

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE

WORD

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WORD, AND THE WORD
GOD, AND THE WORD WAS
WITH GOD IN THE BEGINNING.
ALL THINGS WERE MADE
BY HIM, AND WITHOUT HIM
NOTHING WAS MADE.
IN HIM WAS LIFE, AND THE
LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF
MANKIND. THE LIGHT
SHINES IN THE DARKNESS,
AND THE DARKNESS
DID NOT RECEIVE HIM.
WHAT WAS RECEIVED
OF HIS FULLNESS WE
HAVE RECEIVED GRACE
FOR GRACE. FOR BY THE
WORD BECAME FLESH,
AND DWELT AMONG US,
AND WE SAW HIS GLORY,
AS OF ONE FULL OF
GRACE AND TRUTH.
NOW THIS WAS JOHN'S
TESTIMONY WHEN THE
JEWISH LEADERS IN
JERUSALEM ASKED HIM
WHY HE SAID THIS.
HE ANSWERED, "NO,"
FINALLY THEY SAID,
"WHO ARE YOU? WE
WANT TO SEE YOU."
HE REPLIED IN THE
WORDS OF ISAIAH THE
PROPHET, "I AM THE
VOICE OF ONE CALLING
IN THE WILDERNESS,
TO MAKE STRAIGHT
THE WAY OF THE LORD."
AMONGST THEM STOOD
ONE YOU DO NOT KNOW.
HE IS THE ONE WHO
COMES AFTER ME,
WHOM I HAVE SENT
BEFORE HIM, THAT HE
MAY BRING FORTH
THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL."
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BETHANY ON THE OTHER
SIDE OF THE JORDAN,
WHERE HE CAME TO
WITNESS THE BAPTISM
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Christ the Lord is Risen! ...He is Risen Indeed!

“He is risen!” you may hear others doubly confirm, “He is risen indeed!”

The Resurrection is the preeminent proof of the exclusivity and superiority of Jesus Christ above all other false gods! It is the crown Jewel in our Saviors diadem!

But you cannot fully appreciate it until you’ve been to the cross and contemplated the extravagant/lavish price it required!

Never rush too quickly to the victory (like in World wars) without seeing the graveyards of those who paid the price!

Having peace in a world Jesus has left (visibly), Jesus was "troubled" - John 14:15-31

Jesus was “troubled”, SO I won’t have to be!

Jesus is sharing His last earthly Incarnational moments (less than 24 hours, 18?), He's heading to a Cross and the atmosphere is surreal, the disciples are in a state of shock, disbelief and bewilderment. He's preparing them to face the most historical, dramatic and cosmic paradigm shift ever that's been or will be. How would you have heard

Jesus? Ever have someone dying have a talk with you?

Jesus said "Do not let your heart be troubled", How can we do that?

Does it strike you as funny that Jesus said NOT to be troubled, BUT He was?!

Consider these passages leading up to Jesus' passion:

Jn.11:33 Jesus was "troubled" by Lazarus' death

Jn.12:27 Jesus was "troubled" by His impending crucifixion

Jn.13:21 Jesus was "troubled" by Judas' betrayal

Jn.14:1 Jesus tells us NOT to be "troubled"? Are we missing something?

Jn.14:27 Jesus tells us again Not to be "troubled" (2x in one chapter/event)

Jn.14:31 ends the chapter with Jesus saying "Get up, let's go from here." They're heading to the garden where He will be taken away to unjust trials.

Jesus also predicted more troubles to come, in this world! Why are we still surprised when they come?

What troubles face us today? Are His words still true for His followers, you and I?

What kind of Peace is Jesus talking about?

Jesus said it would be better for us now that He's leaving, why? Have you experienced it?

Most people bypass Good Friday and love Resurrection Morning! You cannot fully appreciate Jesus' work and sacrifice without experiencing both! Knowing the victory of the empty tomb, Jesus said those who truly accept the gift will Obey Him! Are you living in full obedience? If not, you don't love Him!

More troubled verses

[Mat 2:3 NASB20] 3 When Herod the king heard [this,] he was troubled[G5015], and all Jerusalem with him.

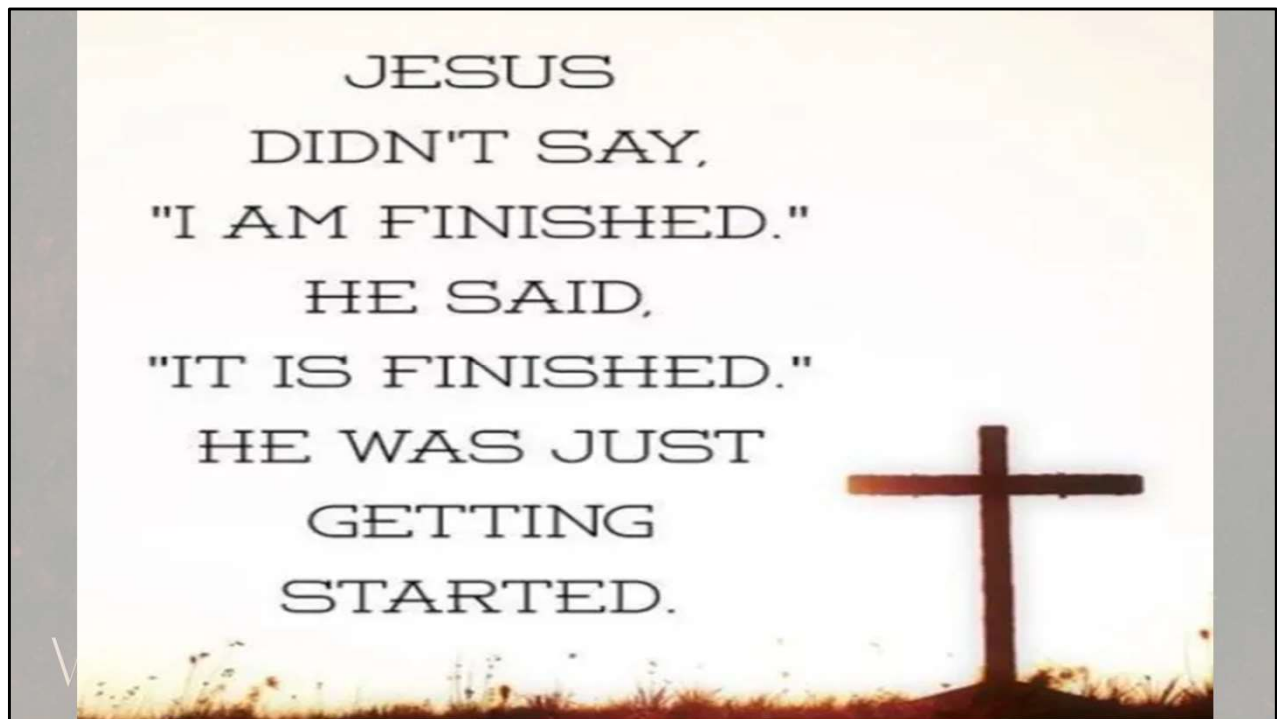
[Mat 14:26 NASB20] 26 When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified[G5015], and said, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.

[Mar 6:50 NASB20] 50 for they all saw Him and were terrified[G5015]. But immediately He spoke with them and said to them, "Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid."

[Luk 1:12 NASB20] 12 Zechariah was troubled[G5015] when he saw [the angel,] and fear gripped him.

[Luk 24:38 NASB20] 38 And He said to them, "Why are you frightened[G5015], and why are doubts arising in your hearts?"

[Jhn 5:7 NASB20] 7 The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred[G5015] up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me."



Jesus Didn't say "I Am Finished"

He said, "It is finished" Redemption! (Sin, Satan, death, ...)

He was just getting started!

There is a growing number of "Christians" who deny the miraculous working of the Almighty!

They deny Creation, for evolution. Too hard to believe!

They deny the miracles of Christ (Tom Jefferson...) to emphasize His niceness, nonviolent Gandhi like, hippie like soft persuasion and Victim culture heroics.

Jesus couldn't have done what the bible says, too hard to believe!

They deny modern day miracles/answers to prayer but arrest prayer warriors near abortion clinics. Prayer doesn't work, except against Abortion clinics

They deny that the Holy Spirit, scripture and Gods power can save you form your impulses, desires, sinful nature...but the world and its psychotropic drugs can?

