

Mark 16: He is Risen

Love the Resurrection Life

I. Today You will be with Me!

**Jesus breathed His last...
Devil looking on is delighted... believes he has complete victory!**

1. Jesus is dead
 2. No salvation for man
 3. Demons dancing around the cross sinister laugh
 4. Satan will prevail over the world with his demons...Man is doomed!
- What really happened the 3 Days between Jesus death and resurrection?
 - **Jesus kept His promise:**

Today you will be with Me in Paradise!

- 4 Who could speak with authority about life after death:
 1. Lazarus raised from the dead
 2. Apostle John: Revelation
 3. Paul: Caught up to third heaven
 4. Jesus: Here describing life after death before cross:

Luke 16:19 "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. 20 But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, 21 desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' 25 But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. 26 And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

- **Abraham's Bosom:** Before the cross a waiting place filled with all who ever died. Two sections: Hades and Paradise w/ impassable gulf between:
 1. **Hades:** People know each other after death! Conscience torment: Rich man "being in torment...cried to Abraham" Place filled w/ lost already judged

Rev 20:14 ...Death and Hades [will be] cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Hell: Created for Devil/demons. First residents: AC/FP end Great Tribulation. Next Devil....**then and all who reject Jesus provision:** After Rapture, after Great Tribulation, after FP/AC thrown in, after 1000 year reign of Christ, After Devil thrown in...then all those

in Hades and those alive at that time who have rejected Christ will be separated from God forever. No hope, no comfort, outer darkness and torment. [Veil torn from top to bottom]

2. **Paradise:** Comfort and contentment: Filled with saved waiting cross already judged righteous: Where Jesus took the thief during the three days before resurrection!

Ephesians 4:8b "When [Jesus] ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." 9 (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? [To Abraham's Bosom; i.e. Hades/Paradise])

- Paradise looked forward to Heaven and Hades still cowers at thought of Hell

Matthew 12:40 "...as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

- **Three days between death and resurrection:**
 1. Went to lower parts of the earth; i.e. Abrahams Bosom
 2. Kept promise to thief: Today you will be with me in Paradise [Not heaven yet]
 3. Leave wicked final judgment: Hades cast into after Hell Great White Throne
 4. Gather righteous from Paradises take to Heaven at ascension 50 days later
- **After Three days Jesus rose again: What if He did not?**

1 Corinthians 15:12 Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; 14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain. 15 Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; 17 and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.

- If Jesus did not rise from the dead:
 1. Preaching is in vain
 2. Our faith is in vain
 3. Apostles are Liars
 4. Faith is worthless
 5. We are still in our sins
 6. Those who died have perished
 7. We are to be pitied [stoning, beatings, etc.]

20 But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.

II. Resurrection

1 Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary *the mother of*

James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. ²Very early in the morning, on the first *day* of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. ³And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" ⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. ⁷But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you."⁸ So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.⁹ Now when *He* rose early on the first *day* of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons.¹⁰ She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. ¹¹And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe.

Resurrection Chronology in 4 Gospels:

- Great earthquake as an angel descends from heaven and rolls away the grave stone and is sitting on it. Appearance like "lightning"
- Guards became "like dead men"
- After the Sabbath; i.e. Very Early Sunday morning as a new day was dawning but still dark, Mary Magdalene whom Jesus had cast out 7 demons, Salome and Mary Mother of James come with spices discussing "who will roll away the stone?" as they felt the Great Earthquake. [Several woman went w/focus on these 3]
- Angel sitting on the stone with a "face that shone like lightning" says to the 3 ladies "Don't be afraid...I know who you are looking for and He is not here... He has risen" go quickly and tell the disciples He is on His way to Galilee"
- Mary Magdalene is outside the tomb crying. As she is crying stoops down, looks in and sees 2 angels looking like a young men sitting to their right on the head and foot of the tomb slab where Jesus was laid. The 3 ladies bow down to the angels clothed in dazzling white robes.
- Both angels ask to Mary, "Why are you crying?"
- The angels say "Why are you looking for the living among the dead? He isn't here! Don't you remember He said he must suffer, die and rise again? Go tell His disciples including Peter"
- Mary Magdalene looks over her shoulder, sees someone standing behind her. Not recognizing who, Jesus says to her..."Why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"
- Mary thinking it is the gardener says, "Sir, if you have taken Him away tell me where you have put him and I will go get Him!"
- Jesus replies in a voice she now recognizes "Mary" she replies "teacher!"
- 3 ladies fall down to worship Him, grabbing His feet!
- Fear and Great Joy! Too frightened to talk the ladies find the disciples.
- Mary Magdalene reports to Peter and companions who she found weeping "I have found the Lord". They did not believe her as "it sounded like nonsense" to them.
- Even so, Peter and John run to the tomb and John gets there first. They look in and

