

Greetings in the MIGHTY name of the BLESSED SAVIOR, our LORD JESUS CHRIST. He is the LORD of GLORY, who is preparing a home for us in heaven. With pure joy, let us bow our knees in praise & worship, humbling our hearts before HIM. HE & HE alone is WORTHY. ONLY thru JESUS (Acts 4:12) can we have the BLESSED HOPE of ETERNAL LIFE.

HAPPY RESURRECTION DAY!!! I pray you ALL had a most joyful day of celebration with family & friends that ìJESUS IS RISENî. Indeed HE IS RISEN ! IT is also an awesome time of sharing the TRUE meaning of EASTER with nonbelievers. I say, ìWIN THE LOST AT ANY COST,î today (II Cor. 6:2), NOT tomorrow (Prov. 27:1). JESUS, the LAMB of GOD who died for us ALL is proof that the perfect plan of salvation has been provided. When I preach CHRIST-CRUCIFIED, I introduce men & women in prisons, or on Skid Row to this INCOMPARABLE, MAGNIFICENT, BEAUTIFUL, HUMBLE, LOVING & through HIS RESURRECTION, death-defeating LAMB. P.T.L.!!!

Father GOD chose that HIS SON'S birth would be in a stable. Well, JESUS was a Lamb & lambs are born in stables, NOT palaces. He is an INCOMPARABLE LAMB (Luke 2:5-6). HE was born a Lamb & would die a Lamb. Under the Mosaic Law, the Passover lamb had to be examined for three days & found to be without spot or blemish before being suitable for sacrifice (Exodus 12:3-6). After three years of public ministry, men could find in HIM neither spot nor blemish. Truly, JESUS was a SUITABLE LAMB

At HIS trial, HE refused to speak or defend HIMSELF (Matt. 27:12). The prophet Isaiah, 740 years before CHRIST, foretold the ãsilence of the LAMBí. In Isa. 53:7, GOD'S Word says, ìand as a sheep before her shearers is dumb (silent), so HE opened NOT HIS mouth.î Like a lamb that makes no sound before its own slaughter, JESUS REFUSED to cry out nor defend HIMSELF. TRULY, HE was a SILENT LAMB.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, as the Roman soldiers closed in on the UNRESISTING SON of GOD, our LORD could have called ten thousand angels (Matthew 26:53) to defend HIMSELF, but HE didn't. Why? For the

simple reason JESUS was born to die that we might live. For that reason HE came into the world. HE was fulfilling HIS FATHER'S purpose. JESUS was an OBEDIENT LAMB. When John saw JESUS in John 1:29, he said, "Behold! The LAMB of GOD who takes away the sin of the world." My encouragement is to reflect on this awesome act of LOVE & OBEDIENCE, giving GOD THANKS & PRAISE DAILY for the gift of ETERNAL LIFE.

Speaking of eternal life, this month doubled last month's harvest as over 300 gave their lives to CHRIST or rededicated. The HOLY SPIRIT was busy (John 6:44). There were 22 services & many hours of counseling inmates at the L.A. County Jail. Inmates put in requests to see a chaplain for prayer & counseling. It is an opportune time to lead them to CHRIST & give them a Bible & the Arsenal Prayer. Even though I've given Bibles out of my car trunk for almost 20 years, now I need more for the L.A. County Jail. If anyone desires to send a box of Bibles to me, it has to be sent UNOPENED; to Mel Novak, c/o Religious & Volunteer Services/Men's Central Jail, 441 Bauchet Street, Room 1060, L. A., CA 90012. Also need Daily Bread booklets.

GOD'S WORD went forth in all of the services which were packed. The Long beach Rescue Mission, L.A. Mission, Union Rescue Mission, Fred Jordan Missions all had good harvests, along with the services at the L.A. Co. Jail. Sister Luz's International Filipino

Church always embraces the Word. My two home Bible studies were a solid 2 hours of GOD'S Word. During the middle of the month, I had nine services in seven days, plus counseling. So many of the inmates are very young & in a dark place. But, no matter how dark, how long & difficult that the trials, troubles & tribulations are, or how many mountains, valleys, deserts, storms or Goliaths they are in, I encourage them that JESUS is ALWAYS with them, but ONLY if HE is their LORD & SAVIOR (Heb. 13:5, Matt. 28:20, I Peter 5:7 & Matt. 11:28-30), JESUS is everybody's ONLY HOPE. They must experience the ministry of our dear Messiah JESUS, who says, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, to heal the broken hearted, to comfort ALL who mourn, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD that HE may be glorified (Isa.61:1-3). That last phrase is another inescapable reminder : GOD NOT ONLY HEALS HURTS AND COMFORTS FROM PAIN, HE BRINGS FRUITFULNESS IN IT ALL !!!

**Until next month, may GOD BLESS & PROSPER you (III John 2),
& to you precious ones who sent a LOVE offering, I PRAISE HIM &
THANK YOU.**

In His Majesty's Service,

Mel Novak