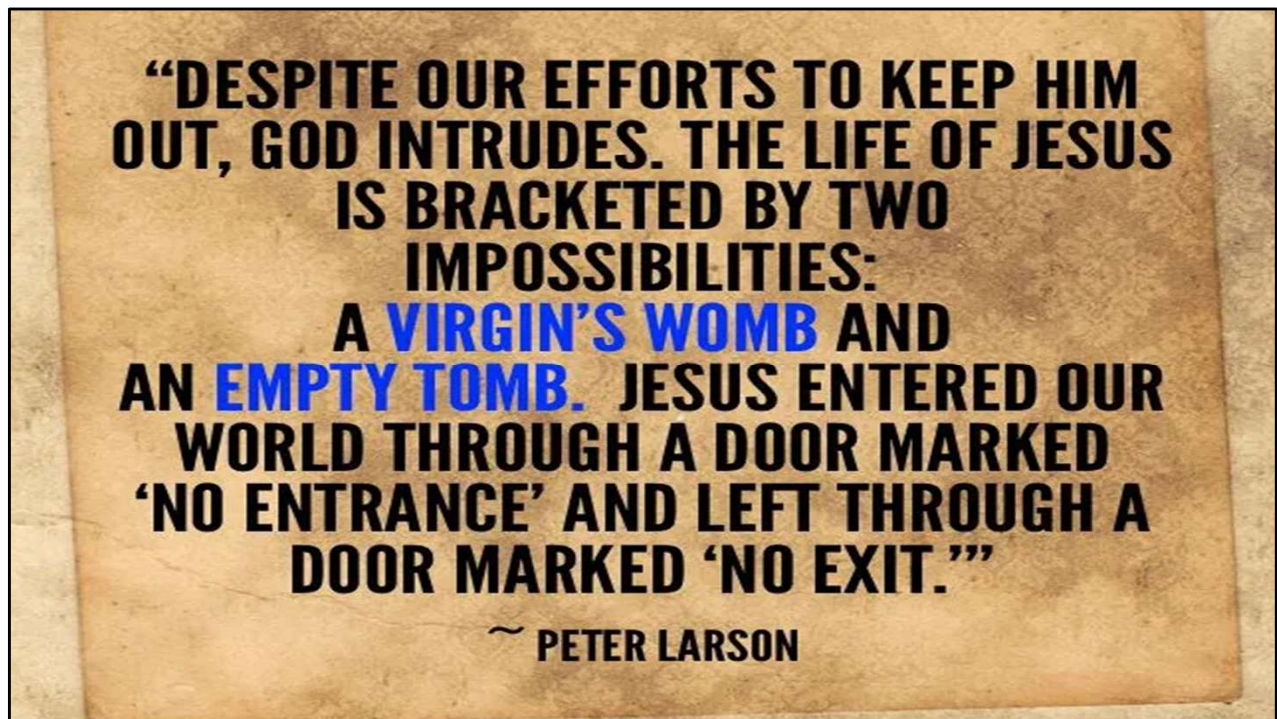
IF Jesus didn't and couldn't rise from the dead then we are wasting our time and Since He did, we can believe ALL that He said!

IF Jesus did not rise from the dead, We are of all people to be most pitied!

Since Jesus rose from the dead, all other miracles are not only possible they are proven!

Hope! For eternity! Only because of the Resurrection!

[1Co 15:12-20 NASB20] 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, then not even Christ has been raised; 14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, your faith also is in 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, then 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 also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If we have hoped in Christ only in this life, we are of all people most to be pitied. 20 But the fact is, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.



God Intrudes!! Even in Your individual day!

Despite our best efforts to Keep God out, He intrudes!

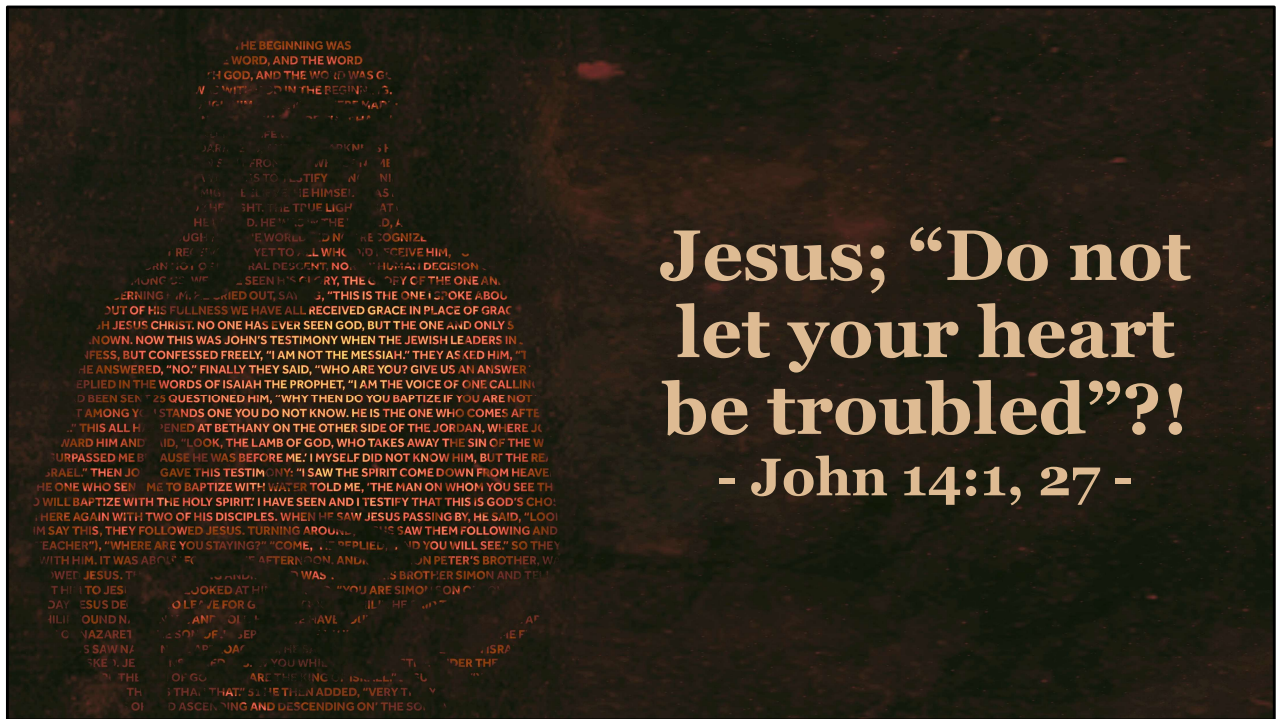
The Life of Jesus is bracketed by 2 impossibilities:

A virgin's womb and an empty Tomb!

Jesus entered the world through a door marked “NO Entrance” and left through a door marked “NO EXIT”!

He made a WAY where there was NO way!

Peter Larson



Do NOT let your heart be troubled? In a few short hours before the greatest injustice in history and the cosmic conflict clashed at the Cross! These words must have felt trite but proved to be true power and our eternal hope!

The disciples cowered in dark corners deliberating these parting words of the Lord as they pondered His encouragement to **not be troubled** and stared in the face of the following fears!

When Satan conspires and devises spiritual warfare in the unseen realm?

When the Pagan Romans trample, tax, rape and kill your people every day?

When the Sanhedrin meets in secret and collaborates with their enemies to murder a Rabbi who's hurt no one and healed the masses, cast out demons, and fed the thousands?

When Judas, a friend of yours, betrays you for the price of a slave and in the mockery of a kiss?

When your beloved and devoted disciple's flee their friend being shackled and dragged to an unjust trial?

When Death still haunts us like a shadow or stormclouds on the horizon

When Sin abounds like mushrooms in the dark and dandelions in the garden

When NOTHING is making sense and ALL you expected and hoped for is seemingly defeated!

“Do not let your heart . . .”

† “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.”

- 14:6

† Jesus shows us the right way by making THE way!

[Jhn 14:6 NASB20] 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.

“Do not let your heart...”

We cannot trust our hearts and must not allow ourselves to be victim to our own feelings! By Gods grace we can rule our hearts instead of being betrayed by them

Jesus is here identifying Himself clearly as equal with God!!

ONLY Jesus can save us b/c: Only He is 1. Sinless and pure 2. A perfect man 3. God Himself

Calvin: The Human heart is a factory of idols. Every one of us is, from His mother's womb, expert in Inventing Idols!

The world says to follow your heart! The Bible says you're a fool If you do! Then what do we follow???? We follow Gods heart for us!

Jesus was Saying there's NO Other WAY!!!

[Pro 4:23-27 NASB20] 23 Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it

[flow] the springs of life. 24 Rid yourself of a deceitful mouth And keep devious speech far from you. 25 Let your eyes look directly ahead And let your gaze be fixed straight in front of you. 26 Watch the path of your feet, And all your ways will be established. 27 Do not turn to the right or to the left; Turn your foot from evil.

[Pro 28:26 NASB20] 26 One who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But one who walks wisely will flee to safety.

[Psa 139:23-24 NASB20] 23 Search me, God, and know my heart; Put me to the test and know my anxious thoughts; 24 And see if there is [any] hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.

[Jer 17:9 NASB20] 9 "The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?

