

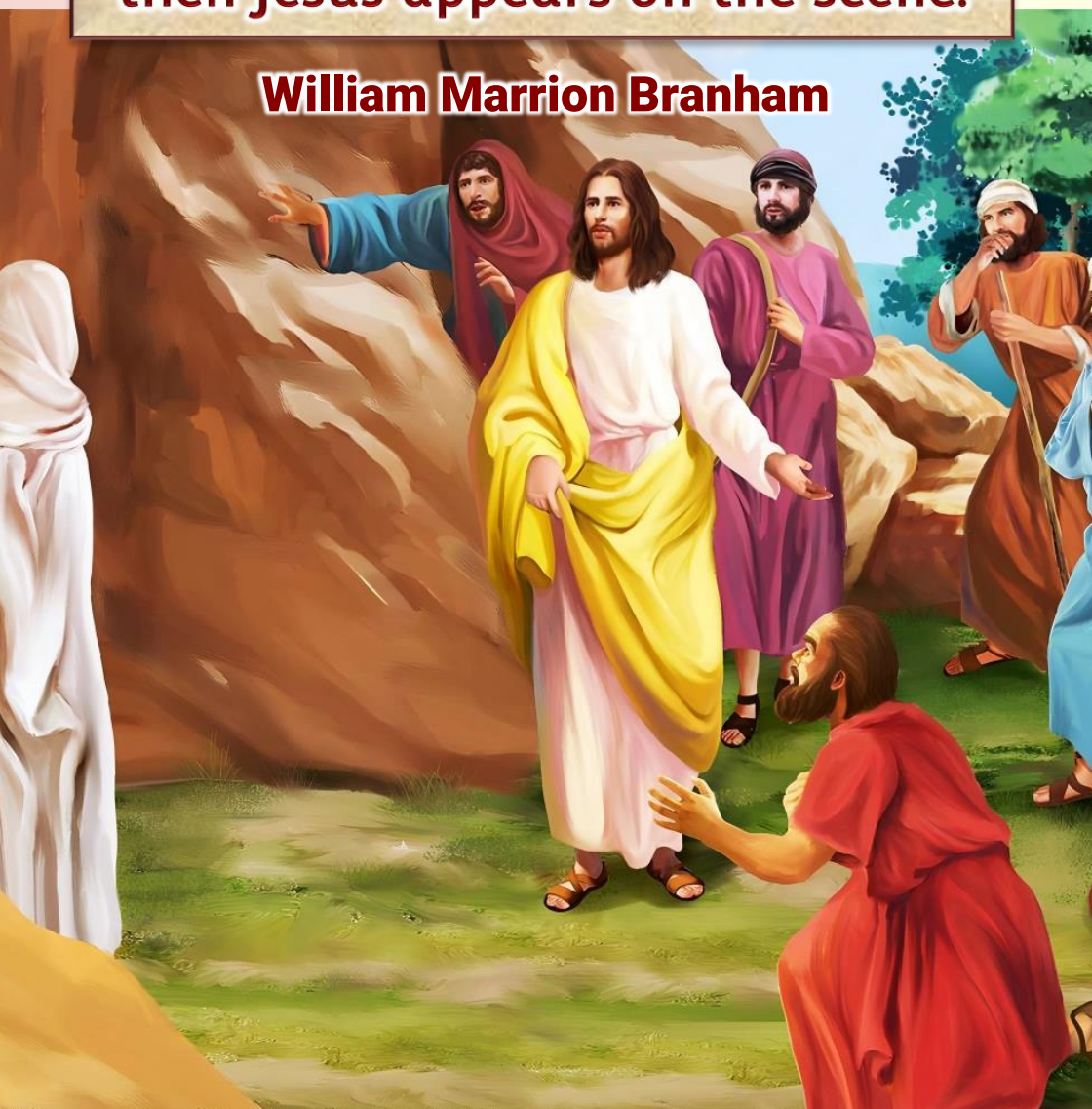
The Darkest Hour, Then Jesus Comes Along - Part 1



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Saint John, the 11th chapter, beginning with the 18th verse, I wish to read.

Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off:

And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house.

Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou had been here, my brother had not died.

