**PARALLELS BETWEEN JESUS AND**

**DANIEL IN THE LIONS’ DEN**

**(Daniel 6)**

 The story of Daniel in the lions’ den is a lesson that God controls life and death and can prevail against mankind’s last greatest enemy, death. It also foreshadows the resurrection. Here are some similarities between the two:

* Daniel’s fellow satraps/presidents and the Jewish authorities conspired against them
* The satraps and Jewish authorities lacked the power to do anything to Daniel/Jesus directly
* The satraps devised a trap and Judas betrayed Jesus, so they could do indirectly what they could not do directly- eliminate Daniel/Jesus
* On the eve of their arrest, both Daniel and Jesus prayed
* Both the king and governor (Pilate) sympathized with Daniel/Jesus, but they felt they were unable to do anything to avoid pronouncing the death sentence
* Both Daniel and Jesus were executed (or to be executed) by torture
* Both were placed in a pit/tomb with a stone rolled in front and sealed by the authorities
* Both rose from the tomb.

The king’s last words to Daniel were, “May our God, whom you serve continually, deliver you.” God did deliver Daniel and by raising him and especially with Jesus’ resurrection, all His followers are promised that God can and will deliver His own.