

Eternity part 8 “The Way of Hope!”

John 20:15

“First Mention”

When is a garden first mentioned in the Bible?

John wants us to see the connection between the Garden of Eden, where death started, and Jesus defeating death in a garden, where eternity begun.

Jesus is reclaiming creation, as he entered into it and restoring and renewing God’s plan for it!

What God created, He declared “good!”

The first people have a choice in life: Do something in eternity with God or use it for their purpose?

Romans 8:22

Will it always be like this?

Matthew 19:28

Renewal

Remember, when God made the world, he called it good. Why then would God destroy that which he declared as good?

Acts 3:21

Colossians 1:19-20

In Jesus, God is putting it “all” back together!

To make the cross of Jesus just about human salvation is to miss that God is interested in saving everything!
All things in creation!

If we take out sin/death out of the Bible you would be left with 4 chapters total in the Bible!

Genesis we are told of a garden. In Revelation we are told of a city!

If a garden is managed and well cared for, it would turn into a city!

1 Corinthians 15:20

This gives us Hope!

Acts 4:12

They took political propaganda from their empire and changed the words to make it about Jesus! The true King!

Galatians 2:20

They were confident that the resurrected Christ was working in them to reclaim God's dream for the world.

And it's our turn to step up and step out in living this eternal life today!

The Way of Hope

- 1) Living it as though it's Good news!

Imago Dei

Everyone matters

- 2) Living it by blessing others!

Call of Abram

Genesis 12:2

Mark 10:45

The Church does not exist for itself, it exists for the world! When the church loses sight of this, it loses its heart and soul...

The way of difficulty that leads to hope!

Luke 9:23

What will it cost you?

Our gift to the world is hope!

We can choose a new way of doing this thing called Eternity, will you?