But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou will ask...God, God will give it thee.

Jesus said unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

Martha said unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and...life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

She said unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should

come into the world. (And watch that!)

Then when she had said so, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee.

2 Let us pray. Heavenly Father, confirm those Words to our hearts, tonight, as we wait on Thee now. Thy Word, Thy servant, and the text, is all committed to You, in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

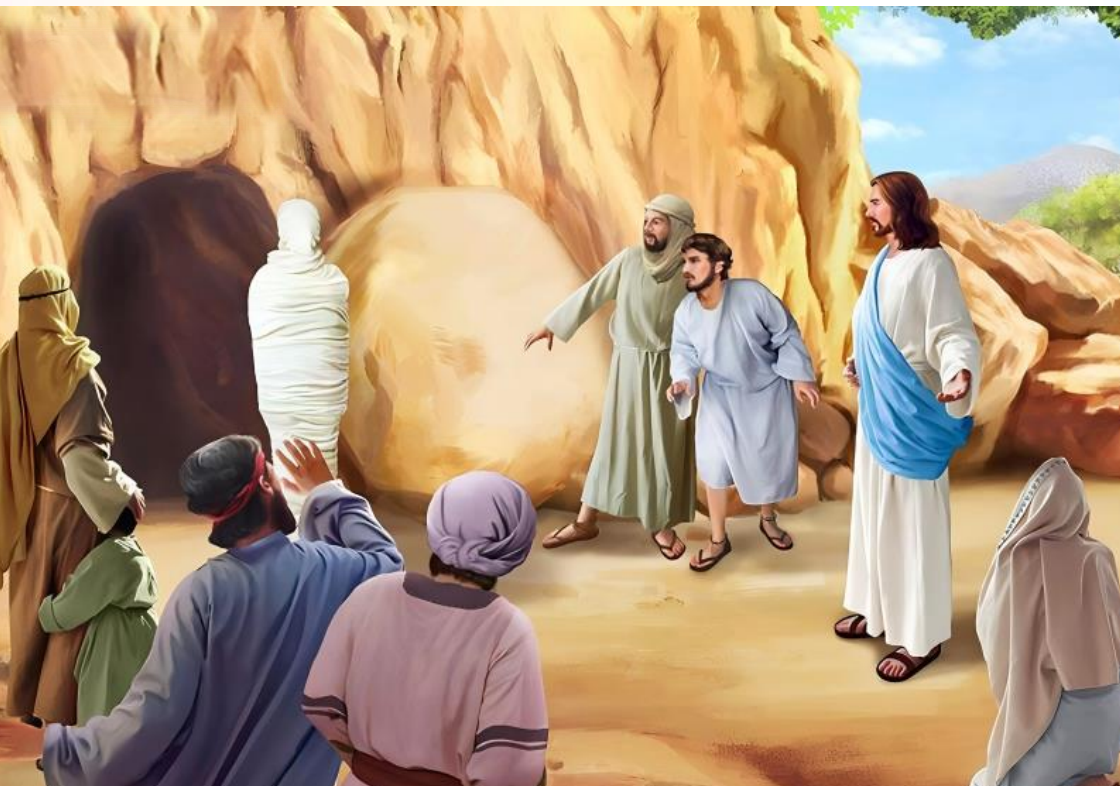
You may be seated.

3 My purpose of being here is to try to help the people of God. Not insomuch as to pray, and lay hands upon the sick, but that they might recognize Jesus Christ in our midst, the Son of God in our midst. We are speaking tonight on this subject: *Then Jesus Came And Called.*

4 Now on this time that we're speaking of, it was a very sad time. If you ever read the story in the life of our Lord, we find out

that He was a great Friend to this boy, Lazarus. He was...After the going away of Joseph, or, He had left and come to live with Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. And they were great friends. They had...He was like a pastor to them, a—a real Friend. And made Him little things to wear, a coat to wear, I believe, they claim, and it was wove throughout without a seam. And then they had done things for Him, because they believed in Him. It was they—they had

believed and had seen that. They had left the church, and so forth, to follow Him. And that was a great thing in that day, which even the penalty of it could be death, to—to go away from it.