[Eze 14:3 NASB20] 3 "Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts and have put in front of their faces the stumbling block of their wrongdoing. Should I let Myself be consulted by them at all?

[Eze 14:4 NASB20] 4 "Therefore speak to them and tell them, "This is what the Lord GOD says: "Anyone of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, puts in front of his face the stumbling block of his wrongdoing, and [then] comes to the prophet, I the LORD will let Myself answer him in the matter in view of the multitude of his idols, 14:7

[Mar 14:38 NASB20] 38 "Keep watching and praying, so that you will not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

[Mat 15:19 NASB20] 19 "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, [acts of] adultery, [other] immoral sexual acts, thefts, false testimonies, [and] slanderous statements.

[Mar 7:21-23 NASB20] 21 "For from within, out of the hearts of people, come the evil thoughts, [acts of] sexual immorality, thefts, murders, [acts of] adultery, 22 deeds of greed, wickedness, deceit, indecent behavior, envy, slander, pride, [and] foolishness. 23 "All these evil things come from within and defile the person."

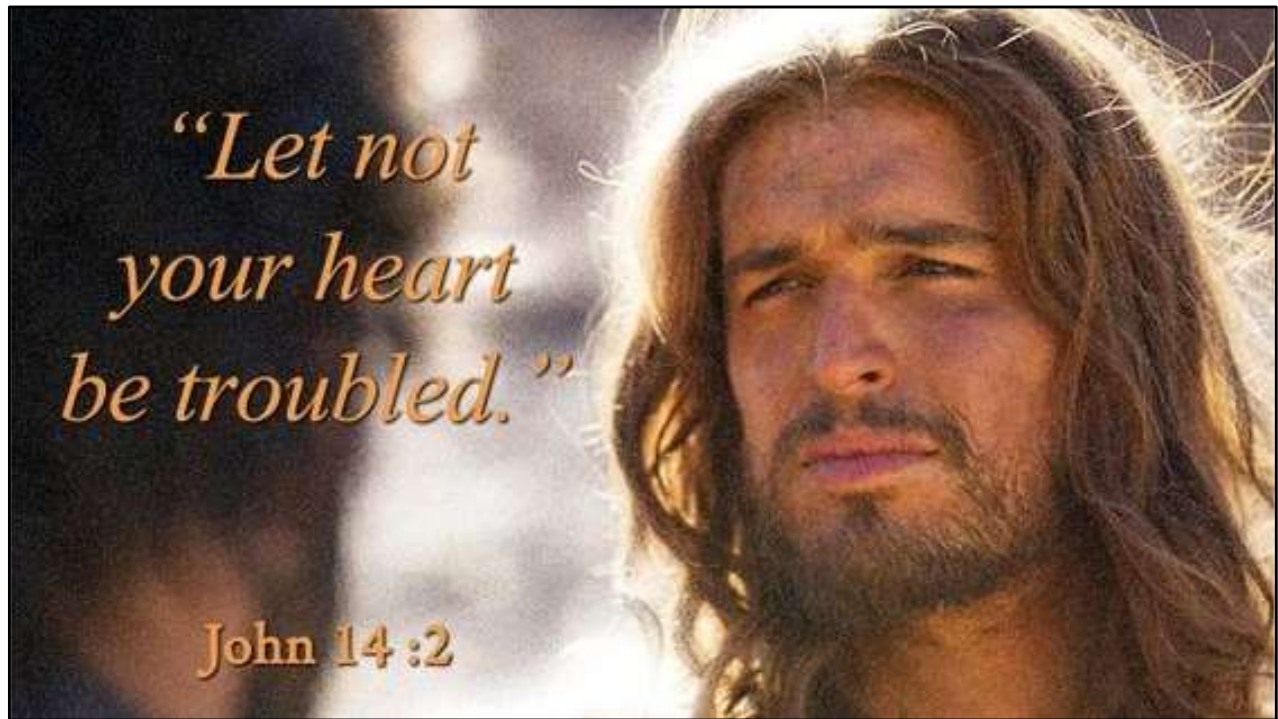
[Jas 1:14-15 NASB20] 14 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. 15 Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it has run its course, brings forth death.

Does Jesus ever ask us to do something He hasn't already addressed?

Jesus CAN tell us not to be troubled, because He took our troubles and buried them and then rose to give us a new day

“Do not let your heart . . .”

- † “believe in God, believe also in Me.”
- † Our hearts cannot be trusted!
- † Jesus tells us Not to be troubled!
But He was??!



They put the wrong verse. Its verse 1

After seeing His Love displayed, and His heart pierced. Whose Heart will you trust? Your deceitful and desperately wicked Heart or His?

Don't follow your heart! Surrender to his!

Troubled – Death and Fear of Death

† John 11:33 – Therefore when **Jesus** saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her [also] weeping, He was **deeply move in spirit and was troubled,**

† John 11 – **Lazarus' death. Death & fear of death.** Faithlessness breeds fear, hopelessness

3 chapters in a row, this is the 1st one, in the last days heading to the Cross, Jesus (Who is GOD) was TROUBLED! He took our trouble's! And resolved them so we can cast them on Him!

Jn.11 **Lazarus' death. Death and fear of death.** Faithlessness brings unnecessary despair. Mary at Jesus feet, "Lord, IF"!!

[Jhn 11:15 NASB20] 15 and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, **so that you may believe;** but let's go to him."

[Jhn 11:36-38 NASB20] 36 So the Jews were saying, "**See how He loved him!**" 37 But some of them said, "Could this man, who opened the eyes of the man who was blind, not have also kept this man from dying?" 38 **So Jesus, again being deeply moved within, came to the tomb.** Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.

[Heb 2:15 NASB20] 15 **and free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.**

[Psa 23:4 NASB20] 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of **death, I fear no evil,** for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

[1Pe 5:7 NASB20] 7 **having cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares about you.**

[Luk 21:34 NASB20] 34 "But be on your guard, so that your hearts will not be weighed

down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries[G3308] of life, and that this day will not come on you suddenly, like a trap;
[2Co 11:28 NASB20] 28 Apart from [such] external things, there is the daily pressure on me [of] concern[G3308] for all the churches.



Jesus dealt Death a deathblow

He took the cross and made it into a Ladder to Heaven!

He disarmed the devil and took his very own plan and used it to save His people and beat the devil to death (2nd death)!

[Heb 2:14-15 NASB20] 14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, **so that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,** 15 and free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

[Act 2:24 NASB20] 24 "**But God raised Him [from the dead,] putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power:**" (Death could Not hold Him!)

[Eph 2:13-17 NASB20] 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who previously were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 **For He Himself is our peace,** who made both [groups into] one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, 15 **by abolishing in His flesh the hostility, [which is] the Law [composed] of commandments [expressed] in ordinances,** so that in Himself He might make the two one new person, [in this way] establishing peace; 16 and **that**

He might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the hostility. 17 And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near;

[Rom 6:8-11 NASB20] 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all [time;] but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 So you too, consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

[1Co 15:3-4, 17, 19 NASB20] 3 For I handed down to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ... 17 and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. ... 19 If we have hoped in Christ only in this life, we are of all people most to be pitied.

In reality, **salvation was bought** not by Jesus' fist, but **by His nail-pierced hands**; not by muscle but **by love**; not by vengeance but **by forgiveness**; not by force but **by sacrifice**. Jesus Christ our Lord **surrendered in order that He might win**; He destroyed His enemies by dying for them and conquered death by allowing death to conquer Him."

AW Tozer

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[1Co 2:7-9 NASB20] 7 but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden [wisdom] which God predestined before the ages to our glory; 8 [the wisdom] **which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory**; 9 but just as it is written: "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND [WHICH] HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HUMAN HEART, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."

In other words, If the Devil had not crucified Jesus, we'd still be damned and doomed. Jesus used his plans against Him and for our good!

[Jhn 14:30 NASB20] 30 "I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in [regard to] Me,

Remember when Obi-wan Kenobi allowed himself to be killed.

Obi-Wan fights Darth Vader in A New Hope (Full sentence) "You can't win, Vader. If you strike me down, I shall become more powerful than you can possibly imagine."

Troubled – Bearing the sin of the World

† John 12:27 – “**Now My soul has become troubled**; and what am I to say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose, I came to this hour.” (satisfying the wrath of God, our sin)

† John 12 – **Jesus’ Death**. Sin and the wrath of God!

† God is Holy and HATES Sin, Yet bore them all!

Jn.12 **Jesus’ Death**. Bearing the sin of the world! Passion week, 6 days before **Passover**

[Heb 12:2-3 NASB20] 2 looking only at Jesus, the originator and perfecter of the faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, **so that you will not grow weary and lose heart**. [Psa 22:1 NASB20] 1 For the music director; upon Aijeleth Hashshahar. A Psalm of David. My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Far from my help are the words of my groaning.

