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INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your decision to learn more about God's Holy Word. These studies are designed to be exciting, inspiring, challenging to all; whether you are new to the Bible, or have been studying for years. The Bible Study Sermon Series is a new video/audio method of learning about God's Holy Word and is the perfect way to study the Bible. Each sermon is specifically tailored to be viewed for an individual study, or to be viewed with family, friends, or a church congregation. Additionally, each of these studies can be used as a stand alone study, or viewed in its complete form as a series. Over time, the Church of God Ministries International will be adding many specific studies on many different subjects. Be sure to view the website at www.thecogmi.org for new studies as they become available.

This study deals with the specifics of the events of the time of the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. It covers chronologically many of the specific events of the week of the crucifixion, leading up to His ascension to sit upon His throne, next to His Father to be crowned King of King's, and Lord of Lords.

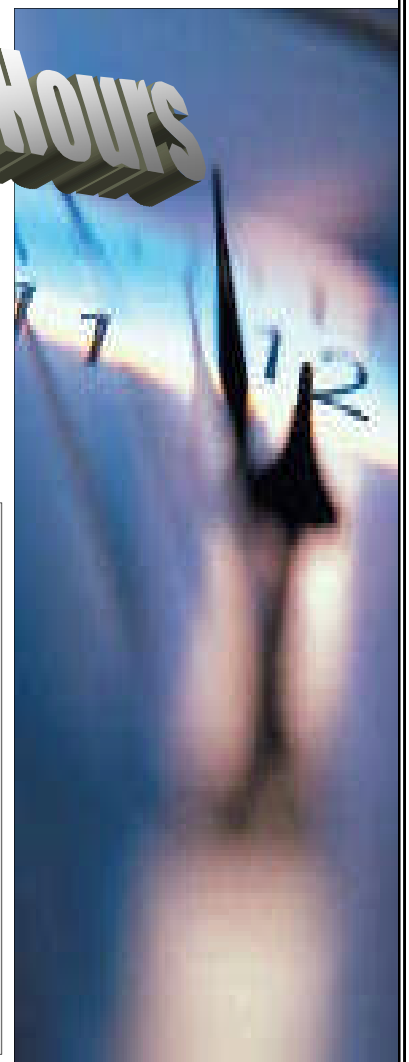
The importance of the events will surprise and amaze you. You will find the New Testament recordings are completely silent pertaining to the Day of Christ's resurrection through to the time of His ascension. What took place during those missing twelve hours? The answer is in this Bible Study.

The Missing 12 Hours

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before you begin, we recommend you first view the DVD in it's entirety. These sermons / studies are terrific for sermon messages for Sabbath Services. They are also the perfect way to lead into a group Bible Study. If you prefer, you can view them privately or with your family for your own personal studies. Once you have viewed the DVD, test your knowledge by answering all the questions in the accompanying materials. Be sure to read all the scriptures quoted in the materials or on the DVD. This way you won't be taking our word for it, you will be proving God's Word for yourself. Finally, view the DVD again with the questions and answers in hand; pausing the DVD from time to time finding all the answers to complete your study.

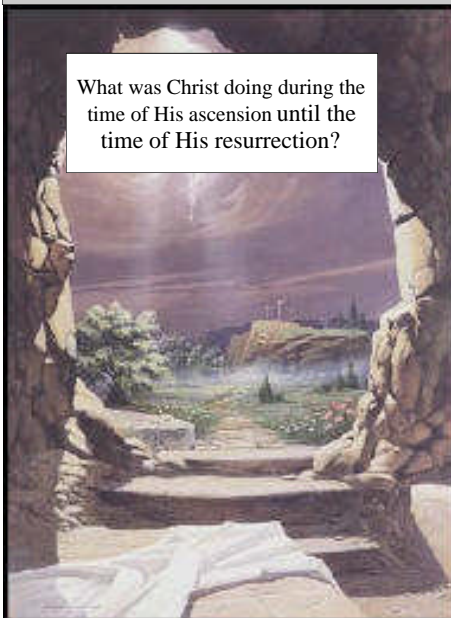
Whether you use this study personally or with a group, God's Holy Spirit will lead you into truth and understanding that will open your mind to a greater and deeper understanding. Each study you complete will enrich your life as only God can do. May God bless you as you learn more of His Way and His Holy Word. Finally, as with all things, we recommend you begin your study with prayer, asking God to open your mind to understand His Way and guide your every step.



