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"And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden lamp stands; and in the midst of the seven lamp stands <u>One</u> like unto the <u>Son of Man</u>, clothed with a robe down to the feet, and girded about the chest with a golden girdle. His head and His hair was white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were as a flame of fire; and His feet like unto fine brass, as if they were burned in a furnace. And His voice was as the sound of many waters. And He had in Hs right hand seven stars; and out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and His countenance was as the sun as it shines in its strength. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, 'Fear not; I am the <u>First and the Last</u>; and <u>The Living-One</u>, and I was dead; and behold, <u>I am</u> <u>alive forevermore, Amen</u>! and I have the keys of Hades and of death."" (Revelation 1:12-18)

**Living-One:** From the Greek word **Zon** which means: a living-being, a living-one. From the Greek word **Zao** which means: to live.

The context is this: Jesus is the One who was dead (having died on the Cross); **and is now alive forevermore** (having risen from the dead); and He is now the **Living-One** who has ascended to His Father in heaven; and has appeared to John as One like unto the <u>Son of Man</u> in His Glorified Body! This is a post resurrection title! Consider this passage:

"Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others were with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb; and they entered in, and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. And they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth; and the men said unto them, 'Why do you seek **the Living** (zonata) among the dead? He is not here, but has risen: remember how He spoke unto you when He was yet in Galilee, Saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again." And they remembered His words." (Luke 1:1-8)

Again, the context is post resurrection The angels know that the women are looking for the <u>dead body</u> of Jesus. But Jesus is not dead any more; He has risen from the dead! The context is that the women cannot, therefore, find <u>the **Living**</u>, that is the living **Jesus**, among the dead: the place of the tomb. The phrase/title '<u>the Living</u>' refers to the <u>post resurrection</u> <u>life</u>, or aliveness, of Jesus.

Jesus is now the Living-One, a <u>Living Resurrected Eternal Being</u>; but He is still the Son of Man, still the Son of God, and still the Savior of the World; but Glorified, and seated at the Right Hand of the Power of God the Father (see Luke 22:69). Now Consider these verses:

Jesus said unto her, "<u>am the Resurrection, and the Life: he who believes in Me,</u> though he were dead, yet shall he live." (John 11:25)

Jesus said unto him, "I am the Way, the Truth, **and the Life**: <u>no man comes unto the</u> <u>Father, but through Me</u>." (John 14:6)

"But this man (Jesus), because He <u>abides</u> forever, He has an unchangeable priesthood. Thus <u>He is able also to save those to the uttermost</u> who come unto God through Him, seeing that <u>He always **is living**</u> to make intercession for them." (Hebrews 7:24-25)

"We have such a High Priest, who sits on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; a Minister of the Sanctuary," (His name is Jesus!) (Hebrews 8:1-2)

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#### And again:

"What shall we then say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, <u>but delivered Him up for us all</u>, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, yes rather, <u>who is risen again</u>, and who is even at the Right Hand of God, <u>who also makes intercession for us</u>. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For Your sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Yet, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, <u>shall be able to separate us from the love of God</u>, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:31-39)

Jesus is the Living-One, seated at the Right Hand of the power of God the Father; and He said, "<u>I have</u> the keys of Hades and of death." This means Jesus has the authority, the key, to set free those who under the power of sin and spiritual death ("death and Hades). Consider now, these words of encouragement:

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." (I Cor. 15:22)

"Then said Jesus to those ... who believed on Him, '<u>If you continue in My word, then</u> you are My disciples indeed; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. ... Truly, truly, I say unto you, Whoever commits sin is the slave of sin. And the slave does not abide in the house forever: but <u>the Son does **abide forever**</u>. <u>If the Son</u> <u>therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed</u>!"" (John 8:31-36)

"For the law of the Spirit <u>of life in Christ Jesus</u> has made me free from the law of sin and death." (Romans 8:2)

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty with which Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." (Galatians 5:1)

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21)

### JESUS is ...

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the One who was dead, and the One who was raised from the dead! He is the one who is now 'alive forevermore! He is seated at the Right Hand of the Power of God the Father! He is the First and the Last – <u>our</u> One and Only Savior!

And He is interceding <u>for us</u> who believe on Him! He has set <u>us</u> free from power of sin, and death, and the place of Hades! Forever !!!

All praise be to Jesus, the Living-One, the Prince of Life, my Savior!