

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## TRUSTING AND RESTING IN GOD

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### PART 5: A NEW BEGINNING

#### COMING OFF THE MOUNTAIN

- Acting upon the commission God had given him, Elijah left the wilderness to find Elisha. Instead of speaking to Elisha, Elijah just threw his mantle over him. Elijah's mantle was a well known garment in the land, and as soon as Elisha realized what was being done to him, he responded to the call of God. **1 Kings 19:19**
- In order to understand the sincerity of Elisha, and how much God meant to him, the Bible tells us that Elisha sacrificed the tools of his livelihood. To have twelve yoke of oxen at that time was like having a farm today with tractors, trucks and trailers. Without hesitation, Elisha destroyed his most prized possession to follow God and become a servant to Elijah.
- Elisha informed the prophet, that he would tell his parents goodbye and not look back. **verses 20-21**
- After three years King Ahab was killed in a battle and the dogs licked up his blood from the chariot. **1 Kings 22:34-38**
- Ahaziah, the son of Ahab became the new king. **verses 51-53**

#### ELIJAH CONFRONTS THE NEW KING OF ISRAEL

- There was no contact between the new king and Elijah, but the king knew about his reputation as a man of God. **2 Kings 1:1-8**
- Queen Jezebel was still alive as a high priestess and her son was now the king. But this time, the prophet had no fear to rebuke the soldiers and not go with them when they came to take him to the palace of the king. **verses 9-12**
- The third captain was a God fearing man; he recognized that as a soldier, he did not have a chance against the power Elijah displayed. **verses 13-14**
- When Elijah met the king, there was no hesitation; he gave him the Word of God with no compromise. **verses 16-17**

#### THE DEPARTURE OF ELIJAH

- With his ministry over, the time came for Elijah to leave this earth. God must have told Elijah that he would not see death but be translated just like Enoch. **Hebrews 11:5**
- Elisha knew that Elijah was going to leave and he was determined to be present when it took place. **2 Kings 2:1-7**
- Elijah was a spiritual giant who walked with God and who in turn walked with him. Elisha was not concerned about "spiritual dwarfs," he wanted more of God, and he was not ashamed to speak and request it. **verses 8-9**



- ❑ Elijah knew that he could not give the anointing unto Elisha; it had to come from God. **verse 10**
- ❑ The chariots of God came and Elijah was taken alive unto God! **verse 11**
- ❑ Elisha made a public confession of God Almighty and removed the last part of him as an individual; it was the sign of total surrender. **verses 12-13**
- ❑ In his new anointing, he picked up the mantle and walked back from the wilderness to start his own personal ministry for God. **verse 14**
- ❑ When the other prophets-in-training saw Elisha come back, they recognized the power, but they still had doubts. **verse 15**
- ❑ They wanted to be sure that Elisha had not killed Elijah and so they pressed him until he consented for a search of the body. **verses 16-18**
- ❑ When Elisha healed the waters in the city, it was a confirmation that the same anointing which had been upon Elijah, had now been passed down upon him. **verses 19-22**
- ❑ Satan used the children in the city to mock Elisha. When he perceived the demonic forces in the children which caused them to be rebellious and out of control, he showed no mercy upon the children, but pronounced a death sentence upon them. **verses 23-25**

### **DO NOT MOCK THE HOLY SPIRIT!**

- ❑ As Christians we must come to understand the holiness of God, mockery is not tolerated, and sooner or later judgment will fall. **Acts 5:1-11**
- ❑ Jesus warned us what can and cannot be forgiven. **Matthew 12:25-32**
- ❑ Let us come boldly to the throne of God and move in our ministry gifts! **Hebrews 10:10-24**

**Do you have an ear to hear with?**