

## Don't Judge My Comeback Too Soon - Bible Study Lesson

John 2:15-19 (NLT)

**15 Jesus made a whip from some ropes and chased them all out of the Temple. He drove out the sheep and cattle, scattered the money changers' coins over the floor, and turned over their tables.**

**16 Then, going over to the people who sold doves, he told them, "Get these things out of here. Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!"**

**17 Then his disciples remembered this prophecy from the Scriptures: "Passion for God's house will consume me."**

**18 But the Jewish leaders demanded, "What are you doing? If God gave you authority to do this, show us a miraculous sign to prove it."**

**19 "All right," Jesus replied. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."**

Most people love a good comeback story. In 1994, the late George Foreman at 45 years old was losing every round to the younger, faster Michael Moorer, until he made a comeback to win by KO in the 10th round, just 5 days before his 46<sup>th</sup> Birthday. LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavs were down 3-1 in 2016 to the Golden State Warriors, until they made a comeback to win an NBA title. Tom Brady and the New England Patriots were down 28-3 to the Atlanta Falcons with 17 minutes left on the clock in the superbowl, until they made a comeback. The interesting thing is that comebacks are usually unexpected. However, they are often God's way of showing His presence and power. **Jesus was in the grave for 3 days, counted out, with a stone rolled in front of the tomb, until the made a comeback.** Too often, when people think it's over, that's the exact time God wants to move. With this in mind, let's examine: **Don't Judge My Comeback Too Soon.**

## **Acts 2:24 (AMP)**

**24 But God raised Him up, releasing Him and bringing an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in death's power.**

Often our setbacks are God's setup for our great comeback. In our darkest moments, when we've lost everything, from relationships to credibility, God is setting us up for a supernatural turnaround. The resurrection is the ultimate example: Jesus was not defeated by the grave; He was being prepared to reign! Our crisis is not the conclusion—it's the platform for our comeback. They had to see us fall, so God could pick us back up again.

**1. They didn't see the setup.**

## **Romans 8:11 (NLT)**

**11 The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.**

We've got resurrection power working in us. When was the last time we took inventory of what God deposited into us? In our lowest moments, in our days of perceived insignificance we must realize we're not alone. It's that the same Spirit that raised Jesus was breathing new life into our broken dreams. That same power is in us, ready to revive what seemed dead: our purpose, our marriage, our money. God put a lot in us!!  
GOD MADE AN INVESTMENT IN US. AND OUR COMEBACK IS THE RETURN ON HIS INVESTMENT.

**2. They didn't comprehend the deposit.**

## **Romans 8:28 (AMP)**

**28 And we know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about us] causes all things to work together [as a plan] for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His plan and purpose.**

We must be careful not to judge our process too soon. When Jesus died, it looked like the enemy had won. But God had a three-day plan. Stop questioning the midnight seasons of your life. Watch how God will use every broken piece to build something greater. Stay faithful. Morning is coming. **IF IT'S A 3-DAY, 6-MONTH, OR 5-YEAR PLAN, YOU'RE STILL COMING BACK!!**

**3. They didn't understand the plan.**

**Ezekiel 37:4-6 (NLT)**

**4 Then he said to me, "Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say, 'Dry bones, listen to the word of the Lord!**

**5 This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Look! I am going to put breath into you and make you live again!**

**6 I will put flesh and muscles on you and cover you with skin. I will put breath into you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'"**

We must learn to speak life to what's lying dormant. We told you the material for the comeback is in you. Now it's time to wake it up. We must realize the importance of speaking God's promises. Jesus told them He was getting up, before they killed Him. David declared his victory, before he fought Goliath. The Children of Israel shouted before the walls of Jericho fell. We must prophesy to our own dry bones. No matter what you're dealing with, declare, **"I shall rise again!"**

**4. They didn't hear the instruction.**

**Philippians 2:6-11 (MSG)**

**5-8 Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then**

died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion.

**9-11 Because of that obedience, God lifted him high and honored him far beyond anyone or anything, ever, so that all created beings in heaven and on earth—even those long ago dead and buried—will bow in worship before this Jesus Christ, and call out in praise that he is the Master of all, to the glorious honor of God the Father.**

There is no glory, without a story. The critics, religious leaders, and the Romans thought it was over. But, Jesus knew what was coming. They beat Him, scourged Him, crucified Him, and put Him in a tomb. But, they didn't know, there's a difference between being buried and being planted. **THEY LOOK THE SAME – FOR A WHILE. THEY HAD TO COUNT YOU OUT, PUT YOU OUT, AND HANG YOU OUT TO DRY. THEY THOUGHT IT WAS OVER. BUT YOU KNOW WHAT'S COMING!!**

**5. They didn't know what was coming.**

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