

Easter 2023

Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20

John 3:16-17

“Are we there yet?”

Ecclesiastes 3:11

Slight problem: Jesus never teaches about salvation and eternal life in this manner!

John 17:3

Eternal life is “knowing” God

“Eternal life in the individual does not begin with death, but at the point where God touches individual with redeeming grace and draws them into a life interactive with himself and his kingdom.” Dallas Willard

Matthew 6:9-10

In the midst of our groaning, our pain and suffering comes Jesus’ life, teachings, death and resurrection. As a result, eternal life has moved into our temporal world!

Eternity has invaded time!

What would happen, starting this Easter, if we stopped thinking about eternal life as something we only experience after we die?

What if salvation is not mostly about getting us into heaven but about getting heaven into us?

The gospel that Jesus taught, is an understanding that announces that everlasting life under God’s reign is available today, by His grace. Through Christ’s death and his resurrection, which conquered death and enables us to live in eternity, not somewhere up there, or just after we die but something that we can start living in immediately.

Mark 1:14-15

Acts 1:3

Acts 28:30-31

The gospel of Jesus' Kingdom offers the salvation of despairing individuals and healing of systemic injustice. It is the hope of the world!

Rethink everything you think you know about who God is, who you are, and what you think the good life you crave actually is. And put your trust and confidence in Jesus, who will save you, free you, heal you, and lead you to the life you ache for.