

# JESUS - HIS DOWN TO EARTH MESSAGE

Luke 18:18-23; 10:25-29 (May 26, 2024)

...one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

23 When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy.

## Luke 10

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

27 He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbor as yourself."

28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

## I. THE GOSPEL

1. The ultimate purpose of Jesus’ incarnation: Giving the eternal life to those who would believe Him.

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:16-17

The Gospel: THE GOOD NEWS (euangelion) - eu (good) + angelos (message).

2. Jesus came to preach the good news and became the gospel.

1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. Mark 1:1

14 After John (Baptist John) was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" Mark 1:14-15

3. Jesus, the Second Adam, came as our representative.

10 For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. 11 So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God. 12 When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. 13 Yes, people sinned even before the law was given. But it was not counted as sin because there was not yet any law to break. 14 Still, everyone died - from the time of Adam to the time of Moses - even those who did not disobey an explicit commandment of God, as Adam did. Now Adam is a symbol, a representation of Christ, who was yet to come.

Romans 5:10-14

## II. CHRIST’S CALLING US TO THE GOSPEL

1. Our ultimate question: How to have eternal life

18 A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Luke 18:18 and 10:25

2. Two major reasons why people can’t inherit eternal life by their own effort

(1) Because of what they have. Everyone has something that they are not willing to give up no matter what. As long as they keep it to themselves, they cannot follow Christ.

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. 26 What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? Matthew 16:24-26

26 If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters - yes, even their own life - such a person cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:26

(2) Because of what they are not able to do. Everyone has limitation in loving others, let alone loving God. Unless people recognize and admit their total inability, they will seek their own ways instead of fully trusting Christ.

## III. GOD’S ULTIMATE MESSAGE FOR US: THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

What man can’t do, God can do - How? Through the Cross and Resurrection of Christ

27 ...What is impossible with man is possible with God. Luke 18:27

26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Ezekiel 36:26-27

## Questions for discussion

1. What do you think is the ultimate purpose of Jesus’ incarnation?
2. What does it mean to repent when Jesus said repent and believe the good news?
3. Why do you think we can’t obtain eternal life by our own effort?
4. What are the things that people are not willing to give up to follow Christ?
5. How does Jesus’ crucifixion have to do with our old life? In other words, what happened to our old life because of Jesus’ death on the cross?
6. What is the present ramification of Jesus’ resurrection in a Christian’s life?

## I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

- ( ) Membership 101
- ( ) Maturity 201
- ( ) Ministry 301
- ( ) Mission/Evangelism 401

## OTHER CLASSES

- ( ) Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
- ( ) Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
- ( ) How to do daily Quiet Time with God

## NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- ( ) I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.
- ( ) I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

## ANY OTHER QUESTION? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.

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