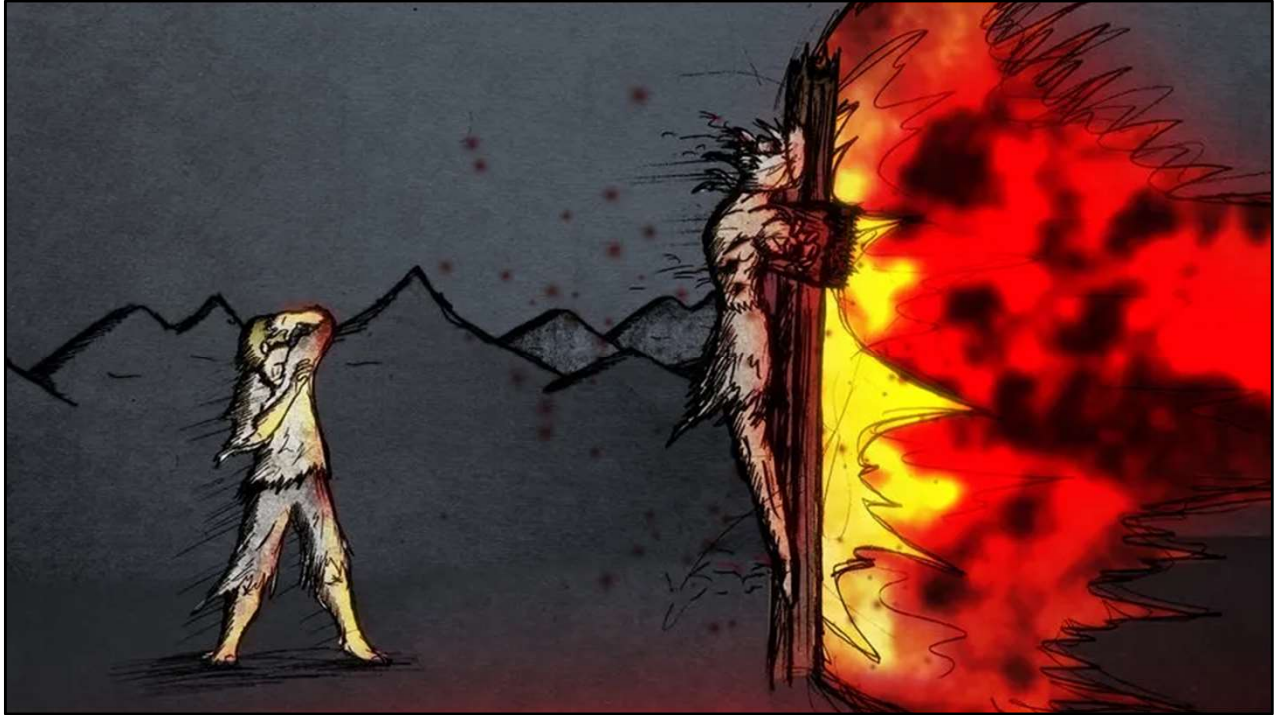
[Mat 27:46 NASB20] 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "ELI, ELI, LEMA SABAKTANEI?" that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"

[Luk 22:44 NASB20] 44 And being in agony, He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground].

[Isa 53:3-6 NASB20] 3 He was despised and abandoned by men, A man of great pain and familiar with sickness; And like one from whom [people] hide their faces, He was despised, and we had no regard for Him. 4 However, [it was] our sicknesses [that] He Himself bore, And our pains [that] He carried; Yet we ourselves assumed that He had been afflicted, Struck down by God, and humiliated. 5 But He was pierced for our offenses, He was crushed for our wrongdoings; The punishment for our well-being

[was laid] upon Him, And by His wounds we are healed. 6 All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the wrongdoing of us all To fall on Him.

[1Pe 2:24 NASB20] 24 and He Himself brought our sins in His body up on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; by His wounds you were healed.



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[1Jo 2:2 NASB20] 2 and **He Himself is the propitiation for our sins;** and not for ours only, but **also for [the sins of] the whole world.**

[Jhn 1:29 NASB20] 29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "**Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**

[2Co 5:21 NASB20] 21 **He made Him who knew no sin [to be] sin in our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**



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He took my Place So I could take His!

Troubled – Jesus/Love rejected?!

† John 13:21 – When Jesus had said these things, **He became troubled in spirit**, and testified and said, “Truly, truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me.”

† “**one of you will betray Me.**”

† **You can Kill love, But Love gets back up!**

So....3 chapters in a row, 11, 12, 13 in the last week or so of Jesus' incarnational ministry, passion week, **Jesus is TROUBLED!** Then tells us Not to be! What? Why? How?

Jn.13 Judas' Betrayal. **Love rejected!**

God who is Love, is Himself unloved by His own creation! By the Ones He sent His own son to die for?!

Love is a person and Love overrides and overrules! Jesus loved them to the End, but with Jesus there is NO end!

[Jhn 13:21 NASB20] 21 When Jesus had said these things, He became troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Truly, truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me."

[Job 5:19 NASB20] 19 "In six troubles He will save you; Even in seven, evil will not touch you.

[Psa 25:17 NASB20] 17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged; Bring me out of my distresses.

[Psa 31:7 NASB20] 7 I will rejoice and be glad in Your faithfulness, Because You have seen my misery; You have known the troubles of my soul,

[Psa 34:6 NASB20] 6 This wretched man cried out, and the LORD heard [him,] And saved him out of all his troubles.

[Psa 88:3 NASB20] 3 For my soul has had enough troubles, And my life has approached Sheol.

[Pro 21:23 NASB20] 23 One who guards his mouth and his tongue, Guards his soul from troubles.

[Isa 65:16 NASB20] 16 "Because the one who is blessed on the earth Will be blessed by the God of truth; And the one who swears [an oath] on the earth Will swear by the God of truth; Because the former troubles are forgotten, And because they are hidden from My sight!

THE GOSPEL IS THE ONLY STORY



WHERE THE HERO DIES FOR THE VILLAIN

**You're the Villain! You're the offender! The sinner! The rebel! The betrayer!
He took my crown and granted me his!**

Why a crown of thorns?

[Gen 3:17-19 NASB20] 17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; **Cursed is the ground because of you; With hard labor you shall eat [from] it All the days of your life.** 18 "**Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you;** Yet you shall eat the plants of the field; 19 **By the sweat of your face You shall eat bread, Until you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken;** For you are dust, And to dust you shall return."

[Isa 5:6 NASB20] 6 "I will lay it waste; It will not be pruned nor hoed, But briars and thorns will come up. I will also command the clouds not to rain on it."

[Jer 12:13 NASB20] 13 "They have sown wheat but have harvested thorns, They have strained themselves to no profit. So be ashamed of your produce Because of the fierce anger of the LORD."

[Mat 13:7 NASB20] 7 "Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out."

[Heb 6:8 NASB20] 8 but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being

cursed, and it ends up being burned.

[Rev 4:10-11 NASB20] 10 **the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne**, and they will worship Him who lives forever and ever, **and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,** 11 **"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."**

[Rev 19:12 NASB20] 12 **His eyes [are] a flame of fire, and on His head [are] many crowns; and He has a name written [on Him] which no one knows except Himself.**

My peace I give you

- † John 14:15 – “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”
- † 3 facets of Peace! With God, of and from!
- † John 14:27 – “**Peace I leave you, My peace I give you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, not fearful**”

In a world desperate to escape the tormenting guilt of their own self sabotaging sins, and the hopelessness of a sin cursed existence, people are drowning their shame, Fear, guilt and longing to fill the void that only God can, with substance abuse or worse yet self murder!

[Rom 5:1 NASB20] 1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

[Rom 5:9-10 NASB20] 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath [of God] through Him. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

[Isa 57:19-21 NASB20] 19 Creating the praise of the lips. Peace, peace to him who is far away and to him who is near," Says the LORD, "and I will heal him." 20 But the wicked are like the tossing sea, For it cannot be quiet, And its waters toss up refuse and mud. 21 "There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

[Phl 4:7 NASB20] 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

[Job 22:21 NASB20] 21 "Be reconciled with Him, and be at peace; Thereby good will come to you.

[Psa 85:8 NASB20] 8 I will hear what God the LORD will say; For He will speak peace to His people, to His godly ones; And may they not turn back to foolishness.

[Isa 26:3, 12 NASB20] 3 **"The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, Because he trusts in You.** ... 12 LORD, You will establish peace for us, Since You have also performed for us all our works.

[Isa 48:18, 22 NASB20] 18 "If only you had paid attention to My commandments! Then your well-being would have been like a river, And your righteousness like the waves of the sea. ... 22 "There is no peace for the wicked," says the LORD.

