

The Forgotten Jesus Podcast

Easter Bonus #2

BONUS: Reversing The Curse - (Various Scriptures)

Description – Last week we discussed the 3 violations of Satan. Today we'll look at how Jesus reverses these 3 violations as He entered the city of Jerusalem for His passion week leading up to the Cross.

Last time we talked about how Satan violated three areas when he entered the garden to tempt Adam and Eve. Today we're talking about how Jesus, the new adam, reversing the curse of the first Adam.

The way we see the events of the passion week all work together and all have cosmic significance.

Adam failed to watch over the garden, he failed as a gatekeeper and the serpent was able to enter the garden.

Because of that, it leads to the desecration of the body, the guilt and the shame that then comes from that. Three things are desecrated.

Jesus comes from the Mount Of Olives, in Aramaic / Hebrew its referred to as the holy or sacred mountain.

We tend to trivialize the word "sacred." We talk about our "sacred" workshop, or sacred spaces, but in the ancient world it meant something very specific.

The Garden of Eden was a foreshadowing of the temple, it was a sacred space for man to meet with God.

The first temple was built by Solomon, but Ezekiel is given a vision with God, a secret space. Ezekiel is shown this secret space has graven images of serpents. (Ezekiel 8)

God's presence then departs the temple, then departs the outer temple court, then departs the city and moves to the Mount of Olives. (Ezekiel 10)

Solomon is appointed as King by his father David and the prophet Nathan, but after he is anointed as the next king, he comes riding into the city on a donkey. (1 Kings 1)

When Jesus rides into the city on a donkey, he breaks tradition by openly weeping when he sees the temple. He's saddened by the desecrated temple, that lacks God's presence. The first reversal by Jesus is his cleansing of the temple.

The second thing we notice is that at the last supper, Jesus cleanses and washes his disciples feet. This too is out of place, because for a passover meal, you'd wash your hands and face, but not your feet. And you'd do it at the start of the meal, certainly not in the middle of the meal.

Jesus literally and figuratively cleanses their feet, from the old creation, the old dust and dirt, cleans the body to reverse the curse of the body.

To continue the reversals, Jesus goes out to the garden of gethsemane. He prays in agony there. But then where is the serpent? It's Judas, indwelt with Satan, who having his feet cleansed by Jesus now goes and dirties his feet again by talking to the priests and bringing the temple guards with him into the Garden.

Here you have the old line of the first Adam, the sinful line in Judas looking directly into the eyes of the New Adam, Jesus.

Notice that Judas identifies Jesus with a kiss. And in doing so, he forms his mouth into a form that is in his mind the kiss of death, reversing the breathing out the breath of life that God gave to Adam in the garden.