



# New Wine!

## Activate the World, Part 3!

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Dear Ones,

1. Here's the second session of the **Supernatural Symposium, with counsel from Heavenly beings and departed saints on *Activated***, followed by a rousing talk from the Lord! We hope you find these messages fun, feeding, inspiring and motivating, and that they'll encourage you to make this your best day, week or month ever with *Activated*!

Love in our wonderful Husband,  
Maria

### Return to the Symposium!

2. (*Angelic moderator speaking:*) **Welcome back to the Supernatural Interdimensional *Activated* Motivational Symposium!** We hope you've been keeping Daniel busy with your questions. Actually, of course, we know you have. He has reported that initially the response was a little underwhelming, but that things started to pick up after the first day or two. He regrets that he wasn't permitted to say who the other panelists were, but he wasn't surprised that people were asking.

3. **We still have several mystery panelists, and we'll be introducing another one today in this second session.** No peeking ahead now! And if you have already, I hereby swear you to secrecy. I'm watching you over there, third from the left on the couch. Yes, you with the innocent look in your eyes! Ha! So no one looks further on, okay? Promise? Okay!

4. **Now, on with the show and on to our second panelist!** Any guesses? No fair peeking ahead. I've still got my eye on you, third from the left! What was that? You think I'm tough to get past? You should see some of the others up Here. They're full of eyes!

5. **We had a very interesting time deciding on who the next guest speaker should be.** We wanted someone to represent the Early Church, and there were so many to choose from. And as you may well guess, each one we approached humbly deferred to others, claiming that they were better able to represent them. It wasn't so much that we wanted someone to represent how the Early Church did things, but rather someone to inspire their present-day brethren about how they should do it now. Finally they took a vote, and because they're all in tune and on the right wavelength, the decision was unanimous bar one (and that vote was made by the one who was chosen).

6. **So tonight, ladies and gentlemen, we are very honored to have in our presence a man of great faith, love, and simplicity.** A man known for being a son of thunder, but also for not letting slip what the thunder said. A fisherman by trade who the Romans tried to deep fry into chips. (Fish and chips! Get it?) He was known by many names--The Beloved, The Revelator, The Divine, The Apostle. He was unlearned and ignorant, and yet under divine inspiration wrote some of the most loved, insightful, and awe-inspiring



passages of the Bible. Yes, please welcome as our second speaker and panelist, our dearly loved and esteemed brother John!

**7. (John speaking:) Thank you for your warm and loving welcome.** Before I say one more word, though, let me turn to my dear Friend and Savior, the Lover of my soul, and say I acknowledge that it is and always will be only You who can make all things possible. You give me life and love and joy, and if I can say anything of value here and now, it's only because You give me the words. I am and always will be unlearned and ignorant, and if I do anything right, it's only You.

**8. I don't say this because You want Your ego massaged,** or You want me to grovel at Your feet, but I say this because Your Father wants us to acknowledge our dependence on You. All we have and hold in our hands is because You were willing to make the ultimate of all sacrifices for us, and it is our humble duty to forever shower You with our thanks and praises.

**9. I was a personal witness to Your suffering, and I know what horrors You endured.** To give all my love, loyalty, and labors to furthering Your cause is the least I can do, and I do it here and now gladly. Thank You, my Lord and Lover, for everything. I am hopeless with words and they can't express what I'm trying to say, but I'm so glad that my heart can communicate with You and that my emotions are directly expressed to You.

**10. (John now goes over and embraces the Lord,** and those in the Heavenly audience stand, cheer, praise, and applaud! The sound is thunderous, yet melodious, joyful, and exuberant. It takes quite some time before the praise dies down, and the audience only resumes their seats when Jesus motions for them to do so. John now steps once again into the middle of the stage.)