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25 Now we find out that, all this, Jesus had declared, and just a few, just those who He had ordained to Life, saw Him. Not great crowds; His crowds could never like be like Caiaphas' crowds. Why, Caiaphas could have called the whole nation together. Jesus called just a few together. Not many knew Him. Thousands times thousands,

when He came on the earth, He went through the earth, and they never even knowed He was here.

26 So will it be again! He'll come to those who are called to Life. He knows who is called to Life. And He'll not... It's His business to take care of that.

27 Now we notice that then they come out of the church, and they had believed Him. Everything the Word had been saying about Him, there He was.

28 And one day He left their home. I want to speak of three things: Jesus had left; death had come; and all hopes was gone. I want to speak on those three things for a few minutes.

29 Jesus had left. And when He left, trouble come in. Now when He leaves you, or your home where you dwell at, trouble is on its road. Satan has got an open door when Jesus leaves.

30 He had gone, and as—and as soon as He did, then death

came in. And when Jesus goes out, death comes in. To be separated from Him is death, so death come in when Jesus went out.

31 And death had lingered with Lazarus. And then the One that they believed in and loved, they had sent to Him to come pray for Lazarus, 'cause they had seen Him and knowed that He knowed God, that, "Whatever, God..." Martha expressed it back there, "Whatever Thou sayest to

God now, God will do it.” She recognized that He and God was One. He was the Word of the hour, so she recognized that. And she knew, if she could ever get in contact with Him, but He was gone and they couldn’t get a hold of Him. And they sent for Him, and, instead of Him coming, He went on further. And then they sent again, and, instead of Him coming, He went on further.

32 Sometimes we wonder why those things happen, but

doesn't the Scripture say that, "All things work together for good to them that love God"? He knows what He is doing. If He delays, that's all right. He knows what He is doing. There was a purpose.

33 We find out that He said, in Saint John 5:19, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing in Himself, but what He sees the Father doing."

34 The Father had told Him to go away, and to be away so

many days. After the days was accomplished, then He said what He said then, that, “Our friend Lazarus sleepeth.”

And he said, “Well, he does good.”

35 He said, “He is dead. And for your sake I’m glad I wasn’t there.” Cause, they’d have been trying to get Him to go to him, to heal him or say what had to be done. But He knowed what had to be done, so He had done just exactly what He was ordained to

do: stay away. If you notice Him at the grave when He come back. He expressed that when He came back and found this home.

36 All hopes was gone. Lazarus had died. Every hour, they kept thinking, “He might come on the scene. He might come on the scene. He might come back.” Finally, he died, the breath left him.

37 They went out, embalmed him, taking the blood from his

body, wrapped him in linen, spices, and embalmed him and laid him into the grave, put a rock over the grave, which was their custom of burying in them days. A hole in the ground, just maybe in the rock, and lay a rock over the top of it, that was their custom.

38 First day passed, second day passed, third day passed, fourth day passed, the man was already rotting in the grave. His nose had probably fell in.

That, I think that's the first thing that falls in, is the nose. And he was already rotten. His—his flesh had gone back to the dust, of the earth, or going back. His soul was four-days journey somewhere, from him.

39 All hopes of ever seeing him again, in this life, was gone. And then when all hopes was gone...They had waited, "Maybe if He'll come the first day, second day!" No. Then he died, and He

hadn't come. Then desperation set in.

40 After a while there was somebody must have told her, "The Master is outside." Here goes Martha down the street!

41 **Jesus came in that dark hour when every hope was gone. That's usually when He comes. See? He comes just at that darkest time, then Jesus appears on the scene.**

42 Now watch, He come and called for Martha. His Presence

brought new hopes. No matter if the boy was dead, yet His Presence brings new hope.

43 You might be setting here tonight, my friend, where the doctors has give you up, with cancer, heart trouble. Maybe in a chair, crippled, all science has said there is no hope for you; the deposit of calcium has—has knotted your—your—your bones, that you can't bend them no more. Or, either your—your heart is so bad, the doctor says

you might go at any minute. Oh, and great bunches of people with cancer and TB, maybe the last hope you got, and it seems like that the doctor has turned you down. Yet, to be in the Presence and recognition of the Presence of Jesus Christ, brings hopes again.

