

22T01J Tough Questions? – Zombie Apocalypse

Hello my friends. Thanks for joining me today for an @ the PUNLA coffee table.

I see dead people. Okay. I don't really see dead people. I just wanted to have a little fun today on Ol' hallow's eve or Halloween. Or what most of the world calls All Saints Eve. Please don't take what I say today too seriously, Please.

Anyway, I was reading my bible recently and it hit me, the Zombie Apocalypse was first written about in the Bible.

Let's pray. Heavenly Father please guide our discussion today. Help us to have a little fun today. I know studying the Bible is serious business and I pray no one believes I am making light of that. Bless our time together and I pray all these things in your name Lord Jesus. Amen.

Okay, Zombie Apocalypse. Okay I realize Zombie is associated with Voodoo not Christian beliefs but what is a Zombie. Well simply put a Zombie is dead body reanimate or supernaturally brought back to life. These are resurrections per say. But dead bodies brought back to life. Apocalypse, well we always think catastrophe or the end of the world. But, Apocalypse comes from the Greek word which means to uncover, reveal, disclose. Literally, to make something known. So, literally a Zombie Apocalypse could be making something known about dead bodies being supernaturally brought back to life.

I actually had two bible verses in mind Ezekiel Chapter 37 and Matthew 27

Let's read Matthew 27:50-53 (NKJV) *⁵⁰And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. ⁵¹Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, ⁵²and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; ⁵³and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.*

Okay in all seriousness this scripture makes me cry. My Lord has been tortured and killed. At the moment of His death, Matthew reports some supernatural events. Before Jesus dies, the sky went dark, then at His death the veil in the temple is torn from top to bottom, earthquakes, rocks split. And then the Zombie Apocalypse or sort of.

The graves are opened and many of the saints who were dead are raised. They come out of their graves and enter the city and appear to many. Matthew appears to be telling us that the bodies of dead people are made alive. They actually go into the city and appear to people. Not ghost but dead people made alive.

In seriousness, this scripture has baffled scholars for centuries. We don't have any extra biblical support for this event. That does not mean it did not happen but it also mean this could be symbolic. There is no doubt you could explain these events as

literal. The veil torn, the rocks split, earthquakes and dead people walking around. Very well could have happened. But again no extra biblical sources tell us of the veil literally tearing or rocks splitting or dead people walking around. So, it could be symbolic but does it really matter. Jesus died for you and me. He paid the price for my sins and yours. Whether literally or figuratively, His death torn the veil between the holy of holies and us. Jesus made a way for us to have a personal relationship with God. He made a way for my sins to be forgiven and replaced with the righteousness of Jesus.

Did dead people actually come out of their tombs and visit people in Jerusalem. Why not. I'm sure not going to limit what God could or could not do. God's God, I'm confident He can do anything He wants to do.

So for a moment let's assume dead people came alive at the death of Jesus and went into the city after Jesus' resurrection. Then what. Well it's not really important. God did not think it was important enough to tell us. For sure if they were raise from the dead, then they died again. This was not the resurrection spoken of in Revelation. Jesus was the first fruit of the resurrection of the dead. That's what the Bible tells us.

So, my opinion on this scripture is really not important. We are all welcome to have an opinion but it doesn't really matter. The message in this scripture is not about dead bodies, rocks or veils. It's about Jesus. The King gave His life to make a way for me to be with Him. He paid the prices for all our sins. He rose from the dead with victory over the grave and death, to show us He is King. He is God. Jesus made the kingdom of God available to all of us.

Let's pray. Father God, thank you for making away for me, a broken, messed up sinner to be with you. Thank you for the sacrifice you made for me. I am in complete awe of your glory and power. I grieve at this story at the same time rejoicing for what it means for all of us. Lord help all of us to study your bible but keep our focus on you instead of all this contentious side topics. I pray these things in your name Lord Jesus, Amen

Thank you for joining me @ the PUNLA Coffee Table today. I hope me having a little fun has not offending anyone, that was not my intent. I hoped that by having a little fun with the scriptures, a little fun with some words, we might be able to bring our focus back to Jesus. Jesus is the main character in the Bible. The story is about God. It's okay if certain bible verses don't make sense as long as we can keep our focus on the main message. Jesus wins, it was never in any doubt. Jesus in King. God is the creator of everything.

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