see empty tomb and lined wrappings...went home and wondered what happened.

**Jesus broke the power of death.
Eternity invades the temporal. Infinite conquers the finite!**

Matthew 27:51 ... behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, 52 and the graves were opened; and **many bodies of the saints** who had fallen asleep were raised; 53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

¹² After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. ¹³ And they went and told *it* to the rest, *but* they did not believe them either.

Luke 24:13 Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened. 15 So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. 17 And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?"

- **Provokes a response:**

18 Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?" 19 And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. 21 But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. 22 Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. 23 When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. 24 And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see." 25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

- Moses **1446bc**: A prophet will rise from among you:

Deuteronomy 18:18 I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.

- Isaiah **700bc** Messiah must die for the sins of the World/rise again

Isaiah 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. 11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. [NIV v11 After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied]

- **Resurrection:** Long awaited sacrifice: Paid in full and vindicated by the Father:

1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified [vindicated: shown to be true] in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

Who raised Jesus? Father, Son, Holy Spirit

Acts 5:30 The **God** of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree.

John 2:19 "Destroy this temple, and in three days **I will** raise it up."

John 10:17 "...My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that **I may take it again.**

Romans 8:11 But if the **Spirit** of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

- Another appearance to Apostles:

14 Later He appeared [again] to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.

- Rebuked unbelief:
 1. Didn't believe the woman
 2. Didn't believe the 2 Disciples on the Road
- Doubt...

John 20:19 [Read] Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." 24 Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." 26 And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "**Peace to you!**"

- Jesus waits 8 Days for the next visit to see Thomas!
- After 8 Days Jesus says the same thing: **Peace to you!**
- 8 Octave: Same note higher pitch?

In music, an octave (Latin: octavus: eighth) or perfect octave is the interval between one musical pitch and another with half or double its frequency. The octave relationship is a natural phenomenon that has been referred to as the "basic miracle of music"...

- **Same note higher pitch:** Peace to you Thomas...

27 Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, **"My Lord and my God!"**29 Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. **Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**"30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

- Doubting Thomas Great Moment of Faith

MY Lord and my God!

SUMMARY: Risen Lord. Jesus dies. 3 Days in Paradise with thief gathering those who awaited His sacrifice. After 3 Days rose again. Appears to woman and disciples. The Apostles don't believe. Doubting Thomas wants proof.

III. Forgiven and Restored

John 21:1 [Read] After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself; 2 Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. 3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. 4 But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5 Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No."6 And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.

- Peter recognizes must be Jesus

Luke 5:5 ..."Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." [Great number w/ nets breaking, boats sinking, Peter...] fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, **"Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"**

- Peter trusts Jesus will not turn him away! Sinner runs/swims toward the Lord!

8 But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. 9 Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught."11 Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. 12 Jesus said to them, **"Come and eat breakfast."** Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?"—knowing that it was the Lord. 13 Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish.14 This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.15 So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs."16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My

sheep."17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep.

Peter's Restoration

Matthew 26:75 ...Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly.