44 Somebody can even name it to you. Maybe you've never heard of it before, but let somebody say, "I know where there is a church, they believe in

God and they pray for the sick,” quickly (Now, you’re ready to die. See?), new hopes spring up. It always does. In that dark hour, that’s usually when somebody says something about it, tell you about Jesus. His Presence brought new hopes.

45 May it do the same thing tonight, like it did last night. When we see that vindicated Word beyond any shadow of doubt, that’s been made manifest, and proved that *that*

Jesus that lived nineteen hundred years ago, that died on Calvary, rose up on the third day, and appeared to those disciples and opened their eyes, and made this promise of the day, is right here tonight in our presence now, it's bound to bring hopes to people. New hopes flash up.

46 Maybe somebody said, "The church has been kind of dry for a while. We haven't had any good fresh water for—for—for a

few months. We haven't had a revival. Looks like everybody is so stagnant, or something another. We just go to church and sing a hymn, and—and hear a few messages and go back.” But all of a sudden, then, when we begin to get dry, then Jesus comes on the scene, freshens us up, brings something new to us. He is always there to do that. New hopes comes when—when Jesus comes in. His Presence brings new hope.

47 She knew that He was that manifested Word of God. She had seen that age. Or, if she wouldn't, she'd have still been Orthodox. She'd have still belonged to the church. But she had seen that promised Word. She had seen that promised Word manifested by Him and she knew that He was that living Word. And when she heard about it, she didn't care how many criticized her, what else, she took out for Him just as hard

as she could go. See? She knew He was that manifested Word.

48 No doubt but what she had read of the story of Elijah in his days. Now, he was God's manifested Word in that day. He was a prophet, and the Word of the Lord comes to the prophet. And there was a woman in there who had a little baby that had been given to her by a blessing that the prophet had blessed her by, and she had the child.

49 One day, about eleven o'clock, he must have had a sunstroke. He was out in the field with his father, the Bible doesn't said it was, say it was sunstroke, but he begin to cry, "My head! My head!" about eleven o'clock in the day. And he had a servant, the father did, to take him to the house. He laid on his mother's lap till about noon, got sicker and sicker, and finally died.

50 And now, instead of going in despair, the...all the neighbors

come in screaming and going on, but that steady mother, her baby was dead, she took it up in that little room that she had provided for the prophet, and laid him upon his bed, like *that*. And she said to the servant, “Saddle me a mule, and you ride straight, and don’t you stop unless I tell you to.” Oh, my! That’s it!

51 We ain’t got time for debating and fussing. This is past that day. Let’s go on. We got to get there. We got a need.

52 And so he said, “You go forward, and don’t you slack your riding unless I command you to.” And they went till they got to Elijah.

53 Elijah, being a man of God, not like Christ; Christ knew all things, ’cause He was God. Elijah was a portion of God. That was Christ in Elijah. And that was the message of the hour, for the Word of the Lord for that hour was with that prophet.

54 Jesus was the fulness of all those prophets, every one of them only manifested Him. That's all. All the way from Joseph, from thirty pieces of silver, everywhere, he—he portrayed Christ. So did Moses!

55 David, setting as a rejected king upon the hill, weeping because he was rejected. Eight hundred years after that, the Son of David set on a hill. That was the Spirit of Christ in David there. And He... My! He was both Root

and Offspring of David. And so He set up on the hill, weeping, as a rejected King, “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how oft would I have hovered you, as a hen would her brood.” What was it? It was Christ back there.

56 It was Christ crying when David wrote the hymn, “My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me? All My bones, they stare at Me. They pierced My feet and My hands. They parted My garments among them. They cast lots for My

vesture.” That was Christ speaking in David. That’s right. He was the manifestation of the Word. Christ come to fulfill them things that had been spoken by the prophets, ’cause the Word was with the prophets.

57 He said that in the lesson last night, that He come to fulfill what the prophets had said about Him, ’cause they had the Word. And Elijah was God’s prophet, the Word of that day.

58 So the Shunammite woman stayed with that prophet until he come and manifested the power of God, and laid hisself upon the baby, and the baby come to life.

