

## BEGINNINGS (2) MT. 9:14-17

LCBC believes the Church, the Church Age, and local churches began on the day of Pentecost. Salvation didn't start then but this distinct age did!

What do we find in Jesus' day?

### 1. There was a Jesus Movement!

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Mark 2:18 And the disciples of John and of the Pharisees used to fast: and they come and say unto him, Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not?

### 3. The Jesus Movement was **different** than the other two main movements.

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[Fasting holds a very **strange** place in Christian thought and history.]

### 4. The Jesus movement would **suffer the violent loss** of its leader!

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Mark 2:20 But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from (ἀπαρθῆ ἅπ' αὐτῶν) them, and then shall they fast in those days.

Luke 5:35 But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from (ἀπαρθῆ ἅπ' αὐτῶν) them, and then shall they fast in those days.

Matthew 16:21 **From that time forth** began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

Matthew 17:22 And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men: Matthew 17:23 And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry.

Matthew 20:17 And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them, Matthew 20:18 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, Matthew 20:19 And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again.

### 5. The Jesus Movement would **survive** the violent loss of its leader!

Matthew 9:15 And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, **and then shall they fast**.

Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock **I will build my church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

### 6. The Jesus Movement would **become** the church!

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#### A. The bride/church **must** be purchased

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

## **B. The Holy Spirit must come to... indwell / empower / baptize us**

**John 7:37** In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. **John 7:38** He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

**John 7:39** (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him **should** receive: for the Holy Ghost was **not yet given**; because that Jesus was **not yet glorified**.)

**John 14:16** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you **for ever**;  
**John 14:17** Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; **for he dwelleth with you** (παρ' ὑμῖν), and shall be **in you** (ἐν ὑμῖν).

## **C. The Body must be formed**

**1 Corinthians 12:13** For by **one Spirit** are we all baptized into **one body**, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into **one Spirit**.

## **D. The Head must be appointed &/ established**

**Ephesians 1:19** And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

**Ephesians 1:20** Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

**Ephesians 1:21** Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

**Ephesians 1:22** And **hath put** all things under his feet, and **gave him to be the head over all things to the church**,

**Ephesians 1:23** Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

## **E. The Church (&churches) must be equipped &/ gifted**

**Ephesians 4:7** But unto **every one of us is given** grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. **Ephesians 4:8** **Wherefore he saith**, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. **Ephesians 4:9** (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? **Ephesians 4:10** He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

**Ephesians 4:11** **And he gave some**, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

**Ephesians 4:12** For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

**Ephesians 4:13** **Till** we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

**Without the Cross-Resurrection-Ascension- Pentecost Complex we have:**

- No body
- No Head
- No gifts
- No NT ministry of the Holy Spirit
- No body / Church purchased with His blood

## **7. The Jesus Movement & → Church must not, & really cannot, be m with any other movement.**

**Matthew 9:16** No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the **rent** (σχίσμα) is made worse. **Matthew 9:17** Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are **preserved**.