[Isa 57:19-21 NASB20] 19 Creating the praise of the lips. Peace, peace to him who is far away and to him who is near;" Says the LORD, "and I will heal him." 20 But the wicked are like the tossing sea, For it cannot be quiet, And its waters toss up refuse and mud. 21 "There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

[Luk 1:79 NASB20] 79 To shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace."

[Luk 2:14 NASB20] 14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among people with whom He is pleased."

[Jhn 14:27 NASB20] 27 "Peace I leave you, My peace I give you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, nor fearful.

[Jhn 16:33 NASB20] 33 "These things I have spoken to you so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

[Rom 5:1 NASB20] 1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

[Rom 8:6 NASB20] 6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,

[Rom 14:17 NASB20] 17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

[Rom 15:13 NASB20] 13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

[2Co 13:11 NASB20] 11 Finally, brothers [and sisters,] rejoice, mend your ways, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

[Gal 5:22 NASB20] 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

[Col 3:15 NASB20] 15 Let the peace of Christ, to which you were indeed called in one body, rule in your hearts; and be thankful.

[2Th 3:16 NASB20] 16 Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all!

[Heb 13:20 NASB20] 20 Now may the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, [that is,] Jesus our Lord,

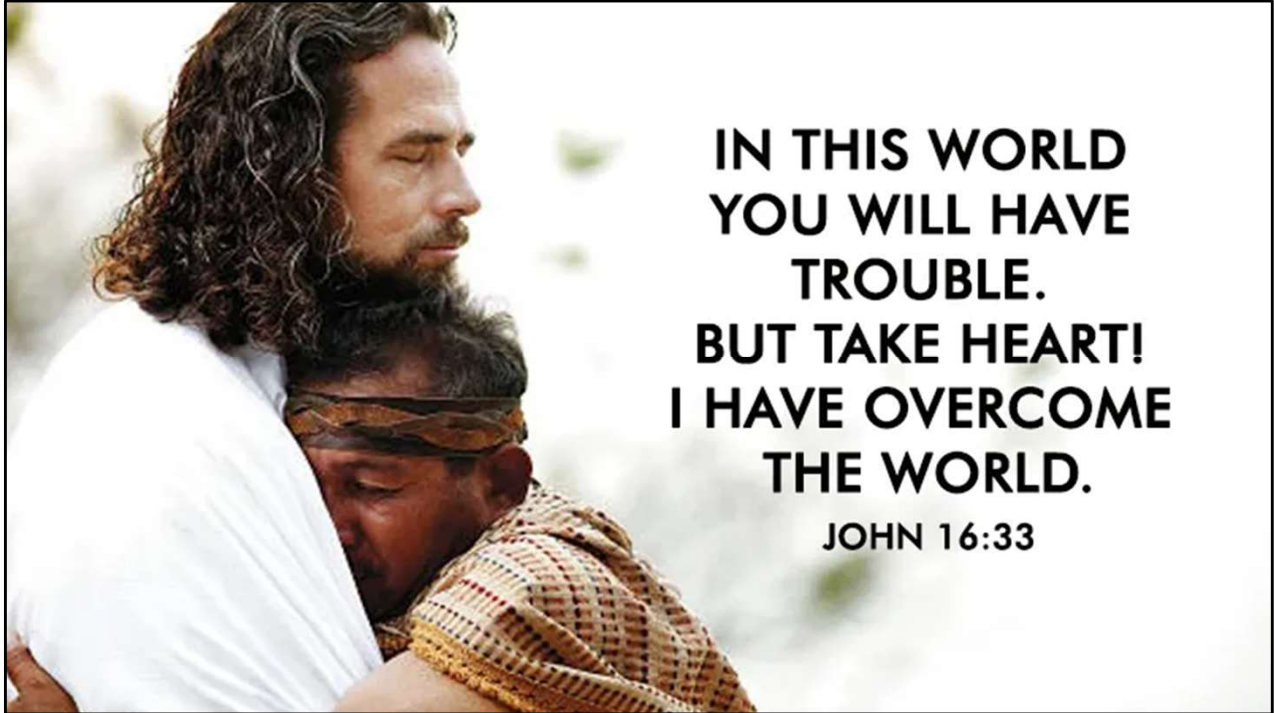
Eternal Peace from God

[Isa 9:6-7 NASB20] 6 For a Child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful

Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, **Prince of Peace**. 7 **There will be no end to the increase of [His] government or of peace On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore.** The zeal of the LORD of armies will accomplish this.

[Isa 9:4-5 NASB20] 4 For You will break the yoke of their burden and the staff on their shoulders, The rod of their oppressor, as at the battle of Midian. 5 For every boot of the marching warrior in the roar [of battle,] And cloak rolled in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire.

[Eze 37:26 NASB20] 26 "And I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will place them and multiply them, and set My sanctuary in their midst forever.



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[Eph 2:14-17 NASB20] 14 **For He Himself is our peace, who made both [groups into] one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, 15 by abolishing in His flesh the hostility,** [which is] the Law [composed] of commandments [expressed] in ordinances, **so that in Himself He might make the two one new person, [in this way] establishing peace; 16 and that He might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the hostility.** 17 And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near;

[Phl 4:7 NASB20] 7 **And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.**

[Col 1:20 NASB20] 20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, **having made peace through the blood of His cross.**

[Act 14:22 NASB20] 22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and [saying,] "**[It is] through many tribulations [that] we must**

enter the kingdom of God."

[Rom 8:36 NASB20] 36 Just as it is written: "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE KILLED ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE REGARDED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

[1Th 3:4 NASB20] 4 For even when we were with you, we [kept] telling you in advance that we were going to suffer affliction; and so it happened, as you know.

[2Ti 3:12 NASB20] 12 **Indeed, all who want to live in a godly way in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.**

[Heb 11:25 NASB20] 25 choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the temporary pleasures of sin,

[Job 5:7 NASB20] 7 **For man is born for trouble, As sparks fly upward.**

[Job 14:1 NASB20] 1 **"Man, who is born of woman, Is short-lived and full of turmoil.**

[Ecc 2:22 NASB20] 22 **For what does a person get in all his labor and in his striving with which he labors under the sun?**

[Ecc 5:17 NASB20] 17 **All his life [he] also eats in darkness with great irritation, sickness, and anger.**

**In this world
you will have trouble.
But take heart!**

I have overcome the world.

-John 16:33



[Rom 16:20 NASB20] 20 **The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.**

In the last 8-10 years, 2015. We have seen America Legalize Homosexuality, an abomination

Now we are seeing Schools corrupt our children about Gender confusion and hiring Drag queens while indoctrinating our children with Socialism and communism as our math rates drop to 20th or less! While hosting Stan clubs and preventing bible clubs
Were seeing states defund the police while letting murderers out on cash bail as low as \$1, permitting thieves to steal up to \$900 a visit, jailing people who defending themselves! and crime skyrocketing across the country

Were seeing Planned parenthood still murdering and profiting off the butchering of the most innocent lives amongst us! But also funding and perpetrating irreparable gender mutilation of minors!

Were legalizing Drugs while being overrun by Fentanyl!

Were legalizing gambling on the internet, local hotspots and in major sports and don't expect the disintegration of the family and honest competition?

Mental illness is increasing to escalating heights! 25% right now, 50% over lifetime!

PolyAmory, MAPS minor attracted persons and Zoophilia/bestiality are being little by little advocated as normal

A transgender girl shoots 6 in a Christian school and is called a victim?!!
Russia has attacked Ukraine, near half a million dead or wounded in a year
China is prepping, amassing weapons for WW and ready to attack Taiwan
Iran and its proxies are building a Nuclear weapon and harassing Israel!
More people are worried about global warming than the Biblical apocalypse!
A divided nation accused of systemic racism and yet the most desirable country in the world for every desperate refugee!?!?
Freedom of speech is being censored and persecuted If its biblical morality or the name of Jesus but protected if its vile
Drowning and insurmountable Debt that will crush our economy
All while Christianity is in decline and under persecution.

[Mat 12:25, 29 NASB20] 25 And knowing their thoughts, [Jesus] said to them, "**Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and no city or house divided against itself will stand.** ... 29 "Or, how can anyone enter the strong man's house and carry off his property, unless he first ties up the strong [man?] And then he will plunder his house.

<https://www.thebalancemoney.com/the-u-s-is-losing-its-competitive-advantage-3306225>

<https://worldtop20.org/2022-international-education-power-rankings/>

According to Mental Health America, **20.78% of adults in the U.S. were experiencing a mental illness in 2019-2020**, and 1 in 4 U.S. adults suffer from a diagnosable mental disorder at any given time such as major depression, bipolar disorder or dysthymia each year which can co-occur with substance use and anxiety disorders.⁰

More than 50% will be diagnosed with a mental illness or disorder at some point in their lifetime.³

<https://www.cdc.gov/mentalhealth/learn/index.htm>

<https://www.insurancejournal.com/news/national/2021/04/22/610924.htm> 20% of Americans are on mind altering drugs and rising!

