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THE DESCENT OF JESUS TO THE REALM OF THE DEAD

Decides to go to Arimatea to visit Simeon's two sons.

1. 1. Joseph said, "Why are you surprised that Jesus is resurrected?

This is not surprising, but it is that he was not the only one who was resurrected, but that he also raised many other deaths that appeared to many in Jerusalem. And if you do not know those others, then at least Simeon who took Jesus in his arms, and his two sons whom he raised. After all, we recently buried them. Their graves are open and empty to see but they live themselves and they live in Arimatea.' After all, they sent people and found their graves open and empty. Joseph said, "Let's go to Arimatea and visit them."

The two sons are invited to Jerusalem to report

2. On it stood the priests Annas, Caiaphas, Joseph, Nicodemus. Gamaliël and others went with them and went to Arimatea and found there the people whom Joseph had spoken of. They said a prayer and greeted each other. Then they went with them to Jerusalem and they took them to the synagogue and locked the doors. And the priests placed the Old Testament of the Jews in the middle and told them, "We want you to swear to the God of Israel and to Adonai, so that you speak the truth. How have you risen and who has raised you from the dead?

Beginning of the report

3. When the men who had risen heard that, they crossed their faces with the sign of the cross and said to the priests, "Give us ink, paper, and a pen." So they were brought in, and they sat down and wrote down the following:

A. Lord Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life of the world, give us mercy that we may write about Your resurrection and about the miracles you have performed in the realm of the dead.

The testimony of Isaiah and John the Baptist

Well, we were in the realm of the dead with all who had died of eternity. And at midnight, jets began to shine in the darkness, what looked like the light of the sun. We were all enlightened so we could see each other. And at the same time, our father Abraham, along with the patriarchs and the prophets, was filled with joy, and they said to each other, "This light comes from the great Light." The prophet Isaiah who was also there said, "This light comes from the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I prophetized this when I was alive: "The land of Zebulon and the land of Naftali, the people sitting in darkness, saw a great light." B. And another man came to the middle, a hermit from the desert, and the patriarchs asked him, "Who are you?" He replied, "I am John, the last prophet who straightened the ways of the Son of God and preached penance to the people so that their sins would be forgiven." And the Son of God came to me, and when I saw him far away, I said to the people, "See the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." And I baptized him with my hand in the Jordan, and I saw that the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and I also heard the voice of God the Father saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." And so he sent me to you to proclaim that the only born Son of God will come here so that those who believe in him will be saved and those who do not believe will be condemned. That's why I'm telling you all to honor him as soon as you see him. For only now do you have the opportunity to repent because in this vain world above you have honored and sinned idols. That's impossible at any other time.

Adam and Seth's testimony

3. When John made this clear to those who were in the realm of the dead, the first and first father Adam also listened, and he said to his son Seth, "My son, I want you to tell the ancestors of the human sex and the prophets where I sent you when I was about to die. And Seth said, "Prophets and aarstvaders, listen. My father Adam, the first created, let me go near the gate of paradise, when he was about to die to pray to God that he would bring me to the tree of mercy through an angel to anestest doubt in order to anestdef to my father so that he would rise from his sickbed. That's what I did. And after my prayer, an angel of the Lord came and said to me, "What would you like, Seth? Because of your father's illness, would you like to have the oint than the ointed one that cures the sick or the tree from which this ointf flows? This one can't be found right now. Therefore, go tell your father that at the end of 5500* years from the creation of the world, the only born Son of God will descend upon earth to become human. And he'll aneint him with that oint. And he will rise up, and he will wash him and his descendants with water and the Holy Spirit. And then he will be cured of all diseases." And when the patriarchs and prophets heard this, they were delighted.

* The era of God is not equal to that of men!

Satan speaks to Hades

4. A. And when they were all so happy, Satan came the heir to darkness and said to Hades, "Thou of all-consuming and insatiable, listen to my words. There is someone from the sex of the Jews, named Jesus, who calls himself Son of God. But he is a human being, and at our insistence, the Jews crucified him. And now that he's dead, we have to be careful that we keep him here. For I know he is a human being because I heard him say, "My soul is sad to death." He's caused me a lot of trouble in the world above in the time he was living among the mortals. For wherever he found my servants, there he persecuted them, and all whom I had crippled, blind or lamb, lepers, and so on, only healed by speaking, and also many whom I had brought to the point where they would be buried, he brought back to life only by speaking.

B. Hades said, "Is he so powerful that he does those things just by speaking? And if he's that powerful, can you stop him? It seems to me that no one like that can be stopped by anyone. But when you say you heard he was afraid of death, he said that to make fun of you and laugh at you and with the intention of grabbing you with a strong hand. And it will be as far as you are concerned forever: Woe, woe."

Satan replied, "All-consuming and insatiable Hades, were you so afraid when you heard about our common enemy?" I wasn't afraid of him, but I exerted influence on the Jews so they cruced him and gave him bile and vinegar to drink. Therefore, prepare to take him firmly into your power when he comes.

C. Hades replied, "Heir to darkness, son of evil, devil, you just told me that many who had taken you so far that they would be buried were brought to life only by speaking. If he further freed others from the grave, Some time ago I devoured a certain dead man named Lazarus, and not long after, one of the living forcefully removed him from my insides just by speaking. I think this is the one you're talking about. That's why I'm afraid if we get him here, we'll lose the others. Because look, I see that all that I have devoured from eternity are restless. My stomach hurts. Lazarus, who was taken from me earlier, doesn't seem like a good sign. Because not like a dead man, but like an eagle, he flew away from me, so quickly the earth threw him out. That's why I swear by what you and I love, don't bring him here. Because I think he's coming here to wake up all the dead. And I tell you this: In the darkness that surrounds us, if you bring him here, not a single dead man will remain for me."

