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CHAPTER 1 - THE FAMILY



David Lawyerman had returned from Italy where, together with Brazilian soldiers, he participated in World War II.

Very fearing God, David participated in the war together with about 25,000 Brazilian soldiers, went through bad times but, always keeping in mind the words of his God: did not kill any enemy.

He went, participated and returned from the war without even firing.

He kept in his belongings a Holy Bible that he gained from his father when he boarded the Italian field.

He married Adriana and returned to his hometown, attended his church that operated in a small temple in a neighborhood known as "Little Cross Saint".

Every Wednesday and Sunday, along with his wife Adriana, he went to church, sang his hymns and gave his praise.

Married in 1946, two years later the first heir arrived, a boy named Mark.

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Mark lived, like David, under the protection of God. Seeing him grow up alone, David and Adriana decided to get a little brother for him.

In fact, exactly one year after the birth of Mark, the arrival came not from a brother, but from a princess named Rebecca.

When returning from the war David got to study law, but after a few years in this position, he was not charmed by law and decided to return to his first profession: an English teacher.

For being interested in the origin of the Bible, since little David had a certain domain of Aramaic.

The war gave him more experience and he came to see life with more discernment.

He always talked with his friends and discussed with them the passages he read in the Holy Bible.

At night, when they put their sons Mark and Rebecca to bed, they read a passage from the Bible and prayed together.

On Wednesday, around 7 p.m., heavy rain falls on the city.

Mark and Rebecca were not very well. They coughed a lot during the night before and Adriana, afraid, would rather stay at home with them. David picks up his books and goes to the worship service of his church.

On Wednesday, the service always starts at 7:20 p.m. First a hymn is sung, the preacher reads a psalm from the Holy Bible and then immediately prays, thanking

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and asking for forgiveness and protection from God to all the people. Then he does his sermon.

Around 8.30 p.m., after worship and after talking to the people who also attend church, David decides to return home.

On the way the rain rises and lightning and thunder scratches the sky.

At one point, the sky clears and David sees a figure that, like previous times, looks at him and smiles. This gentleman is dressed in white with long sleeves.

- *Sir, sir!* shouts David.

The light is followed by a great thunderbolt and a crash causes David to fall to the ground.

For a few seconds David feels his whole body paralyzed. Try to get up but everything turns.

As he looks sideways, he sees again that gentleman in white with wide sleeves.

At his side he sees a circumference with lights that rotate without stopping, as if forming a tunnel.

David approaches, and when he gets very close, this man crosses that circumference.

He stops and looks at David, invites him to do the same.

David, at first fearful, follows him and suddenly enters the circumference and disappears.

For a few seconds it feels like he's spinning through the galaxy at a fantastic speed.

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Suddenly everything stops and he finds himself lying among a bush full of trees, leading in front of an ancient well with ropes leading to water.

The ground is dry. It is not raining anymore.

The night is all lit by the light of the full moon.

Tired, David falls asleep right there.

CHAPTER 2 - THE DISCOVERY



Early in the morning, he hears shouts and laughter coming from where the ancient moat is. They are beautiful young women and boys who have fun.

Notice that their clothes are different. His ways of dressing and having his hair take him back to the old age in the time of the Christians.

Look up at the sky and ask:

- *Lord, where am I! I need to go home soon, see how Adriana and my children are!* thinks David.

He gets up a few steps, looks at the horizon, and sees that he is not in his city. There are only mountains, woods and hills, with some rails.

- *But how, where am I?"*

He comes close to a boy and tries to ask where he is. The boy does not understand his language.

David tries to speak in English and German and the boy does not understand either. He then uses the Aramaic he has learned and the boy, all-smiling, says:

- *Sir, we are in Jerusalem!*

- *How, Jerusalem! But how, how can this be!*

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David. - Please, what day and year are we on? asks

- Today is Thursday, April 6, 30, sir!"

- My God, did I go through some portal of time?"
But I always thought this was impossible! No, I think I just hit my head and I'm having a dream.

- What did you say?"

- No, no! I am thinking a little loud?

- Tell me, boy, how old are you?"

- I'm 11 years old. My name is John Mark. I am the son of Elijah Mark,

- Elijah Mark, John Mark, these names are not strange to me.

- Do you know my father?" inquires the boy.

- I do not think so!

- We're approaching Easter, and my father is preparing a Supper at his house.

- Easter, Supper! My God, what am I thinking? Boy, what day did you say we were?

- Thursday, April 6, sir!

- It is the last Supper of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

- Did you say Christ?" Do you know him?

- Yes, I know a lot!

- Good, Would you not want to come to my house! Perhaps you can attend the Supper being prepared by my father!

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- But this Supper your father is preparing, who are the guest?

- Jesus Christ and his 12 apostles!

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- My God, I'm back in time and I'm having the honor of living the last Supper of Jesus! It can not be, sir! I'm not worthy of such honor!

- You speak awkwardly!" You're not from here in Jerusalem!

"No, John Mark, I'm from a long way off, but a long way off!

CHAPTER 3 - KNOWING ELIJAH MARK



David, noticing that his clothes are different, asks the boy John Mark if he can get some clothes.

John Mark quickly brings him a kind of tunic, accompanied by an ankle-length sweater and a pair of leather sandals with thin strips of skin that go to his ankles.

David puts on those clothes and goes to John Mark.

On the way to John Mark's father's house, David begins to recall his readings from the evangelists. Remember St. John, St. Luke, St. Matheus and St. Mark.

- Is John Mark related to evangelist Mark! He thought to himself. It can't be, he's only 11 years old.

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Remember also that before the feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that it was time for him to pass from this world to the Father, and having loved his own who were in the world, on Thursday, April 6, year 30, celebrated at the family home of Elijah Mark, father of the then 11-year-old boys John Mark, the Last Supper with his 12 disciples.

These thoughts give you a chill down your spine.

- *My God, I will meet with Jesus Christ!*

When he arrives at the house, young John Mark takes him inside and introduces him to his parents Elijah Mark and Mary.

That family, David could see, was related to Jesus and fully in communion with his teachings.

Elijah Mark, happy with his presence, leaves him at ease as he prepares for the great supper.

In the room where the Passover meal will be celebrated, there are lavatories, jugs and towels placed for the obligatory washing of hands and feet.

Jewish custom at this time required that, before sitting at the table, the guest should be washed by the servants or the hosts themselves. That was the tradition.

- *Sir! If you want, can I join your servants in washing the disciples' feet?* says David to Elijah Mark.

"Thank you, son, but Master's orders were final: there will be no servants upstairs, where supper will be held."