

I am busy reminding us of this vital message that I quoted a few years ago when I told you about this statement made famous by the great Missionary Hudson Taylor:

“Christ is either Lord of all, or is not Lord at all”

Over the next few weeks I want to look at this statement, and in my final sermon in this series I am going to ask the question: SO WHAT?? If I have managed to convince you of the significance of the quote of Hudson Taylor, WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS.

IN THE FIRST WEEK I asked the question **WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO REALISE THAT JESUS IS LORD OF ALL?** - Acts 10

For Peter it took a VISION FROM HEAVEN

For CORNELIUS it took being introduced to JESUS

For those with Peter from Joppa, it took the image of the coming of the Holy Spirit. PERHAPS GOD HAS SENT THE PANDEMIC TO POINT US TO HIM.

OR MAYBE SOMETHING WORSE IS COMING!!!

IN THE SECOND WEEK we looked at:

FIVE REASONS WHY I PREACH JESUS IS LORD

THE BIBLE DECLARES HIM LORD.

THE BIBLE SPOKE OF HIS LORDSHIP PROPHETICALLY.

HIS LORDSHIP OVERRIDES THE CREATION ORDER AND THE LAW.

HIS LORDSHIP GIVES HIM POWER TO SAVE.

THE DAY IS COMING WHEN EVERYBODY ELSE WILL CALL HIM LORD!!!

IN THE THIRD WEEK we looked at:

JESUS IS LORD OVER DEMONS

DEMONS ARE REAL

DEMONS HAVE A LEADER

DEMONS UNDERSTAND SPIRITUAL TRUTH

DEMONS OBEY JESUS.

IN THE FOURTH WEEK we looked at:

JESUS IS LORD OVER DISEASE

FIRSTLY, DISEASE IS DAMAGING.

1. DISEASE DAMAGES PHYSICALLY.
2. DISEASE DAMAGES EMOTIONALLY.
3. DISEASE DAMAGES SOCIALLY.
4. DISEASE DAMAGES SPIRITUALLY.
5. DISEASE DAMAGES FINANCIALLY.

SECONDLY, DISEASE IS DESTROYED BY JESUS.

1. THE DISEASE IS NOT DESTROYED BY THE WOMEN.
2. THE DISEASE IS DESTROYED BY JESUS.
3. NOT EVERY DISEASE IS DESTROYED

THIRDLY JESUS DESTROYED THE WORST DISEASE. = SIN

THIS WEEK I want us to look at the area where the LORDSHIP OF JESUS is the most important to us.

JESUS IS LORD OVER DEATH

DID YOU KNOW that the number one reason why 99.999999% of people who are no longer on earth is DEATH!!!

Only 2 people are mentioned, **Enoch and Elijah** are said in scripture to have been taken into heaven while still alive and not experiencing physical death

There is a joke that says, there are only two things on earth that everyone will have to face, and that is death and TAXES, and only one can be avoided, because Enoch and Elijah avoided death.

It's a fact that everybody here knows someone who has died.

It's a fact that everybody here will most likely face death at some point in our lives.

Did you know that two people die every second?

DEATH IS A SUBJECT YOU BETTER THINK ABOUT AT SOME POINT

Mark 5:21-24, 35-43 (NIV) Jesus Raises Jairus' daughter from the dead

v21 When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. v22 Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet v23 and pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." v24 So Jesus went with him.

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v35 While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher any more?" v36 Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believe." v37 He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. v38 When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. v39 He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." v40 But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. v41 He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). v42 Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. v43 He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

1) FIRSTLY, DEATH CAN COME AT ANY TIME.

1. DEATH HAS NO AGE LIMIT.

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"My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live."

The Greek word translated as "LITTLE GIRL" is only used here in the Scripture. It's a word of endearment. If we translated it directly, it would be "MY DAUGHTERLING".

Condolences to the Dale family at the death on a Grade 10 Learner Milisi Kolanti last week Wednesday.

Last week Friday I heard of Grade 7 Learner from Tyutyu Primary, Onwaba Dyanti, who had also passed away.