FINDING THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS

Each question is designed to let the Bible answer the question for you. Be sure to read each scripture to let the Bible give you the answers and interpret itself.

What was Christ doing during the time of His ascension until the time of His resurrection?



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EVENTS LEADING TO THE CRUCIFIXION

The events leading up to those missing twelve hours are vitally important to the understanding of salvation, and could be classified as the most important time in the history of man. The missing twelve hours are completely obscured to the majority of modern Christendom, but are now revealed to those God is calling in this life to understand His vital truths for all mankind.

It is commonly taught by most Christians that Christ was crucified on a Friday and resurrected on Sunday morning.

1. What day of the week does the Bible say Jesus was crucified? Dan. 9:27
2. What is the only proof Jesus gave us that He was the Messiah? How long would He be in the tomb? Matt. 12:38-40
3. What day is described as the preparation day? Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31,42.

Since it is clear that Christ was crucified on Wednesday evening, it is obvious that He would have been resurrected on Saturday evening according to the scriptures. (THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS.)

4. When did Mary first approach the tomb of Christ? John 20:1

The Bible tells us the day of the week Mary came to the tomb, what time of the day was it? John 20:1

5. What were Jesus' comments to Mary at that time? John 20:16-17

Comment: Jesus had not yet ascended. This brings up another question, why wait? Why not ascend immediately upon the resurrection? Let's see what the Bible says about this question first, before we see what the Bible reveals about the missing twelve hours.

WHY DIDN'T CHRIST ASCEND IMMEDIATELY TO HIS FATHER? WHY WAIT?

The Old Testament gives us a precise understanding of the event that annually took place on this day that pointed to the ascension of Christ. Before we go there, what does the Bible tell us about Jesus' resurrection and those that are called in this life to be His?

1. When are those that are called in this life to be resurrected?
I Cor. 15:20-23.

Comment: Ask yourself this question: Since there is to be the resurrection of the dead, how can people already be in heaven or hell? You need to know more on this vitally important subject. (Be sure to write to us, or visit us on the web at www.thecogni.org to find out the answer to this question.)

THE WAVE SHEAF

Lev. 23:9-10 tells us the High Priest was to wave the sheaf before the Lord to be accepted for you.

1. When was it to be waved? Lev. 23:11. What day of the week was it when they waved the sheaf?

It always fell on the same day of the week, no matter when Passover fell.

2. Does this correspond with the events recorded in John 20:16-17?

3. Was there a sacrifice associated with the event? Lev. 23:12.

4. What event did this represent in the New Testament? I Cor. 15:20-23.

This represents the beginning of the harvest of all mankind who are called to be His in this life. Who will be resurrected when Christ returns.

5. Does the priest waving the sheaf

represent Jesus as the first fruits to be waved on our behalf? Lev. 23:12 "...and he shall offer a he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the Lord."

Comment: The Bible tells us there was only one person that was without blemish and with out spot. I Pet. 1:18-19, Eph. 5:27

When Jesus was walking on this earth during those twelve hours, He had to specifically "WAIT" until it was time to ascend as pictured in Lev. 23:10-12. We can see why He had to wait. Though that doesn't answer the question, what was taking place during those twelve hours?

SEARCHING FOR THE MISSING TWELVE HOURS

The events recorded in the New Testament give us specifics as to the events on Wednesday evening (the Preparation Day, also called the Passover). Time was critical to get Jesus off the stake and in the tomb because the High Day drew near. Luke 23:50-56

1. Do other Gospel accounts support this? John 19:31-33. What did the soldiers do to hasten the death of those on the stake? John 19:32-33

Comment: John 19:31 shows us that this particular Sabbath was a High Day, not the regular weekly Sabbath. This means there were two Sabbaths during this week. The weekly Sabbath and the High Day which was the First Day of Unleavened Bread.

Luke 23:55-56 says that the women followed Joseph of Arimathaea to put Jesus' body in the tomb, then returned and proceeded to prepare spices and rested on the Sabbath. Mark 16:1 tells us they had bought the spices after the Sabbath had passed. How is this possible? You cannot prepare the spices before the Sabbath if the spices were bought after the Sabbath. The Bible cannot lie. Therefore there must be an explanation to this conflict.