Peace, be still!

- † An uncontested sinner – Thief on the Cross
- † A sadistic, pagan, oppressor, a Roman Centurion
- † A very Rich and Prominent man – Joseph of ...
- † An elitist self-righteous Pharisee - Nicodemus

[Mar 4:39 ESV] 39 And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "**Peace! Be still!**" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

[Mar 4:39 NASB20] 39 And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "**Hush, be still.**" And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm.

[Psa 46:10 NIV] 10 He says, "**Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.**"

[Psa 46:10 NASB20] 10 "Stop [striving] and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted on the earth."

[Zec 2:13 NIV] 13 Be still before the LORD, all mankind, because he has roused himself from his holy dwelling."

[Exo 14:13 NASB20] 13 But Moses said to the people, "**Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the LORD**, which He will perform for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again, ever.

[Exo 14:14 NASB20] 14 "The LORD will fight for you, **while you keep silent.**"

Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD KJV

"Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance NIV

As hope died, disciples fled, darkness crept over the land in the middle of the day, these 4 evidenced remarkable faith in a dying King and His kingdom! **3 likely paid a price**

for their evident faith!

The work of redemption is all Gods!

Wrap up by pointing out **the 4 men are representative.**

Like 4 minor "living" gospels!

1. A death row criminal, hours from death. 1st mocking Jesus but radically transformed in hours! A self acknowledged death row inmate deserving of death!
Guilty!! Lawless, selfish criminal
2. A blood thirsty, calloused pagan **Gentile who actually physically caused Jesus horrific suffering! A Violent man!**
3. An elitist ldr. of the Sanhedrin. **Prominent, Powerful, Rich, Righteous**
4. **The Teacher of Israel**, the late night, lingering late arriving Pharisee

I'll wrap up by pointing out the 4 men are representative.

the 4 men stand up when the Apostles Have disappeared, except John. They stand up as Jesus is dying or has died!

None of them were True, outspoken followers of Jesus until the day of crucifixion! 2 started the day mocking and killing Him! 2 were cowardly "Christians" until their Love could no longer be silent! At great risk!

3 of them had MUCH to risk/Lose, 1 had nothing to lose and everything to gain- the thief! 2 were facing death – the thief crucified and Joseph had already contracted someone to cut his tomb!

2 were timid and "secret believers" if believers at all until now. 2 were Not!

1 Was a Gentile/Pagan, 1 was a criminal, lowest of Jews, **1 was RICH and its easier for a camel...1 was a Teacher/leader and "good man" and only now is it clear who he loved.**

1 Cor:1:26 **Not many wise (Nic), mighty (Roman Centurion), noble were called.**

(Joseph – righteous/Pharisee)

And the Rich are hardest of all. Mt.19, Mk.10:25, Lk.18:25

[1Co 1:26-27 NASB20] 26 For consider your calling, brothers [and sisters,] that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; 27 but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong,

All of them were Impossible to Save! Especially by a messiah who was being killed and now unable to usher in the Kingdom heralded only 5 days ago! 2 Nations Jews and Romans/gentiles conspired to destroy an upstart King. In doing so they inaugurated the King of Kings and a Kingdom that replaced them both!

Likely In one day Jesus saved 2 Pharisees and a pagan gentile, wretched sinners, a Rich man and

2 or 3 men were saved the same day they encountered Him!

only 1 of these men we heard of more than once, we never hear from the rest again

1 of the 4 died that day

1 was gentile/pagan

2 were at the cross, 2 were at the tomb

Only 1 of them experienced all 3 facets of peace in the same day! The thief!

Deathbed conversion!

Nicodemus was the last of these to be mentioned, is it because the religious and self righteous are the hardest to reach? You have to know how lost you are, how broken before you count your self righteousness as Rubbish and trade it all for Christ! Phil.3 it also took him who knew scriptures and talked with Jesus, the longest to come to the truth! Jn.19:39 "Nic, who first came to him at night!"

Jesus is in the saving business! Even on His last day, in His weakest moment! and as His own disciples flee! Jesus is still calling men to himself!

2 talked with Jesus; 1 in Jn.3 the other on the cross, 2 talked with Pilate

1st it was the **thief**, Then the **centurion**, then **Joseph** the rich man, then the **Teacher Nic**?

Does this show us...

Nicodemus knew the most (bible and prophecies), biblically and Jesus personally!

Thief on the Cross - Started out insulting Christ, What changed his mind?? So dramatically? The Lord chose him with irresistible love. No one understood better (physically) what Christ was going through. 3 thieves reflect we have 3 crosses; Cross of rejection, cross of repentance, the cross of redemption. Jesus was in the "middle"? "Center"? "we are receiving what **we deserve** for our crimes but this man has **done nothing wrong**"! "Do you not even **fear God**"??? He had a front-row view!

Thief

Matt 27:44 And the rebels who had been crucified with Him were also insulting Him in the same way.

Lk.23:39-43 One of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!"

But the other responded, and rebuking him, said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

"And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our crimes; but this man has done nothing wrong."

And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!"

And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

Roman Centurion - " *Now as for the centurion and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the other things that were happening, they became extremely frightened and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"* scripture tells us of 3 Roman Centurions, all who showed faith in Jesus! Romans! **Pagans! Gentiles!** He did not likely know or care of the prophecies. Can we count 3 or more pharisees who believed? But stating this acknowledgment was vocal (no head bowing so no one can see) self-condemning, and uttered in Fear?! **A battled hardened veteran afraid of a dying jew? Wasn't Jesus condemned and crucified for declaring to be the son of God?! he is concurring! What did he see? What did his soldiers under his charge think or do? Did they hate him to seize an opportunity? He's likely seen thousands of crucifixion, what made this different?** Lk.7:2, Acts 10:1

Roman Centurion

Mat 27:45 Now from the sixth hour **darkness fell** upon all the land until the ninth hour.

Mat 27:46 And about **the ninth hour Jesus cried out** with a loud voice, saying, "ELI, ELI, LEMA SABAKTANEI?" that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"

Mat 27:50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and gave up His spirit.

Mat 27:51 And behold, **the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split.**

Mat 27:52 Also **the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;**

Mat 27:53 and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many.

Mt.27:54 "Now as for the centurion and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw **the earthquake and the other things** that were happening, they became **extremely frightened** and said, "**Truly this was the Son of God!**"

Joseph of Arimathea - all 4 gospel accounts mention him?!! Between them, **we learn he was Prominent, Powerful, Rich, Righteous**, "secret disciple for fear"! BUT Asking to bury Jesus will now **OUT HIM!** **In the End there is no such thing as a secret disciple! There cant be!** Didn't Jesus say rich people can't go to Heaven (commonly misheard!) is there a message in giving up your own tomb for Jesus to have??? What kind of faith is this that buries a Prophet who was not supposed to die? **The Other disciples said We thought he was the one! None of them asked for Jesus' body, they couldn't! They were ashamed in the shadows! Joseph and Nicodemus are mentioned by name, not the roman or thief?!** 2 of the counts mention

Joseph was "awaiting the Kingdom"! A Dead King???

Mat 27:57 Now when it was evening, **a rich man** from Arimathea came, named Joseph, who himself **had also become a disciple of Jesus.**

Mat 27:58 NASB20 - This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.

Mat 27:59 NASB20 - And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

Mat 27:60 NASB20 - and **laid it in his own new tomb**, which he had **cut out in the rock**; and he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away.

Mat 19:24 NASB20 - "And again I say to you, **it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.**"

Mar 15:43 Joseph of Arimathea came, **a prominent member of the Council**, who was himself **also waiting for the kingdom of God**; and he **gathered up courage** and went in before Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus.

Luk 23:50 And a man named Joseph, who was **a member of the Council, a good and righteous man** Luk 23:51 (he **had not consented to their plan and action**), a man

from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, **who was waiting for the kingdom of God--**

Jhn 19:38 Now after these things **Joseph of Arimathea**, being **a disciple of Jesus, but a secret one for fear of the Jews**, requested of Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate granted permission. So he came and took away His body.

