

Easter 2019
week 3
Taking The Gospel Out

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Questions To Ponder

- Are you really willing to be a witness for Jesus
 - What fears does it conjure
 - Do you believe God would ask that of you
- What does taking the Love of God and the Truth of God Looking like
- Who will you reach for Jesus

Recap – Week 1 Easter Sunday

- God's Assignment to man: Gen 1:28
 - Be fruitful and multiply
 - Fill the earth and Subdue it
 - Have dominion
- Man Falls and looses the ability to Subdue and have dominion
 - Genesis 9:- So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

Recap – Week 2 Sunday 5th May

- The Gospel was Jesus
- Jesus is Love 1 John for 7
- Jesus is Truth John 14:6
- Jesus is Light John 3:19

Week 3 – Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”



Witness

- You shall be Witnesses to me
- *Martys*
 - One who is a spectator in a contest
 - One who gives an account
 - One who after His example have proved the strength and genuine SS of their faith in Christ by undergoing a violent death.

Matthew 16:24-26 - Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”

Matthew 10:22 - And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.

2 Corinthians 4:8-12 - We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you.

Jesus is saying to the disciples – In taking my gospel out are you willing to be my witness even to the point of death

Are we willing to do that?

The Book of Job

The Brave-Hearted Gospel

The Gospel of Love

- Mercy
- Forgiveness
- Purity
- Acceptance
- Relationship
- Embracing
- Belonging

The Gospel of Truth

- Holiness
- Justice
- Righteousness
- Making pure (addressing sin)
- Sound doctrine
- Right Theology

John 3:16-17 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

John 3:18-19 - “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

The Gospel of Love and Truth

Jesus

*Who shines a Light into the darkness of our souls
And brings us into a relationship with Father God*

Taking The Gospel Out

**Reaching the poor, those in need, those
with no help**

Job 29

Job 29:7-17 - “When I went out to the gate by the city,
When I took my seat in the open square, The young
men saw me and hid, And the aged arose and stood;
The princes refrained from talking, And put their hand
on their mouth; The voice of nobles was hushed, And
their tongue stuck to the roof of their mouth. When
the ear heard, then it blessed me, And when the eye
saw, then it approved me;

Job 29

Because I delivered the poor who cried out, The fatherless and the one who had no helper. The blessing of a perishing man came upon me, And I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; My justice was like a robe and a turban. I was eyes to the blind, And I was feet to the lame. I was a father to the poor, And I searched out the case that I did not know. I broke the fangs of the wicked, And plucked the victim from his teeth.

Delivered

- Delivered - Malat
- To provide a way out
- New birth
- To Escape
- Not just a hand up, but a hand out

In Job's conscience, sins are not just wrong things people do, disobeying known laws of God or society; to omit to do good to any fellow human being, of whatever rank or class, would be a grievous offence to God." (Andersen)

Taking The Gospel Out Healing and Miracles

Acts 4

- Acts 4:13-17 - Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, saying,

Acts 4

“What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them is evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name.”

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