- 3 Denials: 3 Questions: **Do you Love Me?**
- Feed My lambs, Tend My sheep, Feed My sheep
- **Octave Higher than Forgiveness...Peter is Restored**

Jesus died to save Sinners

1 Timothy 1:12 ...I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, 13 although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. 14 And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. 15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. 16 However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

- Jesus died to save sinners and proved He was willing /able by rising from the dead!
- **Jesus Did Rise from the Dead:**
 1. Jesus had 12 Disciples
 2. Judas killed himself after betraying Jesus leaving 11
 3. John the Apostle was banished to Patmos leaving 10
 4. 10 Disciples who followed One who said there life after death
 5. Horrifically tortured/martyred for proclaiming Jesus rose from dead
- Why would they do this for a lie if there was no hope after death?
- **Because Jesus rose from the dead: 7 Undisputable Facts**
 1. **What Jesus proclaimed is True**
 2. **The Bible is True:** 1000 year prophesy's fulfilled to the letter
 3. **There is Life after Death:**
 4. **All men are accountable:**

The World Knows Jesus is ALIVE

- Disdain for Jesus is illogical. **Darkness knows Jesus is Light**
- World is accountable because of the Resurrection!

Acts 17:29 ... [After the resurrection] God is now declaring to men that all

people everywhere should repent, 31 because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

5. **Jesus is the only way to the Father**

John 14:6 Jesus said ... "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

6. **Our sin must be dealt with: We must be born again:**

John 3:3 [Read]... "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus *said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God... 16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

7. **We must believe in the Bodily Resurrection of Jesus to be Saved**

Romans 10:9 ...if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed."

Resurrection Implications:

1. What Jesus proclaimed is True
2. The Word of God is True
3. There is Life after Death
4. All men are accountable
5. Jesus is the only way to God the Father
6. Our sin must be dealt with
7. We must believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus to be Saved

Greatest evidence of Jesus Resurrection: Not the woman, the two on road to Emmaus, the Apostle martyrdom but the Witness in our own changed life

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

IV. In the World but not of the World

Mark 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

- Resurrected Jesus give Final Instructions:

Go into the world...but don't become like the world:

Romans 12:2 ...do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

- In the world but not of the world:

John 17:16 [Jesus said we] are not of the world, just as [He is] not of the world.

- Jesus said if we are doing what we are supposed to be doing the world will hate us:

John 15:19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

- Eat with sinners but don't sin:

Mark 2:15 [As Jesus...] was dining in *Levi's* house, that many tax collectors and sinners also sat together with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many, and they followed Him. ¹⁶And when the scribes and Pharisees saw Him eating with the tax collectors and sinners, they said to His disciples, "How *is it* that He eats and drinks with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹⁷When Jesus heard *it*, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call *the* righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

- Jesus said the mission would be dangerous:

Matthew 10:16 "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

As we share the Gospel we are to be...

- **Wise as serpents:** Listen to the Spirit; the Spirit of wisdom
- **Harmless as doves:**

2 Timothy 2:5 ... if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

- **According to the rules:** Instruction in the Word of God led by the Spirit of God; i.e. being honest, ethical, selfless, humble, etc...
- Redeem the time: Let what we do count for eternity:

1. Winning the race
2. Landing every Punch;

1 Corinthians 9:24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it*.²⁵ And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for an imperishable crown*.²⁶ Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air.²⁷ But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Summary: Go into the World: Be in the world but not of the world. Be wise listening to the Spirit. Be harmless and keep the rules.

V. Go into All the World and Preach the Gospel

- All the world...

Acts 1:8 ...you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

- 40 Days after resurrection Jesus gives final instructions:
 1. After I depart Wait for the Promise of the Father
 2. You shall receive power
 3. Power is to be a witness of Jesus to:
 - Jerusalem
 - Judea and Samaria
 - Ends of the Earth

16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

- Believed and Baptized will be saved
 1. Thief on cross not baptized
 2. 2nd part: He who does not believe will be condemned:

Ephesians 1:13 In [Jesus] you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

1. Heard the Word
2. Believed
3. Sealed with the Spirit
4. Guaranteed an inheritance
5. Until the redemption of our bodies [All be grace through faith]

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved **through faith** [believing], and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

- Jesus commands us to be baptized. If we are His ...we will

"...it would be terribly wrong to regard baptism as "non-essential." It may not be essential to salvation, but it is absolutely essential to obedience. Jesus told the believer to be baptized, and they must do it. It becomes essential as soon as Jesus commands it. [Guzic]

"What do you mean by 'nonessential'? 'I mean that I can be saved without being baptized.' Will you dare to say that wicked sentence over again? 'I mean that I can be saved without being baptized.' You mean creature! So you will do nothing that Christ commands, if you can be saved without doing it? You are hardly worth saving at all! A man who always wants to be paid for what he does, whose one idea of religion is that he will do what is essential to his own salvation, only cares to save his own skin, and Christ may go where he likes. Clearly, you are no servant of his; you need to be saved from such a disreputable, miserable state of mind; and may the Lord save you!" [Spurgeon]

- **Baptism:** Outward display of inward change done by God after we believe Gospel.

