

## The Lion and the Lamb

Romans 8:28

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### MAIN TAKEAWAY

Jesus went to the cross as a Lamb and on the third day was resurrected as the Lion of Judah. He came to restore us, redeem us, and His pain had purpose. Jesus endured the cross because of the joy that was set before Him. To go through pain without purpose is unbearable, but with purpose we come out better.

### KEY SCRIPTURES & TAKEAWAYS

1. **Matthew 28:1-8 KJV** In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.<sup>2</sup> And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.<sup>3</sup> His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:<sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.<sup>5</sup> And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.<sup>6</sup> He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.<sup>7</sup> And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.<sup>8</sup> And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.
  - a. The dawn represents a new beginning, a new season, a new life.
  - b. Come and see – we can come today and see what God can in our lives.
  - c. Go and tell – once you see what God can do, you have to go and tell someone.
  - d. The resurrection should bring us joy.
2. **John 1:29 KJV** The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.
  - a. Jesus' mission was to rescue us.
3. **Revelation 5:5-6 KJV** And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. <sup>6</sup> And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

- a. We must stop weeping and replaying our past hurts, change your perspective, your outlook determines our outcome.
- b. Whatever has been holding you back, let it go and put it in God's hand and your future is much better than your past.
- c. We can't see what God has for me if we keep replaying our past, pain, hurts and discouragement.
- d. It's time to sing a new song, we have authority, will overcome, we're not victims but victors because of the blood of the Lamb.

#### 4. Ecclesiastes 2:22-23 (GW)

- a. We can go through our pain when we know there's a purpose.

How do we handle, go through and overcome all our pain and suffering?

#### 1. You can embrace the pain and suffering if you know it has a purpose.

- a. Our mindset should be:
  - i. Profit from my pain.
  - ii. Learn from my loss.
  - iii. Harvest from my hurts.
  - iv. Advance through my adversity.
  - v. Gain from my pain (by breaking down, we build up).
- b. **Galatians 3:4 CEV** Have you gone through all of this for nothing? Is it all really for nothing?
  - i. What we go through is not for nothing, it has a purpose.
- c. **Romans 8:28 KJV** And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.
  - i. Our circumstances might look bad and it might look like it's over, but God can turn it around.

#### 2. Use it to draw closer to God.

- a. **2 Corinthians 1:8-9 TLB** I think you ought to know, dear brothers, about the hard time we went through in Asia. We were really crushed and overwhelmed, and feared we would never live through it.<sup>9</sup>We felt we were doomed to die and saw how powerless we were to help ourselves; but that was good, for then we put everything into the hands of God, who alone could save us, for he can even raise the dead.
  - i. There are times that we are crushed, overwhelmed, and hopeless but that's when we should put everything in God's hand. When we let go and give it to God, everything changes.
  - ii. We should expect Him to do it again and again.
  - iii. Our pain is preparation for our promotion.