59 Now Martha must have recognized this, although she had been busy taking care of a house, dishwashing, and so forth. But there she showed her color. She showed really what was in her. She went to get Him immediately. If God was in Elijah,

God had to be in Christ, 'cause He had proved that He was that Person. Amen. I like that, that determination! She goes to Him. She had to get to Him. And she find out there, as she got to Him—to Him; now remember, knew that He had never changed, that God never changes His program. If He was in Elijah and could raise the dead, He was in Christ and could raise the dead, though He hadn't done it, 'cause it's the same God.

60 Neither has He changed yet! Just as much God tonight as He ever was. He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. He changes not.

61 And He knew she knew that it was in Him. Watch, just in a few minutes it proved it, when she said something to Him about her brother, and she said, "Lord, I—I believe that You are."

62 And He said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Though he were dead, yet shall

he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. I AM.” That’s the I AM was in the burning bush, with Moses. “I am the Resurrection. I am the Life. I was the Wall. I am still He. I am the Resurrection and the Life. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me, shall never die.” After this great assurance that she had, that He was the promised Word; when He said, being a Prophet, He could not lie; therefore He,

when He said, “I am the I AM. I am He that is the Resurrection and Life.”

63 She said, “I believe that You are the One, the Son of God that should come in the world. Although my brother is dead, laying out there in the grave, he’s...his body has decaying now; but even now, whatever You say, it’ll come to pass.” Right!

64 All she wanted was to hear Him say it! Amen. Oh, Martha,

where are we tonight? “Just speak the Word; my servant will live!” Just hear Him say it! They might have come told her He said it, but here He was Himself. O God, open blinded eyes, that they might be able to see! When He, in His Presence, speaks the Word, always is manifested.

65 She said, “Whatever You ask God, God will give it to You. Just let me hear!” She wanted Him to say the Word. That’s all she wanted to hear. Just get the

Word, that's all she needed, was hear Him say He would do it.

66 And He would have done it right then, but, you see, by the vision that the Father had showed Him, He had to be standing by the grave. Oh, my! Hold your faith! God is working everything right. It'll be all right. Just wait till she got to the grave.

67 Notice, she could just get Him to say it, even when he was yet... All hopes gone, all everything. He was dead,

rottening in the grave, but just hear Him say it, is all she wanted.

68 Now when He said, “I am the Resurrection and Life,” she believed it. She believed it. Now notice, now she had to believe for the impossibles, when she heard Him say, “I am the Resurrection and Life. Though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.” Said, “Do you believe this?”

69 And she said, “Yes, Lord, I believe it. I believe that You are the Son of God that was to come into the world.” I like that. I like that.

70 I—I’ve said this before. It might stand again now. I was talking to a woman not long ago, it was a certain church that I mentioned a while ago, that doesn’t believe that He was God, His Deity; He was just a prophet, an ordinary man.

71 He was that, truly. He was that, plus God. See, He was the manifestation. Jesus is the body, the Boy, the Man; God was what dwelt in Him. God was in Him. He was a God-man. He was a Man, yet He was God manifested in flesh. When we see Jesus, we see God. That's what He said, "When you see the Father...see Me, you see the Father." Because, He was the reflection, because He was the Word, amen, that was in the beginning. Amen.

72 He called the prophets, “god.” Do you know that? He said, “You call them ‘god’ who the Word of God come to. How can you condemn Me when I say, ‘I’m the Son of God’?”

73 Cause, the same Word said He would be there, and there is the Word made manifest again. And still they wouldn’t believe it.

74 This woman said to me, “I can prove to you.” Said, “I like to

hear you preach, but there is one thing you do too much.”

“Well, what’s that?”

Said, “You brag too much on Jesus.”

75 I said, “I hope that’s all He has against me when He comes.” And she said... I said, “I hope that’s all He can, fault He can find in me.” I said, “If I had ten thousand tongues, I could not speak enough, oh, my, what He is!”

She said, “But, you, you make Him God.”

76 Said, “He was. Or, if He wasn’t, He was the greatest deceiver the world ever had.”

She said, “He was a prophet.”

77 I said, “He was a Prophet, that’s true: a God-prophet, the fullness of the Word. The prophet just had the Word come to him, that’s what make him—made him a prophet. But He was the fullness of that Word.”

