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John 11 - Part II

The Third Passover

John 11:47-48: *47. Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man does many miracles (signs ^{g4592}). 48. If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.*

The proper meaning of *semeion* (^{g4592}) is *an indication*. KJ renders it as miracle 23 out of 77 appearances. The root of the word is *semaino* (^{g4591}), translated all 6 times as signify, meaning *to indicate, to mark*. Today, the word symbol could be used. The miracles Jesus performed are to us today, spiritual symbols to teach. Here is an example: **John 12:32-33:** *32. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. 33. This he said, signifying (^{g4591}) what death he should die.* While learning from the incident of the actual cross, it is also a symbol, and today, we are to view the whole experience metaphorically. All the book of Revelation is signified in symbols (Revelation 1:1) so that we can look back and see our experiences and a general layout of end time events.

The Jewish leaders viewed the teachings of Jesus in their most literal sense, as do modern churches. In the minds of the chief priests and Pharisees, when they saw the multitudes of people following Jesus, they thought that he was setting up his own earthly kingdom. They believed that the Romans would eventually see this and destroy the Jewish nation.

When Pilate questioned Jesus about his kingdom at the trial: **John 18:36:** *Jesus answered, My kingdom is not [from] this world: if my kingdom were [from] this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now [or, presently] is my kingdom not from hence [i.e. here].* i.e. If my kingdom were literal, then would my servants fight for it. This fits with what Jesus told the Pharisees in Luke 17:20-21, that his kingdom comes without observation, it is within the person who receives his words (John 6:63). In other words, the kingdom to which Jesus referred, does not have its source in earthly (man's) understanding, but in heavenly (God's) understanding.

All that Jesus taught and did was to illustrate mankind's need of two things: 1) doctrinal correction, and that which brings 2) emotional healing. If you are to obtain both, you must study to acquire for yourself, the correct understanding of spiritual precepts, beginning with Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Other doctrinal corrections come along the way, as we grow, and instruction whereby we come to understand our faults and overcome them.

John 11:49-53: *49. And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, 50. Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. 51. And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; 52. And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. 53. Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death.*

I doubt that Caiaphas thought himself as prophesying, but more along the line of protecting Israel in the literal sense. John realized that it was a prophesy concerning the gathering of the believers in Israel, as well as the Gentile believers scattered thought out the world. The Greek for "world" here is inhabited land, taken spiritually, those whose land is inhabited by the spirit of Jesus Christ.

John 11:54-57: *54. Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence (from there) to a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples. 55. And the Jew's Passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover, to purify themselves. 56. Then sought they for Jesus, and spake among themselves, as they stood in the temple, What think ye, that he will not come to the feast? 57. Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a commandment, that, if any man knew where he were, he should show it, that they might take him.*

This is the third and last Passover Jesus attended during his ministry. Jesus, the day before he is put on the cross, tells the Jews, *Your house is left unto you desolate* (Matthew 23:38), indicating their hearts were hardened against the truth of him being the Messiah, the one they expected. Jesus spent those last few days teaching his disciples and people who were hungering and thirsting. As far as I know, there is no way to estimate the time lapse between the time Jesus began his ministry and his attendance to the first Passover (John 2:13). Indications from prophecies are 3 ½ years. Again, considering the various times:

Creation week can be divided into two parts: Seed cannot be planted in a person's earth until day 3, and only if they have ears to hear (Mark 4:9). Entering the light of day 3 is to be born from above, which is at 3 ½ days. Jesus' ministry on earth is a type for the first half, while the second 3 ½ days is a type for his ministry of the spirit after his ascension into heaven. All initially view everything from a literal point of view, those with ears to hear coming away from spiritual darkness. During the second 3 ½ days we begin to receive spiritual understanding and ascend spiritually, into the heavens. We begin to understand the cross and how Jesus' physical appearance on the cross depicts spiritually, what has happened to each one of us. Then major changes begin in our lives - emotional healing, the sin-nature inactivated and coming into fullness of God's love.

The ministry of Christ on earth did not end at the cross. The 50 days after the cross are a picture of the last half of day 3 and our spiritual transition from Passover (eating the unleavened bread of Christ) to Pentecost (receiving the Father's spirit) and our ascension into heaven in our understanding, a type for learning to listen to and obey God's voice. Here is the experience: **Revelation 4:1-2:** *1. After this I looked, and, behold, a door (of understanding) was opened in heaven: and the first voice (Revelation 1:10) which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. 2. And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one (the Father) sat on the throne. (To be in the spirit - listen to the voice of God). After this is when our books (minds) are opened (7 seals).*

Psalms 22:11-16: *11. Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help. 12. Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls (leaders) of Bashan have beset me round. 13. They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion (prideful). 14. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. 15. My strength is dried up like a potsherd (a broken clay pot); and my tongue cleaves to my jaws; and you have brought me into the dust of death. 16. For dogs (those who operate by instinct, rather than conscience) have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.*

Israel literally and spiritually pierced the Son's hands (good works) and feet (direction of His heart) with nails (their sure opinions of the kingdom of God and the Messiah). Walk in the light and you too will be brought to see the dust of death in yourself - i.e. the fleshly way of thinking must die. **Hebrews 12:25:** *See that you refuse not him that speaks. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth (Jesus), much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaks from heaven (the Father).* **1Corinthians 5:7-8:** *8. Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: 8. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Amen.*