

# THE FIVE GREATEST DAYS IN HUMAN HISTORY

(Josh. 10:12-14)

## Introduction:

1. In five days our country, and many other countries around the world, will be celebrating/recognizing the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. And, while there is a lot of misinformation out there concerning our Lord's birth, let us never forget the momentous occasion the birth of our Lord was.
2. As a matter of fact, let us pause this morning and consider the fact that the five greatest days in human history have all been centered on our Lord Jesus, the Christ!
3. Let us consider the day He created the world, the day He was born into the world, the day He died in this world, the day He rose from the dead in this world, and finally the day He will return at the end of this world.

## Discussion:

### I. The day OUR Lord created us.

- A. God created all by speaking (He didn't even have to do that) and that is amazing in and of itself (Gen. 1:25; John 1:3).
  1. Never forget the power of God, lest we forget our place.
  2. Never forget the order of God, lest we stop seeking Him and learning from Him.
  3. Never forget the concern of God, lest we feel unimportant (Matt. 10:28-31).
- B. God created mankind in His image and gave us dominion over all His creation (Gen. 1:26-31).
  1. Never forget "our kind", lest we fall into sin (Matt. 22:15-22; 1 Pet. 1:13-16; 1 Cor. 3:4).
  2. Never forget the favor of God, lest we become unthankful/unloving (Ps. 8; esp. v4).

### II. The day our Lord was born.

- A. We understand that Jesus' birth has little to do with the secular holiday of Christmas. Jesus was not only NOT born December 25 (probably born in August/September with no way of knowing the day) but He was probably born in the year 4BC (Before Christ!!!). And, many of the "traditional stories told about Jesus' birth are not biblical and even contradict biblical teaching (ex. Jesus may have been close to two years old when the wise men came to call).
- B. All of that said, and understood, we must not minimize the momentous event of the birth of our Lord.
  1. The Word became flesh (John 1:1-14)!!
  2. The promise was being fulfilled (Gen. 3:15; 12:3; 22:18; 2 Sam. 7:16; Gal. 4:4)!!

### III. The day our Lord died.

- A. The most terrible of days.
  1. God in the flesh subjected to the hatred/cruelty/ridicule of man (Matt. 36-46; Luke 22:39-46).
  2. The Savior of the world rejected and murdered (Luke 22:48; Matt. 27:20-26).
- B. The greatest of days.
  1. It was finished (John 19:30; Rom. 6:10; 1 John 2:2; Matt. 11:28-30)!!
  2. The stage was set for the triumph of Christ and the establishment of the kingdom (Matt. 16:16-19).

### IV. The day our Lord arose!

- A. All the enemies of man defeated (Gen. 3:15; 1 Cor. 15:55; Rev. 1:18).
- B. All the blessings of God available (Eph., 1:3ff; 1 Pet. 1:18, 19; Col. 1:13; 1 Cor. 15:24-26).

### V. The day our Lord returns.

- A. The greatest of days (1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:58; Matt. 25:34; Rev. 21, 22)!
- B. The most terrible of days (2 Thess. 1:7-9; Mk. 9:42-48 = Is. 66:24) when the blessing becomes a curse!

## **Conclusion:**

1. The best news about the Good News is that we have full control over whether that last day is a great one or a terrible one.
2. Invitation.

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1. The First Day.
  - A. God creates us as sons, sharing in His likeness/nature.
  - B. God gave us His world to have dominion over (Gen. 1:26; 2:15; 9:1-7; Ps. 115:16).
  - C. He offers us the full inheritance of a son (Gal. 4:1-7; Rom. 8:1-13 = 14-17).
2. The Second Day.
  - A. God left heaven and became flesh to tabernacle with us (John 1:1-14; Is. 7:14 = Matt. 1:23).
  - B. Consider Mary’s words, borrowed from Hannah (Luke 1:46-55; cp. 1 Sam. 2:1-10).
  - C. Consider the fullness and foolishness of (Heb. 2:10-18; 4:15).
3. The Third Day.
  - A. The cross: where love and faithfulness met (Ps. 85:10; John 1:17).
  - B. Where the Son of THE Father who gave life was rejected in favor of A son of the father who took life (Mk. 15:6-15).
  - C. The price of our sin was paid (Is. 53 and Ps. 22 fulfilled; John 19:30).
4. The Fourth Day.
  - A. Death defeated!! Gen. 3 rewritten! Death is now the door, not the defeat!
  - B. Our hope rose up and walked around!!
  - C. He ascended to make preparations (John 14:1-3).
5. The Fifth Day.
  - A. The day will be awesome (2 Pet. 3:10-16; Rev. 21; 1 Thess. 4:13-18).
  - B. The life will be awesome (Rev. 22:1-5).
  - C. The day is coming (Heb. 10:19-25); are you ready?