

The Long-Lost Site of Pentecost Uncovered

Has the location of the upper room from the Day of Pentecost been discovered?

Archaeologist Joel Kramer just may have uncovered the location where the Last Supper and the Day of Pentecost happened.

Going on one of his archeological expeditions, Kramer took a careful look at a synagogue from the excavation project of Jewish archaeologist, Jacob Pinkerfield. In this ancient synagogue, Pinkerfield noticed a "Torah Arc" in the building. These arcs are where Jewish Scriptures were kept in places of worship.

Kramer says the proximity of this synagogue to where the Temple Mount stood is a key to its purpose. When Pinkerfield excavated the building, he uncovered several layers of flooring, the base most likely built during the Roman empire.

What was further uncovered from this site was a piece of plaster covered in graffiti. The graffiti translated to, "Conquer, O Savior mercy," and "O Jesus that I may live." This was no ordinary synagogue, but a gathering place for Christians.

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The building's location isn't just close to the place where the Temple Mount stood. It faces Northwest toward Golgotha and the empty tomb.

Kramer says that while the original site of the upper room was destroyed, this synagogue is in the same location, pointing to the believers in Jesus returning to this spot specifically to

build the synagogue and commemorate the destination of the Last Supper and the Day of Pentecost.

“The house with the upper room was destroyed in the Roman destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70,” Kramer says. “Soon afterwards, Jewish followers of Jesus built a synagogue in the same spot. Later, an octagonal church was built next to the synagogue. Still later, a larger Byzantine church was built, replaced by a crusader church that incorporated the ancient synagogue inside the building.”

The building stands to commemorate the risen Savior and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Kramer believes the significance of this goes beyond a surface-level celebration, acting as a remembrance of what happened at the Last Supper.

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“What a perfect orientation for a building that is built to commemorate the event where Jesus told His disciples [to] eat the bread and drink the wine in remembrance of what I’ve done for you,” Kramer says.

It is in this same spot of remembrance where the indwelling of the Holy Spirit later happened.

“This is the birth of the church. This is where the church begins,” Kramer says.

Pentecost is more than just something Christians are to celebrate once a year. It is a real event which happened in a physical location and ignited the beginning of the church. It is the event that changed history as the Holy Spirit came to dwell with us.

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Troy Black: Why Did God Allow 2020 to Happen?

Why did God allow 2020 to happen?

It's a question that has been burning in the minds of many people for the past four years. After experiencing a pandemic, economic turmoil and a rocky change of executive power, it can leave someone to wonder what exactly was going on behind the spiritual scenes during these events.

In a prophetic message, YouTuber Troy Black gave a word about the reason why the Lord decided to allow the chaos that occurred in 2020 to happen.

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"I believe this is timely because we're coming right up into the 2024 elections later this year and the Lord does not want to see this same thing happen again," Black said as a preface to the prophetic message.

On Mar. 16, Black heard the Lord say, "I knew what I was doing when I allowed the nation to go one direction in 2020. It wasn't good for the nation—what happened. But it was necessary. Why, my people, do you think I reward injustice?"

If that wasn't enough of a warning, Black continued on with the following:

“Before you look out at the culture, look to the log in your own eye. Look to the freedom you are refusing to walk in by the Spirit...infighting and injustice. That is what’s happening and what has been happening. If you will learn to love with the love of Christ, not overlooking sin, but loving despite one’s differences of opinion when it comes to secondary issues, then my freedom can manifest across a body in desperate need of restoration.”

This word hits particularly strong because of Black’s sentiments that Christians especially have been striving to be correct about everything. However, like all humans, we do not know everything and we cannot control everything. Instead, God is looking for us to be obedient to Him even when we do not understand everything happening around us.

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“Leave the arrogance at the door and come into my throne room and worship, and then go out in freedom, ready to set the captives free again,” Black prophesied.

Black encourages believers that this word is not a judgment, but rather an appeal for the body of Christ to come together in unity and with all humility. Disagreements among believers are actually acting as a wall for nonbelievers to come to know Christ.

Instead of worrying about who is politically accurate or focusing on non-salvation issues, it is the job of Christians to join together to bring the gospel forth to the nations.

“You don’t have to be right; you just have to move ahead in the victory I won for you,” Black prophesied.

This is the time for Christians to humbly turn toward Jesus in repentance and unite to make sure that the main mission of our

lives is completed: serving the Great Commission to see the Gospel spread to the ends of the earth.

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Elementary Student Wins Battle to Start School Prayer Club

An elementary school student is celebrating a sweet victory for faith.

As Fox News first reported, Laura, a fifth grader from Washington state wanted to start an interfaith prayer club at her school. However, the request was denied by her principal. Laura decided to fight back with the assistance of First Liberty Institute. Now, she is seeing the sweetness of victory as the decision was overturned, allowing Laura to begin the interfaith prayer club.

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First Liberty Institute reached out to the school on Laura's behalf. The school said if they found a sponsor for the club, they would allow it.

First Liberty's email to Creekside Elementary said:

By singling out a religious club and providing it inferior access to school resources than what it provides to other noncurricular groups, the District shows a hostility to religion that violates the Free Exercise Clause.

“We are not surprised because the law is very clear on this issue,” Kayla Toney, a representative for First Liberty said in an interview with Fox. “The first amendment absolutely protects Laura’s ability to pray with her friends. There’s a long history and tradition in this country of voluntary, student-led prayer.”

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Laura’s prayer club is slated to begin next week. She says interested students have already approached her about the club. Her plan for the group is to complete community service projects and spend time praying with one another.

“It was just a great lesson to learn that even an 11-year-old girl can make a big difference,” Laura said. “Some people may think that, ‘Oh, I won’t make a difference,’ but I’ve just learned that anyone can make a difference.”

Previously, Laura and her mother had a meeting with Creekside’s principal in February. They were allegedly told that all funding for clubs was determined back in October making the prayer club ineligible. The principal, Amy Allison, then told Laura and her mother they could pay to use the school like other outside groups if they wanted to start the club.

Laura’s struggle and victory is a reminder that God will always go before us no matter what we are facing.

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Sacrilegious Communion? Church Plans for 'Pride Eucharist'

An Episcopal church in Austin, TX is currently gearing up for their third annual "pride eucharist." While the meaning of communion according to Scripture has always been to remember that Jesus' body was broken and His blood was shed on the cross for our sins, Jubilee Episcopal Church has decided to give an entirely new meaning to this most sacred event.

"Jubilee Episcopal Church is delighted to share our third annual pride eucharist will be in #pridemonth this year, on Sunday, June 9th!" A post read on Instagram. "Join us for Holy Eucharist – a service of holy words and a holy meal of bread and wine – wherein we will spend particular time celebrating God's love for all LGBTQIA+ people."

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