**The Power Of The Resurrection**

*Unleashed Through Loss*

Acts 8:1-8

“Aslan is a lion—*the* Lion, the great Lion." "Ooh" said Susan. “I'd thought he was a man. Is he—quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion" ... "Safe?" said Mr. Beaver ... "Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you.”

(C.S. Lewis, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe)*

**The Unexpected Expansion**

 *Acts 8:1-8*

They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. … When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

(Acts 4:2-3, 13*)*

Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail.

(Acts 5:17-18)

So they stirred up the people and the elders and the teachers of the law. They seized Stephen and brought him before the Sanhedrin. … At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him.

(Acts 6:12, 7:57-58)

**The Resurrection Era**

*Unleashing A New Creation*

1. A \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ Requires A \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

(2 Corinthians 5:17, *English Standard Version*)

The key thing was that the inbreaking kingdom Jesus was announcing created a new world, a new context, and he was challenging his hearers to become the new people that this new context demanded, the citizens of this new world.

(N. T. Wright, *The Challenge of Jesus*))

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However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.

(Acts 20:24)

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Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation?
 Tell me, if you understand.

(Job 38:4)

For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.

(Habakkuk 1:5b)

Woe to him who says to wood, ‘Come to life!’ Or to lifeless stone, ‘Wake up!’ Can it give guidance? It is covered with gold and silver; there is no breath in it.

(Habakkuk 2:19)

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Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
 and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
 and he will make your paths straight.

Do not be wise in your own eyes;
 fear the LORD and shun evil.

(Proverbs 3:5-7)