**11. My friends and fellow laborers both Here and on the Earth, thank you for your greetings.** I am both honored and humbled. To be chosen by such a noteworthy body as the members of the Early Church to be their representative at this occasion is overwhelming. There are so many who could be here in my stead, and who

I think could do a much better job of this than I. Paul was my choice, and I still think he would be better. He's out there in the audience right now. Please stand up, Paul. There, my friends, is a man who took the Gospel to the world! Oh, we all had a part in it, but this, my dear friend, ran circles round the rest of us with his tireless spreading of the good news.

**12. I think if there is anyone who could talk about getting people interested in the Lord, it's him.** But perhaps because he did so much and his accomplishments were so great, it might make people think they're very inadequate if they measure themselves by him. If we would all just do a tenth of what Paul did, the world would be a remarkably different place. He is the role model for all missionaries!

**13. It's also with some trepidation that I follow my dear friend Daniel.** We had lots of notes to compare when I came up Here. I think some of you listening will probably wonder if this is going to turn into an Endtime seminar. Daniel and I certainly had our fair share of Endtime revelations. We still debate as to who saw the scariest monsters. Ha!

**14. But I'm here to talk about Activated and to get everyone inspired and motivated to "get with the program!"** How does one get inspired and motivated to do something? There has to be a reason, a compulsion, an incentive. So I reflected on what was the reason that I dropped everything to follow Jesus so many years ago-- what motivated me to follow that initial call, and what kept me true to that call.

**15. Before the day that my brother James and I left our nets and followed Him,** our friends Andrew and Peter had already been with our Lord and had told us about Him. Andrew had followed John the Baptist, and when John had pointed at Jesus after He had returned from the wilderness and said that Jesus was the Lamb of God, Andrew went to find out more. He then brought Peter to Jesus, and they were in awe of all He said and did.

**16. So after hearing from them, James and I were both very excited about this new**

**prophet who seemed to be more than a prophet.** You see, we were expecting the Messiah to come around that time. Our scriptures told us of our deliverer, and the marvelous prophecies of my co-panelist, Daniel, were well known to us. The prophecy in what is known to you as Daniel 9 where it says, “After threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off,” was not a mystery to us. We understood that it meant that 434 years after the rebuilding of Jerusalem’s walls, something was going to happen to the Messiah, and in order for that to happen, the Messiah had to be around. The date was fast approaching, so we were all looking for the Messiah. And the Baptist had called this man the Lamb of God. Andrew heard it himself and told us.

**17. We were under Roman occupation and we were ripe for deliverance!** The Romans were cruel and exploitive masters. They mocked us and held us in scorn and derision. We were a conquered people and worthy of only their disdain. For young, impetuous men like my brother and myself, the call to follow a deliverer was not one to be turned down. Sure, He was a carpenter, or at least had been, but some of the greatest heroes of our people had come from equally humble stations in life. David had been a shepherd and the youngest in his family. Joseph had been a slave. Gideon was from a poor family, and the least in his father’s house.

**18. So when He called us that day, we dropped our nets and went! We were ripe and ready to follow this Man.** The first few days were heady affairs. Many people flocked to Him, and some sought to make Him king, and it took a while for us to see that Jesus wasn’t raising a rebellion. Yet His Words burned in our hearts! His Words were turning us on. We were getting hooked on what He was saying. There were so many things He said and did that didn’t get written down. As I despaired at the end of my Gospel, there wouldn’t have been books enough to contain all that. I felt so inadequate after I had finished writing it. I thought it didn’t begin to tell the half of what I had wanted it to. But back to my story.

**19. Just when we were really getting to be popular, Jesus gave the “flesh and blood” talk.** His popularity went out the window after that, and most of us who remained hung on just by the skin of our teeth. That was when we each had to truly commit. We weren’t going to be popular with everyone now, so what were we in this for? I admitted to myself that I didn’t know, until Peter piped up at the Lord’s questioning and said, “You alone have the Words of Life.”

**20. I thought on those words and I couldn’t deny it.** Jesus had the words of eternal life. Others had the scriptures, the written Word, but only Jesus had the Living Word. Only He could fire up my soul to want to do and to be everything God wanted me to do and be. So then I determined to give my everything to His cause so that I could continue to get those Words, and also pass them on to others.