The following is the proper accounting of the events. The women followed Joseph to the tomb. The time of the High Sabbath drew near. (Wednesday Evening) Luke 23:53-54. Every one rested on the High Day which fell on Wednesday sunset until Thursday sunset. After the Sabbath was past, the women went out bought the spices, (Mark 16:), then they prepared those spices, Luke 23:56, (Friday) and rested on the weekly Sabbath. (Friday sunset to Saturday sunset) Then when the Sabbath was past, they

came to anoint Jesus. John 20:1 (Sunday morning) The timing of the events fit perfectly in all the gospel accounts, there is no conflict and the events are completely aligned with the scriptures.

The Old Testament sheds the light as to the events during those missing twelve hours.

1. When did the children of Israel leave Egypt? Num. 33: 1-3 What time of the day did they leave? Ex. 12:42 How long were the children in Egypt? Ex. 12: 41

The Bible shows us there were three encampments that brought them to the edge of the sea. Num. 33:5, 1st. Encampment; Num. 33:6, 2nd. Encampment; Num. 33:7, 3rd. Encampment. (Take a few minuets to list them on your calendar on the back page)

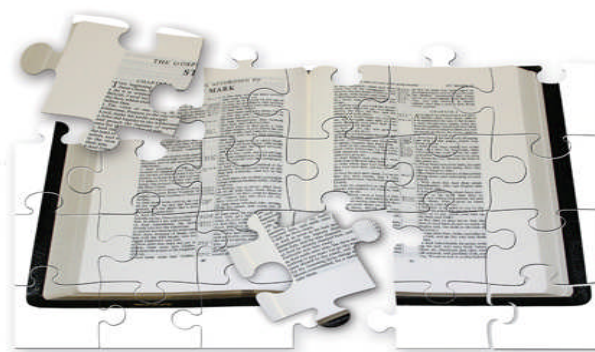
Notice: Num. 33:7 is the first scripture that gives us an accounting of an event taking place on Saturday.

2. What is going on during this time? Ex. 14: 1-9.

Ex. 14: 10-27 takes us through events of Saturday night until the early hours of Sunday morning at sunrise.

God moves the cloud to protect the Israelites Ex. 14:19-20. The sea opens by the strong wind all that night, Ex. 14:21-22. Pharaoh pursues Moses into the sea Ex. 14:23.

When you compare the events in the New Testament with those in the Old Testament, you find the timing of events parallel the time when Jesus was resurrected, but had not yet ascended. (Saturday night) This happens to be the time of the missing twelve hours. It shows us that the accuser of the brethren (Rev. 12:10) was pursuing Moses, who is pictured as a type of Christ. It is through this knowledge that we can understand what is taking place.



The Bible is not as complicated as most would like you to believe. There are keys to understanding God's Holy Word. This Bible Study Correspondence Course will unveil those vital keys and open the doors to understanding the Bible.

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18	19	20	21 Last. H.D.	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

The Most Important Trial In The History Of Mankind!

The Bible tells us that judgment must begin at the house of God. I Pet. 4:17. All mankind will have to go through a judgment. The house of God is being judged now, notice Heb. 9:27, "It is appointed for all men to die once, and after that is the judgment." That judgment cannot be done until a person's life is complete. That judgment could not be accomplished until Jesus had died and was resurrected. This judgment also had to be completed before Jesus ascended to heaven. Jesus had to overcome; He lived, died, and had to be judged just like any other person that ever lived. Rev. 20:11 gives us the pattern for the judgment. Each person must stand before their maker and be judged from the book of life, or the other book.

The Old Testament shows us what was taking place during those missing twelve hours. Jesus Christ was being pursued by Satan while this judgment was taking place. Sometime during the early morning hours the judgment was brought to a conclusion. Ex. 14:23-24 Jesus was found to be innocent and without blemish as the scriptures state, Satan was overcome Ex. 14:25-27

Conclusion

By combining the events of the Old and New Testaments, we are given the understanding of what was taking place. At daybreak in the Old Testament the sea returned to its strength destroying Pharaoh and his host; showing us that Satan was now overcome by Christ at the completion of His judgment. The parallel events in the New Testament show us that just before daybreak Jesus had not yet ascended. Mary came upon Him and was told not to touch him. At the same time, the High Priest was in the field waiting for daybreak to cut the sheaf. Then moments later the morning appeared, the High Priest cut the wave sheaf; the Old Testament account shows us the sea returned to its strength. Satan was destroyed and Jesus ascends to Heaven to sit on the right hand of His Father to be crowned King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

The most important judgment in the history of mankind was now complete. Jesus Christ was found innocent, He was perfect, without spot or blemish. Jesus fulfilled all the prophecies concerning Him. The way for salvation became open for all mankind through Jesus Christ to obtain eternity.



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