Isa 51:1 "Listen to Me, you who pursue righteousness, Who seek the LORD: Look to the

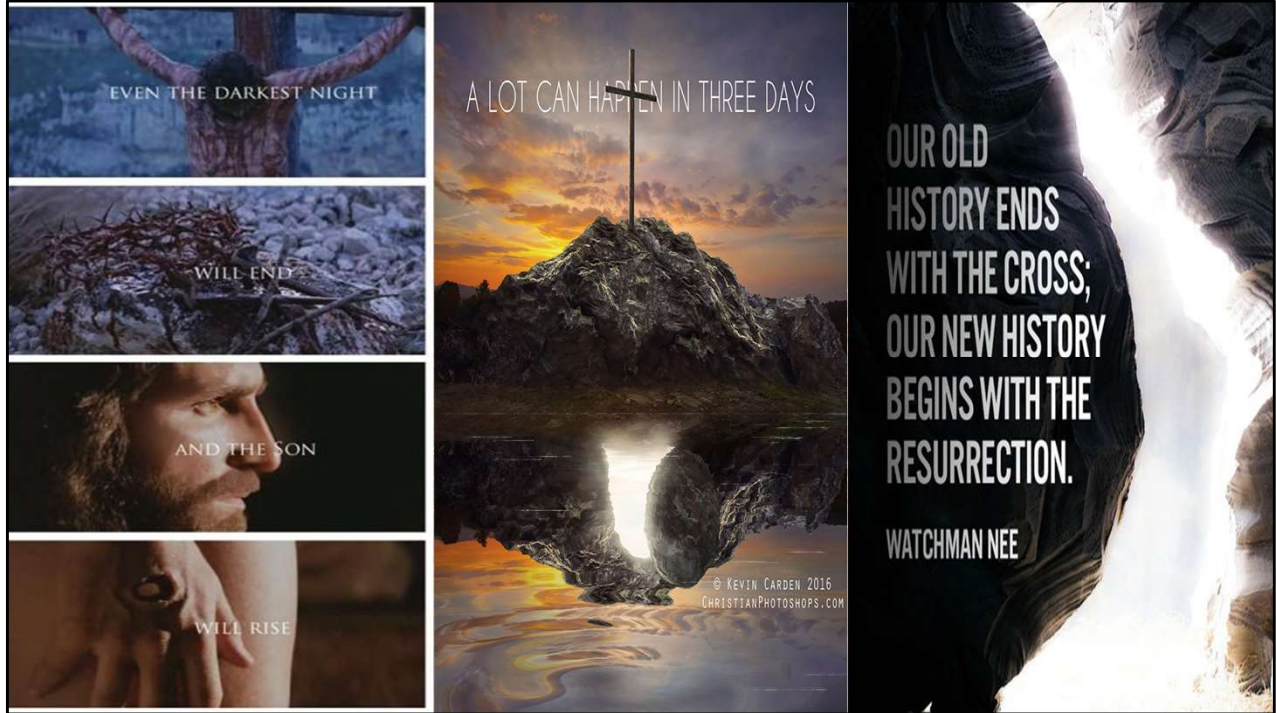
rock from which you were cut, And to the quarry from which you were dug."

Nicodemus - We see him at the beginning, middle and end of Johns' account! All in the dark! He was a member of the council too but what made him different is he was a teacher. Apparently, he and Joseph of Arimathea had talked, he joined him in burying Jesus! He bought 75 lbs of anointing spices? Isn't that overdoing it a bit? What happened to what the Wise men brought (frankincense and myrrh) and the years wages of perfume applied only a week ago?! Jn 12:1-8
Nicodemus

Jhn 3:1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, **a ruler of the Jews**;
Jhn 3:2 this man **came to Jesus at night** and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

Jhn 7:48 "Not one of the rulers or Pharisees has believed in Him, has he?
Jhn 7:50 Nicodemus (**the one who came to Him before, being one of them**) said to them,
Jhn 7:51 "Our Law does not judge the person unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing, does it?"
Jhn 7:52 They answered and said to him, "You are not from Galilee as well, are you? Examine the Scriptures, and see that no prophet arises out of Galilee."
Jhn 7:53 And everyone went to his home.

[Jhn 19:38 NASB20] 38 Now after these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but a secret [one] for fear of the Jews, requested of Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate granted permission. So he came and took away His body.
Jhn 19:39 Nicodemus, **who had first come to Him by night, also came**, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred litras weight.
Jhn 19:40 So they took the body of Jesus and **bound it** in linen wrappings with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.
Jhn 19:41 Now in the place where He was crucified **there was a garden, and in the garden was a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid**.
Jhn 19:42 Therefore because of the Jewish day of preparation, since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.



**Even the Darkest night
Will End
And the Son
Will Rise**

A lot can happen in 3 days!

**Our old history (past) ends with the Cross;
Our new History (eternal life, everlasting life) begins with the Resurrection/an
empty tomb!
Watchman Nee**

Another Helper

- † John 14:16 – “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, so that **He may be with you forever;**”
- † John 16:7 – “it is to your advantage that I am leaving; for if I do not leave, the Helper will not come to you”
- † I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU! Jesus, Heb 13:5

[Jhn 14:17, 20, 26, 28 NASB20] 17 [the Helper is] the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know [Him; but] you know Him because He remains with you and will be in you. ... 20 "**On that day you will know that I [am] in My Father, and you [are] in Me, and I in you.** ... 26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and remind you of all that I said to you. ... 28 "You heard that I said to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

[Jhn 16:7-13 NASB20] 7 "**But I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I am leaving; for if I do not leave, the Helper will not come to you;** but if I go, I will send Him to you. 8 "And He, when He comes, will convict the world regarding sin, and righteousness, and judgment: 9 regarding sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 and regarding righteousness, because I am going to the Father and **you no longer [are going to] see Me;** 11 and regarding judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. 12 "**I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear [them] at the present time.** 13 "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

[Heb 13:5 NASB20] 5 [Make sure that] your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER ABANDON YOU,"

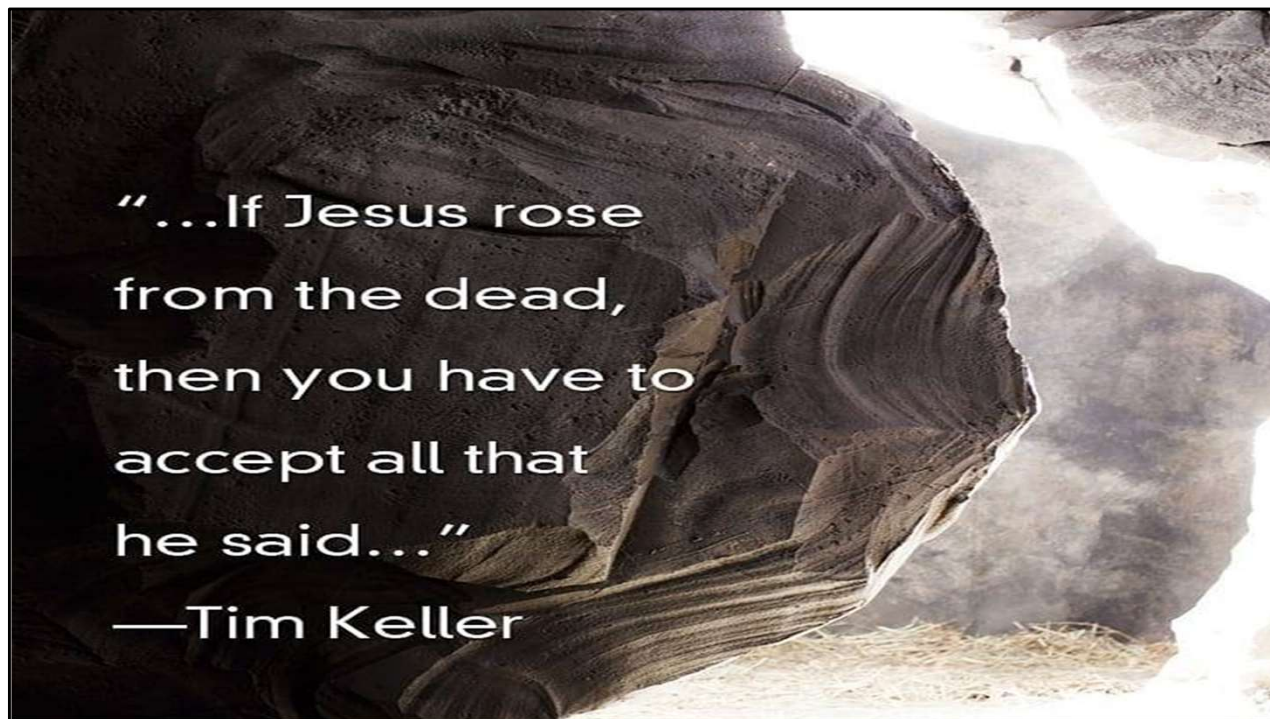
[Gen 28:15 NASB20] 15 "Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

[Deu 31:6, 8 NASB20] 6 "Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or in dread of them, for the LORD your God is the One who is going with you. He will not desert you or abandon you." ... 8 "And the LORD is the one who is going ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not desert you or abandon you. Do not fear and do not be dismayed."

[Jos 1:5 NASB20] 5 "No one will [be able to] oppose you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not desert you nor abandon you.

