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"Out Of Two Caves"

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Romans 6:8-14 (NIV) Romans 6:8-14 (KJV) Romans 6:8-14 (AMP)

Let us think about one of the similarities of both the Christmas account and the Resurrection account: the dwelling.

Historians have told us that the Christmas stable was a cave used to keep the animals. Scripture describes Jesus' tomb in this passage:

⁵⁹Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb. ^{Matt. 27:59-61} (NIV)

Now I understand that Jesus' tomb was a manmade "cave" and not naturally occurring as the stable's cave likely was, but please consider the following: two of the greatest acts Jesus was involved in occurred from a cave. The first was Jesus' birth. Jesus was the product of immaculate conception, so his birth itself was a miracle. That miracle put hope on earth for the first time since Adam's fall. Out of this simple cave stable came the hope of the world. Then, thirty-three and a half years later that hope was culminated when Jesus miraculously came out of a cave a second time through another miracle—the greatest miracle.

What a reason to celebrate--because Jesus came out of that cave all who believe in him as Lord and Savior have been released from the caves of sin (fear, doubt, unforgiveness, and any other evil) that entrapped us.

He came out of the cave and thereby gave us the opportunity to do the same. So, let's celebrate Resurrection Day--Jesus' and ours!

Remember...

We need to always focus on Christ!

The blessings of our Lord on you and all that is yours by blood, adoption or assignment!

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