78 And she said, “I can prove to you.” Said, “You make Him Divine.”

I said, “He was Divine.”

And she said, “He can’t be Divine.”

I said, “He...But He was.”

She said, “You said you believed the Bible.”

I said, “I do.”

79 She said, “I’ll prove to you, by your own Bible, that He wasn’t Divine.”

80 I said, “Do it. If the Bible says so, then I’ll believe it, ’cause I believe the Word is right.”

81 She said, “On the road from down to Lazarus’ grave, you remember that in Saint John 11?”

I said, “I certainly do, madam.”

82 Said, “Well, now, on the road down, He cried. The Bible said, ‘He wept.’”

I said, “Certainly, the Bible said He wept.”

Said, “How could He be Divine and weep?”

I said, “He was human.”

“Human and Divine?”

83 I said, “Yes, lady. You fail to see. He was a—a man going along there, crying with those that were crying, that’s right, grieving with those who grieved. He was a man. But when He straightened His little, frail body

up, and said, ‘Lazarus, come forth,’ and a man that been dead four days, stood on his feet. That took more than a man, that was God in the Man.” Who can raise the dead, but God? He is the Resurrection and the Life! That’s right.

84 That night out on the sea, when He was out there, tired, laying in the back of the boat, where ten thousand devils swore they would drown Him that night, and that little old boat flopping

around like a bottle stopper out there on a stormy sea. Them devils thought, “We got Him now. He is asleep; we’ll sink the whole bunch.” Oh, He was a man, tired, but when once aroused, He stood His foot up on the rail, and looked up and said, “Peace, be still,” and the winds and the waves obeyed Him. That was more than a man.

85 He was a man when He was hungry, come down off the mountain, looking for a piece of

bread or something to eat, or a fig off of a tree. But when He took five biscuits and two fishes, and fed five thousand, that was God in that Man. That's right.

86 Oh, every man that's ever amounted to a hill of beans believed that, all the poets that believed that. No wonder one wrote:

Living, He love me; and dying,
He saved me;

Buried, He carried my sins far
away;

Rising, He justified freely
forever:

Someday He is coming—oh,
glorious day!

87 Eddie Perronet, who his
songs would not sell. One day,
staggering under the impact of
the Holy Spirit, grabbed a pen,
he wrote the inauguration song,
when he wrote:

All hail the power of Jesus'
Name!

Let Angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem,
Crown Him Lord of all!
(Hallelujah!)

88 Certainly, that's what we believe He was. Yes, sir.

89 She has got to believe for the impossibles now, to modern thinking of that day. So do you have to believe for the impossibles, to see new Life, to see something happen. But if He recognized... She recognized Him to be the Word, then the impossibles can take place,

because He is the Creator, and will stand by everything He said.

90 “And all things are possible to them that can believe.” That’s His Word. But the impossibles are made manifested when God is took at His Word. Yes, sir. When God is took at His Word, the impossibles are—are made manifest. When God says it’ll be, then you take that Word and watch what, the impossibles happen. It certainly will.

91 But notice, even in all that, she said, “Even now, Lord, whatever You ask God, God will do it.” She knew that she could just get that Word to come from Him. That’s all she needed to do, was get that Word. Yes, it was her darkest hour, and Jesus come along and called. Oh, what a thing they saw, a resurrection!



**And in that distress, then
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92 There was a man one time, named Job, one of the oldest prophets in the Bible. He was a great man. He had—he had loved the Lord, and he done all he knowed how to do. And Satan desired to sift him, so he said to God one day... Yeah, God said to him, rather, “Where have you been, Satan?”

93 He said, “Oh, walking to-and-fro and up-and-down on the earth.”

94 He said, “Have you considered My servant Job? There is none like him in the earth. He is a perfect man.”

95 “Oh,” he said, “sure, You give him everything, do everything for him. Certainly, he’s a great man. But let me have him one time, I’ll change the tune. I’ll make him curse You, to Your face.”

96 He said, “You can’t do it.” That’s His confidence in a believer. Why? He is Infinite. He is Eternal. He knows the end from the beginning. He knowed Satan couldn’t do it. For, He is the Word, He knowed what Job would do.

