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Time for a Change

You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky;
why do you not know how to interpret the present time?" (St. Luke 12.56)

The dead are raised. The blind see. The deaf hear. The lame walk. The leper is cleansed. The crippled are cured — and in front of your very eyes! In front of the eyes of multitudes! What can possibly qualify as proof for you? The Hand that is raised, never strikes, but heals!

And *still* you do not know Who I am and whence I come?

You do not see what is upon you?

God has come to you! The Son of God — One with the Father — has walked among you. He has healed you! He died for you on the Cross! He is with you still!

And you cannot interpret the present time?

It is the time to change! To change your life — ***drastically!***

The truth of the matter, however, is that you do not **want** to change — no matter what evidence is given, no matter what proofs are adduced.

It is not that you do not know Who He Is; you know very well. But you will always find excuses for your pretense to disbelief —because belief carries the responsibility of change.

This is why, in one of Jesus' parables, Abraham told the rich man in hell that **even** if he did as the rich implored him — who wished Abraham to send Lazarus to his brothers to warn them of the reality of such a place — it would make no difference. "*Even if someone should return from the dead they still would not believe*", they still would not listen.

Like you, they would find an excuse ... too.

Human nature has not changed. But the times have. And the more they have changed the more they have remained the same.

How should you interpret the present time? In the way your neighbor should have ... whom you buried yesterday.

It is the time of salvation! Yours.

How quaint! How charmingly Semitic.

It would make a great movie!

The only draw back is that there is no "replay" button at the end of it. Make the changes before it is played out.

Intermission is ... at any moment.

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