VI. Preach the Gospel

- **Gospel:** Good News...You don't have to earn Heaven. You cant earn Heaven
- **It is finished!**
- **As with Baptism:** Death and Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures

- Jesus life, death and resurrection:
 1. Christ Died
 2. For our sins
 3. Buried
 4. Rose again on the third day
 5. All according to Scriptures
- Not the Gospel without the resurrection:

1 Corinthians 2:2 ...I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

- **Gospel will yield results:** Power is from Living Word manifested through Spoken!

Isaiah 55:10 "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, ¹¹ So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Romans 1:16 ...I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

- **Still a choice: Parable of Sower**
- **Good Seed:** Gospel
- **Different Ground:** Condition of the heart of the Hearer

Matthew 13:18 ...When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. 20 But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. 22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. 23 But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

- We are not responsible to convert but to Preach the Gospel [Herald]
- Greener and the Carpenter Story
- **Will not come back void?** Same sun that softens butter hardens clay...but

We do not water down the Gospel

2 Timothy 4:1 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

If you believe in faith:

1. You are a sinner
 2. Christ died for you
 3. Accept His sacrifice for your sins
 4. Believe that HE resurrected from the dead on the third day... you are saved
- **Salvations is Expressed in bearing Good Fruit:**

1. Repentance: Turning away from sin
2. Desiring His Word
3. Fellowship with believers
4. Keeping His commands: Love God and Love one another and...

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel...

17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

- **Signs will follow those who believe:**

1. Cast out demons in Name of Jesus
 2. Protected until they finish their mission:
 - Dangerous creatures [Paul]
 - Dangerous Toxins
 3. Lay hands on sick and they will recover
- Testing God by handling deadly snakes and drinking poison is stupid!
 - Go to all the world and make believers!

SUMMARY: Preach the Gospel: Good news, Power in the Word, Don't water down, Some will believe and they in turn will go out [Acts]

19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

- **Did not go out until persecution:** To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad
- More in Acts

Voice Crying in the Wilderness? Watchman on the Wall

- Paul was compelled to Preach the Gospel...

1 Corinthians 9:16 ...woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!

- **Jeremiah could not hold it in even in persecution!**

Jeremiah 20:7 ... His word was in my heart like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, And I could not.

- **Our message is Good News:** House lights from a plane

"I do want you all to feel that it is not the end, though it may be the beginning, of Christian life to come and hear sermons. Scatter as widely as ever you can the blessing which you get for yourself; the moment you find the light, and realize that the world is in the dark, run away with your match, and lend somebody else a light." [Spurgeon]

John 3:17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

- To the humiliated sinner who deserves death he gave Good News

John 8:10 [Jesus] raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" 11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more." 12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

- Jesus commanded us to be Watchmen on the Wall

1. **Preach the Danger:** Law Condemns/Hell is real

John 3:18 ...he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

2. **Preach the Good News:** Jesus Saves by His grace and our simple faith

Ezekiel 33

1. Sound the Trumpet:
 - Listens he will be saved
 - Does not listen...his blood shall be on his own head.
2. See danger but do not sound Trumpet: Blood is on the watchmen's head

- **Good witnesses should smell like Jesus:**

Ephesians 5:1 ...be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a **sweet-smelling aroma**. 3 But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; 4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not be

partakers with them.

- **Good smell to those who believe and stink to those who will not:**

2 Corinthians 2:14 Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. 15 For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. 16 To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things? 17 For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ.

- **Purpose on earth: Glorify God by Bringing people to Jesus:**

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. 21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Matthew 5:11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. 13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. [Some will believe] Mark Finished: Follow Jesus as a Servant