97 Now, remember, Job, he broke him out in boils, killed his children, took everything he’s had. His health was gone. Even his comforters came, and they couldn’t do nothing but just

accuse him of being a secret sinner. And old Job got in such a place until he got so distressed.

98 You have to get in distress, first. You have to get to a time where you're at the end of the road.

99 Job got into the end of the road, when he said, "Cursed be the day that I was born. May the sun not even shine, and may the moon not shine by the night, may the name never be called." And in that distress, then Jesus came

along. He looked down, and he said, "I see, as a man, a flower die, and it rises again in the spring. If a tree blows down, it comes up again through the scent of water." He seen all botany life living again, but said, "A man layeth down, he giveth up the ghost, where is he?" He knowed he was an old man. He said, "His sons come to mourn over him, and he perceive it not. Oh, that Thou would hide me in the grave and keep me in the secret place, till Thy wrath be

past. Appoint me a time and set me a time. We went..." And going on like that, talking. He was at the end, of his distress, "What would happen? The leaves live, they come back in the trees, the flowers come back again, everything else come up, but a man layeth down and giveth up the ghost!" He was in distress. He didn't know what could happen to him, and him at that age.

100 When he did, then Jesus came along. God pointed his head towards the sky, and he saw Jesus coming in the last days.

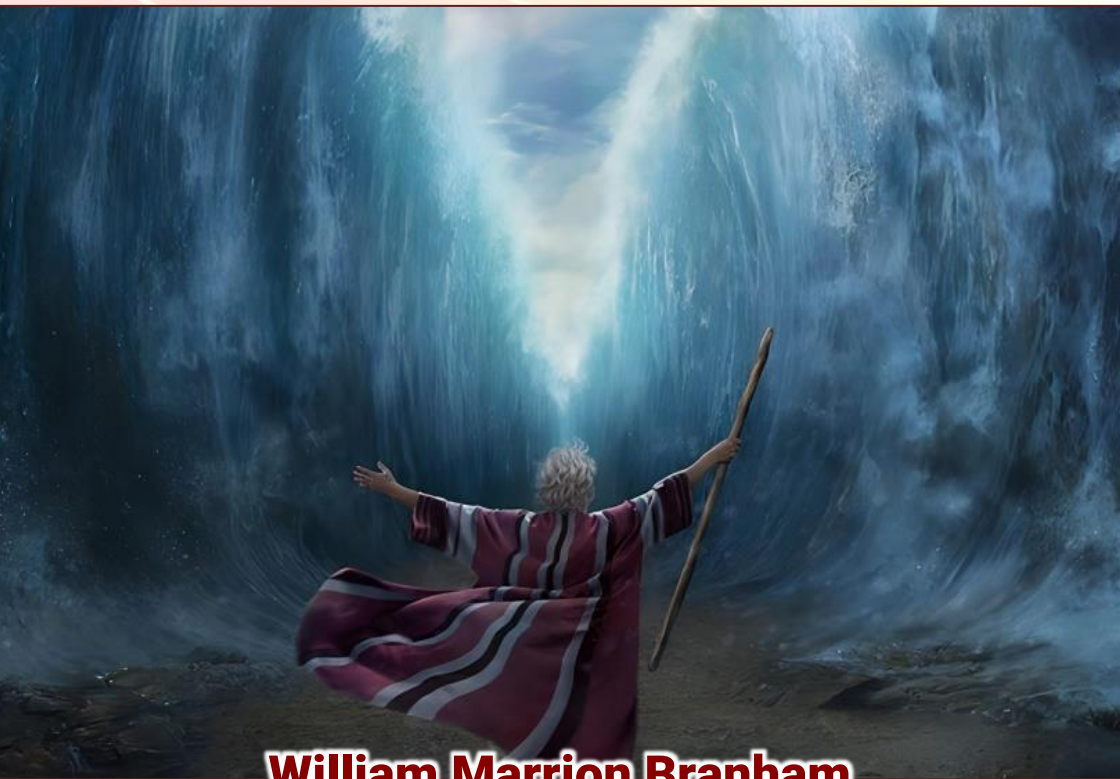
101 That darkest of hour when his wife said, “Curse God and die the death,” yet he said, “Woman, thou speakest like a foolish woman. The Lord gave, and the Lord taken away, blessed be the Name of the Lord.” Even his wife turned him down. His church turned him

down. Everybody turned him down.

