## The Resurrection Victory – by Kenneth L Birks

Unto His own He came, a beaming light to those with eyes to see. To those indulging in conceit, He came, terrorizing their deceit. Proclaimed as the Messiah, He came revealing the Father's heart. To those bound in darkness, He released from the enemy's grip. Sent to destroy and overcome death, He submitted to Satan's whip.

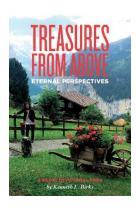
Casting out unclean spirits, healing all, restoring sight, He touched. Feeding multitudes, walking on water, raising the dead, He revealed. To those with hearts prepared, wanting to crown Him King, He denied. Looking on, those filled with jealousy sought earnestly His destruction. Unable to catch Him in traps set, they conspired evil against Him.

Brought before the religious leaders and rulers, they convicted. Beaten beyond recognition for all to see, He was afflicted. Knowing the Father's plan, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter. Ridiculed and mocked with a crown of thorns, He stood silent. Waiting for the moment Satan would be destroyed, He was compliant.

Sentenced to death on the cross, He was forced to carry its weight. Near and dear, His friends, in time of need fled as He was betrayed. With love, He prayed, "Forgive them, they know not what they do." As the sins of all mankind rested upon Him, the Father forsook. Crying out in agony, He gave up the ghost, as darkness undertook.

With the power of the cross hidden, the rulers crucified Him to gain. The plan ordained before the ages; the wisdom of this age foiled. Storming the gates of hell, Satan was destroyed, robbed, and derailed. Putting Satan in his place, saints of old were released into glory. As Hell broke loose, the temple torn, a mighty earthquake released.

Fully crowned as King of kings, Lord of lords, He broke through. With keys to death and hell, in resurrection, death was destroyed. Rising from the dead, He came forth, the sting of death removed. Giving new life to all who believe on Him, He breathes His Spirit. With power given to His precious saints, they revel in His victory.



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