

ROCK SOLID

Truth

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IDENTITY CRISIS (part 3)

First of all, happy “**Resurrection Day**”. This day is a constant reminder of our great salvation because of his great sacrifice. Naturally, the devil hates this day most of all. Scripture says that had he known, he would not have crucified the Lord of Glory (1 Cor 2:8). So what did he do instead? In the 2th century, he slowly introduced “Easter”, a pagan festival, at the same time when Christians celebrated Christ’s resurrection. Today the world, and unfortunately most denominational churches, have fully embraced this pagan holiday. It seemed from the world’s understanding that the two celebrations are actually one and the same. **They are not!** Regardless, the world sees both events as a “Easter celebration”. Churches eventually lowered their Christian/ Biblical standards and embraced the very pagan holiday and activities they once abhorred. They approved of this “holiday” and said that is was a way of bringing families to their church(s) to introduce them to Christianity. But it is an unholy union. Christians should run fast and far away from these abominations.

My concern is for the true born again Christians, who are still struggling to make sense of the whole crucifixion thing, even after all these millennia. Christians, like the true believers of that time, love their Lord, but still find themselves just as confused and perplexed about the events that occurred, as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus were. Churches and their leadership are of little help today. They can’t teach what they do not know or understand themselves.

During those times, these godly men in training had witnessed every terrible thing that could possibly happen to their friend and Lord, but only through the eyes of their human understanding, rather than their spiritual eyes, through faith. Christ had warned his disciples of this to prepare them for the onslaught of their senses. He knew precisely what would happen to his disciples after he was put to death. They would be scattered, confused, afraid, and in hiding for their very lives. Their human eyes and understanding went crazy. Heightened emotions, and utter confusion demanded fear, and as a result they had completely forgotten what he had said.

Imagine, if you will, the great joy, and excitement of the multitudes, that was displayed as Christ entered into Jerusalem upon the donkey. They worshiped him with great enthusiasm, then just one week later utter chaos prevailed. These same emotionally charged people were now being caught up in the tragic crucifixion of this

same innocent man. The disciples were a complete mess. If you didn't have your head on straight, and they certainly did not, you would have felt that you were surely losing your mind. Things happened very, very quickly. To the Jews, the Passover was the biggest holiday of the year and was in full swing. Everyone was excited and emotionally driven. The timing seemed perfect for the religious leaders. They had wanted to get this Jesus out of their way once and for all, and this celebration seemed like their golden opportunity. They settled the matter in the early morning hours, before the crowds really knew what was happening and were given the permission from the authorities they desired, to "**crucify him**".

Jesus had told his disciples that they were not to fear the things that they were about to see happen to him. They assured him they would never leave him, but Scripture says that they all left him. He died alone. Jesus had wanted them to see these terrible events through faith/ spiritually, not with their natural eyesight.

(Illus: Peter stepped out of the boat in the midst of a vicious storm through faith/ spiritually. For a brief few moments he walked with Christ on the turbulent sea. But when he took his eyes off of Christ spiritually, he saw the wind and the waves from his human logic, or natural vision, he began to sink. Scrip... Matthew 14: 22-31)

We'll never see the spiritual realm through natural eyes, like the men on the Emmaus Rd. could not see Jesus until their eyes were opened spiritually. Then they knew it was him. Things were about to change for all of them, *and it would be for the good (...to be continued).*

The Power To Get Wealth

Have you noticed how devastated America has become since the outbreak of the Corona 19 Virus was first discovered over a year ago? Chaos quickly replaced normality. Most of the population would honestly say that they have suffered a great deal, especially in the area of their finances. In fact multitudes have seen what precious little savings they had dwindle quickly away. Recently, food costs, across the board, have risen sharply and are still going up. Gas too. Shortages of nearly all goods and services are experienced everywhere. It doesn't matter though, goods still needed to be purchased if we're going to survive, regardless of the price. Over 7.7 million workers were laid off or fired. Many still remain so. Americans, perhaps for the very first time in their lives, saw just how vulnerable they really are to large scale calamity. and how quickly things can go from bad to worse quickly. You see the devastation everywhere, and people are being strangled by **FEAR**. Some may never recover.

That isn't a pretty picture I know. But In light of what I just said, I want you to know

and understand that **God is still on the throne**. In spite of what is happening around us, God said he will never leave us nor forsake us. He does not operate according to our economy, nor the economy of any nation, for that matter. He operates in a realm where there is abundant sufficiency in all things. His promises never cease and his spiritual laws never change. The Bible plainly states in Deuteronomy 8:18 ...for it is He who gives you the power to get wealth, regardless of what we see happening around us. His economy supercedes our economy. It is God who gives us favor with man, which means that He will help us in time of need. However, we must thoroughly trust him, as His children. Faith pleases God as stated in Hebrews 11:6. We must see through His eyes/ faith. Use yours today!

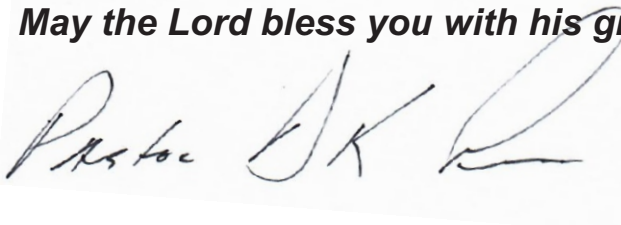
ROCK SOLID TRUTH - Feeding Program

Rock Solid Truth just recently fed a large group of 58 men, women and children in Kenya Africa. This is an effort that was essential because of the many poor village people. When possible, we will include pictures and, or, videos so you can witness these events for yourself. We were also just informed that during the most recent event, three men of the Maasai tribe accepted Christ as their personal Savior. This makes our hearts rejoice, and gives validity to our primary goal of winning the lost for Christ. It's a joy to serve the Lord in a variety of missionary endeavors such as this. We will continue providing these ongoing efforts.

I invite you to join with us financially in these efforts. Your contributions are vital to this ministry. We give praise to the Lord for the opportunity to serve him in this manner. God bless you for supporting Rock Solid Truth Ministries. Remember, all donations, and financial gift giving are tax deductible. Thank you!

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May the Lord bless you with his great love.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor JK", written over a light gray rectangular background.