There is no greater pain than loosing a child.

If a parent dies you become an orphan

If a spouse dies you become a Widow or Widower

If a child dies YOU BECOME EMPTY

2. **DEATH IS NOT PREDICTABLE.**

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For a number of decades, the Life Expectancy of people was growing older and older.

(Worldwide)

In the 1960's you expected to live to 53

In the 1990's you expected to live to 65

In the 2020's you expected to live to 73

The BANG Covid came, and Life expectance dropped by at least 1.5 years

(South Africa)

Average life expectancy is 64.5

For women it is 68.1

For men it is 61.25

My grandfather 47

My father 56

My eldest brother 46

My second eldest brother 50

My mother 60

I DID NOT THINK I WOULD LIVE BEYOND 60

Mahatma Gandhi: Live each day as if it were your last. Learn as if you will live forever

Muhammad Ali: Live everyday as if it were your last because someday you are going to be right

3. **DEATH IS DEVASTATING.**

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Some of the things that face us at the time of death.

NUMBNESS - "Why bother the teacher any more?"

FEAR - "Don't be afraid;

GRIEF - v38 When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly

DISBELIEF - v40 But they laughed at him.

DEATH CAN COME AT ANY TIME

2) SECONDLY, DEATH IS NOT THE END

1. DEATH IS OFTEN DESCRIBED AS SLEEP IN THE BIBLE.

v39 He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? **The child is not dead but asleep.**"

Psalm 13:3 "Look on me and answer, O LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death;"

Psalms 90:5 "You sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning-"

John 11:11-13 'After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." v12 His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." v13 Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.'

It is sleep in the sense that it looks like your body is resting deeply.

There is a false teaching called "Soul-Sleep" taught by Jehovah-Witnesses, some Catholics, Christadelphians and some Seventh Day Adventist churches, that teach that once you die, your "Soul" enters a state of "Sleep" until the coming of Christ. They teach that believers go to "Paradise" and non-believers go to "Hades"

2. DEATH IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR JESUS TO SHINE.

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John 11:40-45 Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" v41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. v42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." v43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" v44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped

with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." v45 Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him.

The point of these stories is that NOT EVEN DEATH CAN HOLD BACK THE POWER OF GOD.

3. **THE RAISING OF THE DEAD WAS NOT THE ULTIMATE VICTORY.**

v42 Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. v43 He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Both the girl and Lazarus would eventually die again.

So far we have seen:

DEATH CAN COME AT ANY TIME **DEATH IS NOT THE END**

3) **THIRDLY JESUS DESTROYED DEATH.**

v42 Immediately the girl stood up and walked around

The message of this story was
JESUS HAS THE POWER TO OVERCOME DEATH.

Many of the Jews had a confused understanding about what happened after death.

The Pharisee taught that there was "Life after Death"
The Sadducees taught that there was no "Life after Death"

You can remember which was which because
They are called "Sad-you-see" because they had no "Life after Death"
They are called "Far-you-see" because they see beyond the GRAVE.

Even the disciples of Jesus were confused about Christ's power over death.

Mark 8:31-33 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. v32 He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. v33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

Mark 10:32-34 They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. v33 "We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, v34 who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise."

Mark 16:1-8 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. v2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb v3 and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" v4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. v5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. v6 "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. v7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' " v8 Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

One of the most significant reason why we can believe that the story of the resurrection is true is that the record of the first person to discover the resurrected Christ was a women.

NO SELF RESPECTING WRITER OF RELIGIOUS MATERIAL,
NORMALLY A MAN, WOULD GIVE THE CREDIT OF SUCH AN
IMPORTANT PART OF THE STORY TO A WOMEN.

SO FAR WE HAVE LEARNED THAT
DEATH CAN COME AT ANY TIME
DEATH IS NOT THE END
THIRDLY JESUS DESTROYED DEATH.

CONCLUSION

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DIE?

Hebrews 9:27 Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,
Luke 16:22-23 "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. v23 In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.

Luke 23:42-43 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." v43 Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. v7 We live by faith, not by sight. v8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. v9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. v10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.