[1Sa 12:22 NASB20] 22 "For the LORD will not abandon His people on account of His great name, because the LORD has been pleased to make you a people for Himself.

[1Ch 28:20 NASB20] 20 Then David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and courageous, and act; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you nor forsake you until all the work for the service of the house of the LORD is finished.



[Jhn 16:4 NASB20] 4 "But these things I have spoken to you, so that when their hour comes, you may remember that I told you of them. However, I did not say these things to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

[Jhn 13:19 NASB20] 19 "From now on I am telling you before [it] happens, so that when it does happen, you may believe that I am [He.]

[Jhn 14:29 NASB20] 29 "And now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe.

[Isa 41:22-23 NASB20] 22 Let them bring [them] forward and declare to us what is going to take place; As for the former [events,] declare what they [were,] So that we may consider them and know their outcome. Or announce to us what is coming; 23 Declare the things that are going to come afterward, So that we may know that you are gods; Indeed, do good or evil, that we may be afraid and fear together.

Having put to death the hostility!

- † Jesus killed hostility, slayed death!
- † Jesus became sin that we might become right
- † He tabernacled in our flesh so we could live in His Mansion

Jesus killed hostility, defeated death!

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He tabernacled in our flesh so we could live in His Mansion

Jesus broke the seal of Rome and sealed our future

Jesus' tombstone became our cornerstone!

[Eph 2:15-16 NASB20] 15 by **abolishing in His flesh the hostility**, [which is] the Law [composed] of commandments [expressed] in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two one new person, [in this way] establishing peace; 16 and that He might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it **having put to death the hostility**.

[2Co 5:21 NASB20] 21 **He made Him who knew no sin [to be] sin in our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**

[Col 2:15 NASB20] 15 When **He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display [of them,] having triumphed over them through Him.**

[Mat 27:66 NASB20] 66 And they went and **made the tomb secure with the guard, sealing the stone.**

[Rev 5:1-5, 9, 12 NASB20] 1 I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a

scroll written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. 2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to break its seals?" 3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. 4 Then I [began] to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. 5 And one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome [so as to be able] to open the scroll and its seven seals." ... 9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the scroll and to break its seals; for You were slaughtered, and You purchased [people] for God with Your blood from every tribe, language, people, and nation. ... 12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power, wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing." [Dan 12:9 NASB20] 9 And he said, "Go [your way,] Daniel, for [these] words [will be] kept secret and sealed up until the end time.

[2Co 1:22 NASB20] 22 who also sealed us and gave [us] the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

[Eph 1:13 NASB20] 13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation--having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of the promise,

[Eph 4:30 NASB20] 30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

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- ✚ Jesus' tombstone became our cornerstone!

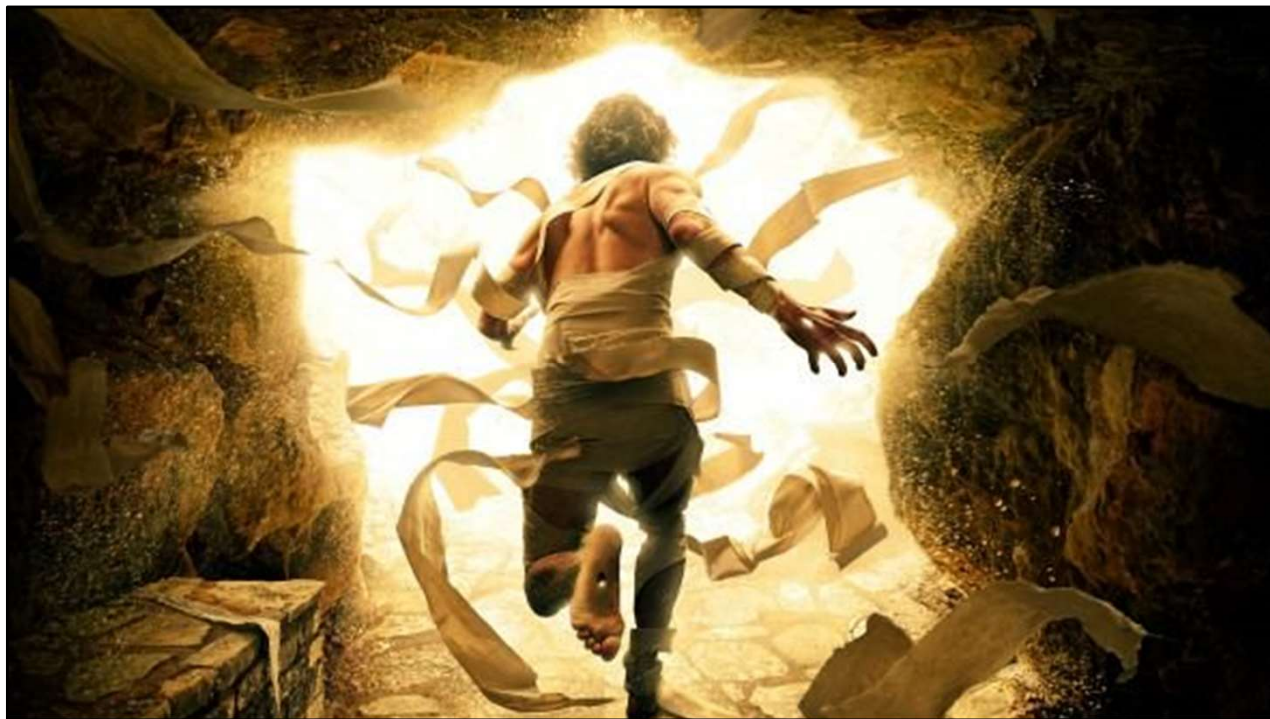
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- TIM KELLER



3 Chapters in a row – Jesus troubled

† John 11:33 – Therefore when Jesus was her weeping, and the Jews who came with her [also] weeping, **He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled,**

3 chapters in a row, in the last days heading to the Cross, Jesus (Who is GOD) was TROUBLED! He took our trouble's! And resolved them so we can cast them on Him!

Jn.11 **Lazarus' death. Death and fear of death.** Faithlessness brings unnecessary despair. Mary at Jesus feet, "Lord, IF"!!

[Jhn 11:15 NASB20] 15 and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, **so that you may believe**; but let's go to him."

[Jhn 11:36-38 NASB20] 36 So the Jews were saying, "**See how He loved him!**" 37 But some of them said, "Could this man, who opened the eyes of the man who was blind, not have also kept this man from dying?" 38 **So Jesus, again being deeply moved within, came to the tomb.** Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.

[Heb 2:15 NASB20] 15 **and free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.**

[Psa 23:4 NASB20] 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of **death, I fear no evil,** for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Jn.12 **Jesus' Death. Bearing the sin of the world! Passion week, 6 days before Passover**

[Heb 12:2-3 NASB20] 2 looking only at Jesus, the originator and perfecter of the faith,

who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, **so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.**

[Psa 22:1 NASB20] 1 For the music director; upon Aijeleth Hashshahar. A Psalm of David. My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Far from my help are the words of my groaning.

[Mat 27:46 NASB20] 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "ELI, ELI, LEMA SABAKTANEI?" that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"

[Luk 22:44 NASB20] 44 And being in agony, He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground].

[Isa 53:3-6 NASB20] 3 He was despised and abandoned by men, A man of great pain and familiar with sickness; And like one from whom [people] hide their faces, He was despised, and we had no regard for Him. 4 However, [it was] our sicknesses [that] He Himself bore, And our pains [that] He carried; Yet we ourselves assumed that He had been afflicted, Struck down by God, and humiliated. 5 But He was pierced for our offenses, He was crushed for our wrongdoings; The punishment for our well-being [was laid] upon Him, And by His wounds we are healed. 6 All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the wrongdoing of us all To fall on Him.

Jn.13 Judas' Betrayal. Love rejected!

[Jhn 13:21 NASB20] 21 When Jesus had said these things, He became troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Truly, truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me."

[Job 5:19 NASB20] 19 "In six troubles He will save you; Even in seven, evil will not touch you.

[Psa 25:17 NASB20] 17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged; Bring me out of my distresses.

[Psa 31:7 NASB20] 7 I will rejoice and be glad in Your faithfulness, Because You have seen my misery; You have known the troubles of my soul,

[Psa 34:6 NASB20] 6 This wretched man cried out, and the LORD heard [him,] And saved him out of all his troubles.

[Psa 88:3 NASB20] 3 For my soul has had enough troubles, And my life has approached Sheol.

[Pro 21:23 NASB20] 23 One who guards his mouth and his tongue, Guards his soul from troubles.

[Isa 65:16 NASB20] 16 "Because the one who is blessed on the earth Will be blessed by the God of truth; And the one who swears [an oath] on the earth Will swear by the God of truth; Because the former troubles are forgotten, And because they are hidden from My sight!

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