The Entry of the King

5. A. As Satan and Hades spoke to each other, a voice sounded like the sound of thunder: "Heft upon your gates, ye rulers and raise you, o eternal doors that the King of honor will enter." When Hades heard this, he said to Satan, "Go out, if you can, and stop him." Satan went out. Hades then told his demons, "Hold the bronze gates and the iron locking beams securely and firmly, secure my bolts, and stand up and inspect everything. Because if he comes in here, there will be mischief about us."

The dead mock Satan and Hades

B. When the ancestors heard this, they all began to mock him and said, "All-consuming and insatiable, so that the King of honor come in." David the prophet said, "Don't you know, blind, that when I lived in the world I uttered the following prophecy: "Raise your gates, o rulers?"" Isaiah said, "I have seen this before through the Holy Spirit, and wrote, "The dead will rise up, and those in the graves will be resurrected, and those under the earth will rejoice" and, "O death where is your stimulus? O Empire of the dead, where is your victory?"

Meeting of the King with Hades

C. Another voice sounded: "Raise the gates." When Hades heard the voice for the second time, he answered as if he knew nothing: "Who is the King of honor?" The angels of the Lord said, "A Lord strong and powerful, a Lord powerful in battle." And the King of honor came in like a man. All the dark places in the Realm of the Dead were enlightened.

Hades gives himself a win and Satan is bound

6. A. Immediately Hades cried: We are defeated, woe bet. But who are you who has such power and power? And who are you who have entered here without sin, you who seem small but can do great things, who are humble and exalted, slave and master, soldier and king and have power over the living and the dead? You were nailed to a cross and laid in a grave, and now you have become free and have destroyed all our power. Are you Jesus whose Supreme Ruler Satan has told us that you are through the cross

B. Then the King of honor grabbed the overlord Satan by the head and delivered him to the angels with the words, "Bind his hands, feet, neck, and mouth with irons. Then he gave it to Hades and said, "Take him and keep him until the second coming.

7. And Hades took Satan and said to him, "Beelzebub, heir to fire and pain, enemy of the Saints, what has forced you to crucify the King of Honor so that he would come here and look at us? Turn around and see that not a single dead person has been left in me, but that you everything that prayed through the tree of knowledge, have now again lost by the cross. All your joy has turned into sadness. You wanted to kill the King of Honor, but you killed yourself. Because since I've gotten you to hold you safely, you'll find out from your own experience what evil things I'm going to do to you. O archdemon, the beginning of death, the root of sin, the end of evil. What evil have you found in Jesus to work his downfall? How dare you do such a great evil? How did you come to bring such a man into this darkness, so that you were deprived of all who died of eternity?

The King brings all out

8. A. While Hades discussed this with Satan, the King of Honor stretched out his right hand and grabbed our ancestor Adam and raised him. Then he turned to the others and said, "Come with me here, all who have died from the tree that this man has touched. For behold, I will resurrect you all by the tree of the cross." With that, he sent them all out. And our ancestor Adam was seen with joy, and he said, "I thank Your Majesty, Lord, for You have led me out of the deepest parts of the Realm of the dead." So all prophets and saints also said, "We thank you, O Christ, Savior of the world, for you have lifted our lives from destruction."

B. When they said so, the Savior blessed Adam by placing the sign of the cross on his forehead. And he did so with the patriarchs and prophets, martyrs and ancestors. Uh, he took them and ascended from the Realm of the Dead. And on his journey, the holy fathers followed and sang hymns and said, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hallelujah. He is the listen of all saints."

Entry into paradise

9. So he went to paradise while holding Adam, the first father by hand, and handing him over to the Archangel Michael. And when they entered the gate of paradise, they met two old men. The holy fathers asked them, "Who are you who have not seen death and have not descended into the Kingdom of the dead, but who dwell with soul and body in paradise?" And one of them said, "I am Enoch, who had found good times with God, and was transferred here by him. And this is Elia de Tisbiet. We will live until the end of the world But then we will be sent by God to face the antichrist and we will be killed by him. And after three days we will be fared and captured by the clouds we will meet the Lord.

10. While they said that, another man arrived, he behaved humbly and he carried a cross on his shoulder. The holy fathers asked him, "Who are you, you who have the appearance of a robber, and what is the cross you wear on your shoulder?" He replied, "I was, as you say, a robber and a thief in the world, and that is why the Jews seized me and gave me the crucifix at the same time as our Lord Jesus Christ." When he hung on the cross, I saw the miracles that took place and I believed in him. And I appealed to him and said, "Lord, when you rule as king, don't forget me." And immediately he said to me, "Truly, present, I tell you, you will be in paradise with me." So I came into paradise carrying my cross, and I found the Archangel Michael and told him, "Our Lord Jesus Christ who was crucified sent me here. Therefore, take me to the gate of Eden." And when the flaming sword had seen the sign of the cross, it opened to me and I entered. Then the archangel said to me, "Wait a minute. For also Adam the ancestor of the human sex will come to enter with the righteous. And now that I've seen you, I've come to meet you. When the Saints heard it, they all cried in a loud voice, "Great is our Lord, and great is his power."

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11. We have seen and heard all of this, we the two brothers who were also sent by Michael the Archangel and who were appointed to preach the resurrection of the Lord but who first had to go to the Jordan to be baptized. That's where we went and were baptized with other dead who had risen. Then we went to Jerusalem and celebrated the Easter of the resurrection. But now we're leaving because we can't stay here.

And the love of God the Father and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the communion of the Holy Spirit be upon you all.

And when they had written this down and sealed the books, they gave half to the chief priests and half to Joseph and Nicodemus. And they were suddenly gone. To the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.