102 In that dark hour, where he didn't know where he was going from there, Jesus came along. Then he screamed out, "I know my Redeemer liveth, and at the last days He'll stand upon the earth. And though after the skin worms destroys this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God, Whom I shall see for myself." In his darkest hour, then Jesus come along. Yes, sir.



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opened up and they went
across, on their journey to
fulfill the Word of God. Yes, at
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103 Moses, for Moses, the darkest hour come for him in Israel. He was right in the line of duty; met God up there in the

bush, and said, "I AM THE I AM."
He went down and fought through all kind of impersonations of Jannes and Jambres, trying to impersonate his work. All this, he had stood true to God. He finally got Israel to believe. And here he comes out of Egypt, going up to the—to the promised land, where God said, "You'll worship Me on this mountain." That was the Word of God. Moses knowed he had to go to that mountain. Amen. God said so! No Pharaoh can kill him.

No devil can kill him. Nothing can kill him. He is coming to that mountain. Amen! Hallelujah! I feel religious. He is going to that mountain.

104 So are we on our road to Glory! Nothing is going to stop us. No, sir. God is going to vindicate His Word. I don't care what takes place, He is going to do it, anyhow. Yes.

105 On his road, right in the path of duty. Here he is, hemmed in between the mountains. He

listens and hears a roar behind him. What is it? Pharaoh's chariots, by the thousands, coming; armored, and spears and things, to ride them down and tramp them down. There is the Red Sea, had him cut off. What did he do? He got in di-
...He got in distress. The people all screaming, "Oh, we're in for it now. Pharaoh will kill us, his swords will be run through us. Our babies will die here in the wilderness."

Moses cried out, “O God!”

106 And then Jesus came on the scene. He was the Pillar of Fire. That's right. He come down and He hung between him and the danger. Amen. He is our Go-between. He's the Stand-between, amen, a Mediator. There He stood, standing there; darkness to the Egyptians, those who were coming to try to do something about it. He was Light to them, to walk by. Then in the morning when the wind started

blowing real hard, that night, then what did He do? He had come in the form of the Pillar of Fire.

107 Remember, He is still that Pillar of Fire. Yes, sir. When He was on earth, He said, “I come from God, and I go to God.”

108 And after His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension; Saint Paul, on his road down to Damascus, he was struck down by that Pillar of Fire. Remember, he was a Hebrew.

He would have not said this... He said, “Lord, Who are You?” Capital L-o-r-d, Elohim. “Who are You that I persecute?”

He said, “I am Jesus.”

109 Amen! Hallelujah! He’s the First and the Last. He’s still the same. “A little while and the world seeth Me no more, yet you will see Me. I’ll be with you, even in you.” The same Pillar of Fire, the same God doing the same thing, with the same promise, amen, making His Word

manifested. “I am the Resurrection and Life. I am He that Was, He that Is, and He that Shall come.” Yes, sir. Yeah.

“Our fathers eat manna in the wilderness.”

110 He said, “They’re, every one, dead. But, I AM THAT I AM.” Moses... In the burning bush, that was the I AM. He is still the I AM, not I was; I AM, present tense, all times.

111 We find out here that Moses is backed right into this

corner, and the Christ had come down. Now, and the Bible said that, that, “Moses esteemed the—the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt.” The reproach of Christ! Christ was the Anointing, the Logos that went out of God. The Angel, any Bible reader knows that that Angel was Christ. And there He was in the wilderness, and He came on the scene, in the form that He was supposed to be manifested in. Glory to God!

112 He comes today in the form, the same Christ, manifested in.

113 He told them He would take them out. He was doing it. There He come to stand by His Word, to vindicate It. Then after He had done come, like He did to Martha, then He called. He said, "Moses, why are you crying to Me? Speak to this people, that ye go forward." **That dark hour, the Red Sea opened up and they went across, on their journey**

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