## **“But many *who are* first will be last, and the last first.March 31, 2024**

## **This whole curse of sin began in a garden about 6000 years ago.**

## ***Gen 2:15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;***


## ***17 “but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”***

## ***Gen 3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food,***

## ***that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.***

## ***Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned–***

## ***18 Therefore, as through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, ….***

## **This whole curse started in a garden and began to lift in a garden. It began in Eden and begins to end in Gethsemane!**


## **Huge battle is going on :**

## ***Mat 26:38 Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, (*A grief/sorrow, that completely fills the whole soul) *even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.”***

## **Jesus is feeling the full weight of the cross and every sin ever committed since creation!**


## ***Mat 26:39 He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.”***

## ***42 Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.”***

## **It is horrible, awful and devastating!**

## ***Luke 22:44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.***

## **The wrath of God against sin is causing this…**

## ***Zephaniah 1:14 The great day of the LORD is near; It is near and hastens quickly. The noise of the day of the LORD is bitter; There the mighty men shall cry out. 15 That day is a day of wrath,***

## ***A day of trouble and distress, A day of devastation and desolation, A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 A day of trumpet and alarm Against the fortified cities And against the high towers.***

## **The penalty for sin is now felt by Jesus!**


## ***Mat 27:45 Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”***


## **Complete separation from the Father!**

## **Jesus took our place!**

## ***Hebrew 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.***


## **This is THE WORK OF WORKS!!!!**

## ***Psalm 8:3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,***

##  ***Isa 52:10 The LORD has made bare His holy arm In the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see The salvation of our God.***

## **Creation His fingers; Salvation His ARM! The cross and resurrection Of Messiah Jesus changed all this:**


## ***Colossians 2:13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,***


## ***14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.***

## ***15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.***

## ***Romans 16:20 And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.***


## ***Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”***


## ***Hebrews 2:14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.***


## ***2 Tim 1:10 but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,***


## ***2 Cor 9:15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!***


## ***1Cor 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you–unless you believed in vain.***


## ***3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.***

## ***6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.***


## ***1 Cor 15:20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.***

## ***21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.***

## **HAPPY RESURRECTION DAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**