**21. I had no idea what was going to happen and where all this was going to take me.** My Master and Lord ended up being killed for His Words, and I knew that a similar fate was likely in store for me. My whole focus on the Messiah as the deliverer of my people from the yoke of bondage was totally skewed when I realized that Jesus was not going to do this. He was changing the hearts of men with love. He had no interest in political power or in raising a rebellion against the Roman occupiers. He had power. He did miracles of healing. He could walk on water, for goodness sake, but He was only interested in teaching and caring for people.

**22. The people wanted a mighty deliverer, and so many were furious that Jesus wouldn’t use His power to destroy Rome,** but rather seemed intent on undermining the fabric of the whole Jewish nation with His attacks on our religious institutions. I soon had to reconcile myself to the fact that I wasn’t going to ride on His coat-tails to become a national hero, but I was going to be rejected and despised of my kindred just as He was.

**23. And then to have the Gospel preached to the Gentiles,** and for our Jewish movement to become a Gentile-dominated church was almost

more than I could imagine! It changed our whole focus. My friends and brothers were now going to be Gentiles, the people I had been trained since my childhood to disdain and regard as unclean.

**24. Yes, much changed from the time I thought I was getting in on the ground floor of a Jewish populist movement that was going to sweep to power,** only to find myself an outcast, persecuted, and with Gentiles for my friends and benefactors. But the one thing I held on to from the time that Peter said those fateful words was the knowledge--that deep and amazing knowledge--that I had found the source of the Words of Life.

**25. That's why I started my Gospel with these profound statements of God's truths. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1).** "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt amongst us" (John 1:14). And as I said later, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life" (I John 1:1).

**26. We lived with the Word, and after He departed from us and we were imbued with the power of the Holy Ghost, nothing could stop us from getting out that message!** We were beaten and imprisoned, tortured and killed, but the truth of those Words marched on and went to the far corners of the world.

**27. Now you are in a similar position.** You have a rich and unending source of the Words of Life, a source greater than any other in your world--the new words for the new day. So I turn to you and say, what are you doing with them? Are you going to proclaim them regardless of what might happen? Are you going to take them to the uttermost parts of the Earth? If you hoard them, they will be of no use to you. They can only live to their fullest when they're being shared with others.

**28. You have a vast amount of Word, and you should share what you can with others.** You have a sample of that great stockpile of Word packaged for you in the most appealing and mar-

ketable product that you as a Family have ever produced. In the *Activated* magazine you have a product that can change the world! Your other products have changed the world, but this one is the best yet. The thing that makes it the best is that it's not just a one-time thing, but it's a series of magazines that will keep making sure the sheep are being fed on a regular, continuing basis.

**29. If you don't push it, you'll be eternally sorry.** I don't like to make you feel bad or guilty, but I have to say it because this is the truth. You'll let down our wonderful Jesus if you don't push it now. Now is the hour for *Activated!* And, alas, that hour will pass and you will not have the opportunity to make up for lost time. That is a sobering thought. Please pause for a minute and reflect on that.

*(John pauses here for a minute or more. He then smiles and continues.)*

**30. But I don't want to leave anyone feeling down.** If you haven't been pushing *Activated*, and you're in a city or country where it's possible and where you should be pushing it, then there's still time to do so. Remember, though, our dear Messiah's joy is our strength, so don't go out there and work your hearts out in the strength of the flesh. You have to look to Him, lean on Him, get your power from Him, and most of all listen to Him to accomplish what He wants you to do.

**31. There were two things that were ingrained in me when I walked with my Lord.** They are: Jesus is the Word and Jesus is Love. I have majored on the first one in this talk, but before I go, I want to at least mention the second. His love is beyond words because it is meant to be. It's to be experienced, leaving you so overwhelmed that all you want to do is tell others to try it too. Let us all go forth and share His Word, so those who receive it and receive Him can share His love too. I love you. Thank you! (*End of message from John.*)

(To be continued)