

THANK GOD HE DIED!

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TEXT:

Matthew 27:45-50 KJV

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. **46** And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? **47** Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias. **48** And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. **49** The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him. **50** Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

Matthew 27:45-50 CEV

45 At noon the sky turned dark and stayed that way until three o'clock. **46** Then about that time Jesus shouted, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" [g] which means, "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?" **47** Some of the people standing there heard Jesus and said, "He's calling for Elijah." [h] **48** One of them at once ran and grabbed a sponge. He soaked it in wine, then put it on a stick and held it up to Jesus. **49** Others said, "Wait! Let's see if Elijah will come [i] and save him." **50** Once again Jesus shouted, and then he died."

SUBJ: Thank GOD he DIED!

INTRO: I've shared my feelings about Resurrection Sunday many times before, how Resurrection Sunday and Christmas, are my two favorite days of ministry!

And the reason why they are my two favorite days of ministry, is because on these days, there's a more intentional emphasis placed on JESUS more than anything else!

(EXPOUND) See, any other time we come to church for fellowship, we're coming because we have a need OR we want GOD to do something for us!

(EXP#) See majority of the time when we come to church, We need a miracle; We need a breakthrough; We need a deliverance; We need a healing; We need a restoration; We need our family reconciled; We need some doors open; We need some ways made; We need overflows; We need the impossible to be made possible;

But on Resurrection Sunday, we come to church and it's not about what we need to be done, but it's about what JESUS has already done!

(NOTE: I think a lot times we forget, that what JESUS has already done for us, is the best thing he could ever do for us!)

There's Nothing else in this world that you can ask for, could ever compare, to what JESUS has already done for you!

(EXP#) Not the husband OR the wife you're asking GOD for!

(EXP#) Not the house OR the car you're asking GOD for!

(EXP#) Not the job OR promotion you're asking GOD for!

(EXP#) Not the healing OR deliverance OR Miracle you're asking GOD for!

(EXP#) Not the business you're asking for!

(EXP#) Not the millions of dollars you're asking for!

NOTHING CAN COMPARE TO WHAT JESUS HAS ALREADY DONE!

(EXP#) Not blessing you with a job, Not blessing you with a car, Not blessing you with a house, Not blessing you with a breakthrough, but best thing he could do for us was that he died!

(NOTE: HE DIED, HE DIED, HE DIED, HE DIED, AND THANK GOD HE DIED!)

(SONG) There's an old song called "Calvary!"

Calvary, Calvary. Surely He died on Calvary.

He died on Calvary!

But then to add icing on the cake, the Bible tells us in

Hebrews 12:2 KJV

Looking unto JESUS, the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

(EXPOUND) The icing on the cake, is he did it with Joy!

(QUESTION) How many of y'all are glad that JESUS, endured the cross and he did it with JOY?

(NOTE: If you're GLAD this morning, then you should open your mouth and shout, "THANK YOU JESUS"!)

(EXP#) Thank you JESUS, for dying for me!

(EXP#) Thank you JESUS, for saving me !

(EXP#) Thank you JESUS, for redeeming me!

(EXP#) Thank you JESUS, for restoring me!

(EXP#) Thank you JESUS, for covering me with your blood!

(EXP#) Thank you JESUS, for cleansing from all guilt and stain!

(EXP#) Thank you JESUS, for washing away all my sins!

Thank you JESUS! Thank you JESUS! Thank you JESUS! Thank you JESUS!

The Bible said, "Once again Jesus shouted, and then he died."

As I was praying and seeking GOD to give me what to say to his people today, he gave me a revelation and told me to tell the people that JESUS DIED and to explain what D.I.E.D. stands for!

BODY:

#1 The first letter in DIED is D, It stands for Defeated the Devil!

(EXPOUND) When HE DIED, he defeated the devil for you!

Colossians 2:15 KJV

And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Colossians 2:15 CEV

There Christ defeated all powers and forces. He let the whole world see them being led away as prisoners when he celebrated his victory.

(EXPOUND) The devil is defeated!

The Apostle Paul said in
1 Corinthians 15:55-57

55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(EXPOUND) He died and gave us victory over death!

#2 The second letter in DIED is I, It stands for Interceding for you!

(EXPOUND) When JESUS DIED for us, he interceded on our behalf!

Galatians 3:13 KJV

13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: 14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

(EXPOUND) He Interceded for us on the cross, so that we wouldn't miss out on the blessing from cross!

(NOTE: And the good news is, that he's interceding for us!)

Paul said in
Romans 8:34 KJV

Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Romans 8:34 NLT

Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

(EXPOUND) Just like he interceded for us 2000 years ago, he's still interceding for us today!

Thanks to JESUS, nothing can keep you away from GOD!

(EXP#) Nothing you do, can keep you away from GOD!

(EXP#) Nothing the Devil does, can keep you away from GOD!

JESUS gave us complete access to GOD!

Paul said

Ephesians 2:18 KJV

For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

(EXPOUND) And JESUS said, he is the truth, the way and the life! And no one can get to the GOD except through him!

1 John 2:2 KJV

And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

DEFINITION:

Propitiation - means to make someone pleased by giving something!

So, JESUS made GOD pleased with us, by giving up himself for us!

1 Timothy 2:5 KJV

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

#3 The third letter of the word DIED is E, It stands for Eternity with GOD!

(EXPOUND) When JESUS DIED for us, he gave us the way to live eternally with GOD!

John 3:16-17 KJV

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

(EXPOUND) Thank JESUS for dying because now we can live eternally with GOD!

Romans 6:23 KJV

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(EXPOUND) Thank you JESUS, Thank you JESUS, Thank you JESUS, Thank you JESUS!

For being the gift of GOD, that gave us eternity with GOD!

John 14:6 KJV

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh

unto the Father, but by me.

CONCLUSION:

#4 The FOURTH letter of the word DIED is D, It stands for Didn't stay Dead!

(EXPOUND) When JESUS DIED, he Didn't stay Dead!

Mark 16:5-6 KJV

5 And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. 6 And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

(EXPOUND) It makes sense to me know why JESUS said to Martha in

John 11:25-26

I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live!

Because he knew the grave couldn't hold him and death couldn't stop him!

1 Peter 3:18 KJV

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

1 Peter 3:18 NLT

Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit.

(EXPOUND) He's not dead, he's still alive

(NOTE: Now, that should be enough for you to thank you JESUS!) You really should be giving GOD some praise for that, right now!

(NOTE: That's enough for me to shout THANK GOD HE DIED!)