**I'm Not Finished Yet**

(John 20:7 KJV)

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rothers and Sisters for many years, I've optimistically have listened to our generation ask questions about Jesus and he relations to the folded napkin. I've moreover witness some theologians becoming distorted on trying to explain why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after His resurrection, and didn't choose to ball up the napkin and throw it in the  Sepulcher's corner? And I've often wondered if I could explain this folded napkin without the fear of drowning and never touching the bottom of this subjective. So let's work it out!

The Gospel of John (20:7 KJV) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown, or tossed aside like His grave clothes. The bible takes an in-depth look at the entire verse redirecting our attention to how the napkin was neatly folded, and was placed at the head of that chilly, choppy, stony coffin.

In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to have a thorough understanding about the Hebrews tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy who had undergone Yum Kippur knew this tradition.

When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it. The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait patiently a rock throw away out of sight, until the master had finished digesting his meal, and the servant would not touch that table, until the master had given a signal by the positioning of his napkin.

Now if the master was done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his hands and fingers, his mouth, and clean his Hebraic beard, and would ball up that napkin and toss it back onto the table. The servant standing by would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, "I'm done". But wait a minute! If the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would restrain himself from touching the table—because the folded napkin meant, "I'm coming back!"

In the bible the napkin is useful for several things:

Luke 19:20 (KJV)—Used as a money pouch.

*And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a* ***napkin****:*

**But the word is used of a wrapper to fold money in**

(Acts 19:12-13 KJV)—Used as an article of dress, a "**handkerchief**" worn on the head.

*12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick* ***handkerchiefs*** *or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. 13  Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.*

(John 11:44 KJV) **—** A similar “**face-cloth**” was also used for swathing the head of a corpse (**in the case of Lazarus)**

*And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.*

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And this was the purpose of the folded napkin in Jesus case! Jesus was leaving on record that—"**I'm Not Finished Yet**". Before the folding of the napkin we must look at: