your life.

I came tell you it's time to ***Arise***. What you were experiencing was a shaking. God had to send strong winds to blow through your life in order for you to become detached from something that has had you bound for years. There is no greater love that you can experience than this. God hates sin. But He loves you. So in order to keep you and rid you of your sin, He had to shake some stuff up. Here is what the Bible says:

“Now this expression, Yet once more, indicates the final removal and transformation of all [that can be] shaken – that is, of that which has been created – in order that what cannot be shaken may remain and continue.” – Hebrews 12.27

We have experienced enough trauma and heart ache. We have gone through enough sorrow and pain. **It is time to Arise**. The word of God encourages us in the following verse:

“Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.” – Hosea 10.12

Tell somebody – “Jesus said – ***ARISE!***”

It Matters Not How Long in the Grave

A closely sealed vase was found in a mummy pit in Egypt by the English traveler Wilkinson. In it were discovered a few peas, old, wrinkled, and hard as a stone. The peas were planted carefully under a glass, and at the end of 30 days, they sprang into life, after having lain sleeping in the dust of a tomb for almost 3,000 years—a faint illustration of the mortal body which shall put on immortality. "Because He lives, we shall live also."

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FOCAL POINTS:

The three points for our discussion are as follows:

1. Overcoming Scornful Laughter – Proverbs 4.25
2. Why trouble the Master, Its over – Philippians 4.6
3. Be Not Afraid, Only Believe – Psalms 23.4

OVERCOMING SCORNFUL LAUGHTER – PROVERBS 4.25

Reference:

1. Stay the course, let your eye look right on
2. Declare the word – Nehemiah 2.19
3. Put them out and Shut the door – Genesis 19.6

We must be steadfast and immovable when it comes down to the word of God. Jesus told Peter upon this rock, the rock of truth, I'm going to build my church and the very gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

It doesn't matter how people laugh or ridicule us for believing God to do the impossible. It doesn't matter what they think when it comes down to obeying the will of God. Many of these will press upon us like the men of Sodom pressed upon Lot, causing us to be weary and have sleepless nights. But, if we hold on to our faith, God will cause the mouths of the gainsayers to be shut.

“And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.” – Genesis 19.11

WHY TROUBLE THE MASTER, ITS OVER – PHILIPPIANS 4.6

Reference:

1. All is not as it seems – Mark 8.24
2. Be anxious for nothing
3. Look and live – Numbers 21.8

I know it might look like it's over. I know it might seem like it's over. But it's not over, until God says it's over.

Far too many times people count us out and we count ourselves out before God is finished. There are winters that are hard and it doesn't seem like the end will ever come. But all of a sudden you begin to feel, smell, and hear the sounds of spring right around the corner. We must never give up on up.

“And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.” – Mark 8.24

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Tell somebody – ***‘Don’t be so anxious!’***

BE NOT AFRAID, ONLY BELIEVE – PSALMS 23.4

Reference:


1. Hope in the end – Jeremiah 31.17
2. Against Hope, Believed in Hope – Romans 4.18
3. Walking through the valley of shadows – Psalms 23.4

There are times when we should be afraid:


- We should be afraid of losing our souls.
- We should be afraid of losing our lives to sin
- We should be afraid of our faith failing

We should be so afraid that we begun annul about crossing every “T” and dotting every “I”. For the Bible says:

“And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?” – 1 Peter 4.18



**“Who against hope
believed in hope, that
he might become the
father of many nations,
according to that which
was spoke....” – Romans
4.18**



Tell somebody – ***“It’s just a valley of shadows!”***