



April 6, 2025 Sermon Notes

Sermon:

“When The Wrong Lips Touch Your Face” The Conspiracy Of Killing Jesus Sermon Series Pt. 1

(Matthew 26:47-50 ESV)

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Sermon Text:

Matthew 26:47-50 ESV

While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. [48] Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." [49] And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. [50] Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him.

Background:

- In this 26th chapter of Matthew, Jesus tells his disciples that He will be crucified, and the Chief Priests gather at Caiaphas's house to plot, seize, and kill Jesus but they don't because of a big crowd! They you see, Jesus is at Simon the leper's house and a woman breaks her alabaster box to anoint Jesus with expensive perfume, then the disciples get mad, then Jesus tells them to leave her alone, and that she will always be remembered when the Gospel is preached. It was after this occurrence, that Judas decides to betray Jesus, and gets with the Chief priests who pay him 30 pieces of silver to betray him!
- Jesus calls out Judas about being the one that will betray the Savior, after saying He will have Passover at His house on the first day of Unleavened Bread, and Jesus knows it was Judas, and says to them "woe to the one that will betray me", and Judas pops up to Judas and says "Is It I, and Jesus said - "You have said so". Jesus has the last supper meal with His disciples, He explains the significance of the bread

and blood, He predicts that they will fall away, He says that Peter will deny Him three times, and then He goes to the Garden of Gethsemane. While in the Garden of Gethsemane, He takes with Him (Peter, James, & John), and then He goes to pray by himself, Jesus is emotional, He goes a little further, He prays for the keep to be removed, but He submits to God's will, praying this same prayed 3 times, while His disciples are sleep, telling them to watch and pray, so that they don't fall into temptation, but finally wakes them up, telling them it is time for Him to be betrayed!

- It is amazing what leads up to this betrayal, and how our Savior knew what would happen but He showed us grace and humility! He showed us what it means to submit to the Lord, and He showed us what it meant to follow the Lord, but Jesus stood up for the woman, Jesus still ministered while knowing that betrayal and death was imminent, and we see that those closest to you, can be the ones that hurt you the most! Jesus still prayed to the Lord, even while having to deal with His own struggles of faith, and His own struggles of knowing what was coming, He still showed us what it meant to have real love for the disciples, and do the will of God!
- The will of God is real, the will of God is important, and we understand that God's will isn't always easy to face and deal with and even handle, but when I'm in the will of the Lord, and when I'm following the Lord I know that the Lord does have the final say! The Lord has the final say, and the Lord will always take care of you, but can you pray in hurts, can you pray when you have been down, can you pray when you have been crushed, and can you pray when you have to go through the storm? Do you still trust the Lord in the storm, and do you still follow the Lord in the storm, or do you run away when it gets thick, but look at Jesus and you see that He didn't run away, even though He was emotional and sad, He knew that it was God's will, and His will always trumps my will, and I will choose to follow Him!

“The Deception Of The Kiss”

- Judas allows his emotions to get the best of him, because anger can be a dangerous thing, anger can make you make drastic and irrational decisions, and anger can make you make unhealthy choices! Anger was the catalyst for the betrayal, it was as if Judas allowed this moment of anger to block out morals, block out convictions, and block out the right conduct! Don't allow one disagreement, to make you reject years of love over a minister of frustration! But sadly, that's not the case with this episode because you see that Judas is the leader of the brigade!
- In this culture a greeting of a kiss wasn't something that had sexual overtones, but it was a friendly greeting, and it was a greeting of love, affection, kindness, and affection! Yet, it was Judas who said the one I kiss, that's the one to get, and it's the fact of how something that can be precious and innocent, now becomes deadly, and

it is the fact of what was in the kiss, what made this kiss one that was not like any other kiss, and what it had attached to it!

- Just because a kiss feels good doesn't mean it is good for you, because you don't know what a person is bringing to you, you don't know what a person has in them, and you don't know what a person's motives are! Be careful when people are so quick trying to get close to you, be careful when people want to take things to the next level so quickly and they don't know you and you don't know them, be careful when somebody calls themselves being affectionate to you and you already have a bad feeling!
- Judas sets up Jesus, it was an inside job and you know you never know who is having conversations about you, when you aren't there! You never know who is waiting for that right opportunity to catch you off guard, to catch you in a vulnerable state, and to catch you in a precarious position, they are waiting just to eat you alive! It wasn't anything good about this, and the tragedy is what happens when you take the money, but you set up the Master, and in doing that mayhem breaks out but it all started with a kiss!
- This kiss of death, because Judas attached his spirit to the kiss, he attached his scheme to the kiss, he attached his dark side to the kiss, he attached his animosity to the kiss, and he attached his revenge to the kiss!
- Judas gave Jesus the kiss, but it is the thing that we look at that we all have to also look at it because Judas points Jesus out, and Judas tells them to seize Jesus! Not only did Judas tell them who he will kiss, but then he told them to seize him because it was the people, Church elders, and others they all are here, but you know a person can hear years of Gospel and still be the opposite of what Jesus is saying, a person can be in the Church but does the word of God change you, and does the word of God redirect you! You can hear the word of God, you can hear about Jesus, and you might even learn about Jesus but still just because I'm around Jesus, doesn't mean I have allowed Jesus to really transform me, because what does my actions say about my relationship with Jesus!
- My relationship with Jesus, it ought to prohibit me from wanting to hurt people, it should make me not want to do people wrong, and it should make me not want to see people hurting! I shouldn't get joy and satisfaction in seeing people hurt, or even intentionally hurting people. I shouldn't want to see that not with my relationship with Jesus Christ, and because of my relationship with Jesus Christ I'm not in it or have a desire to hurt you, even if you hurt me! I don't have that desire, because you see in life that people that hurt people, eventually they'll get their own medicine and it will be better, and you can't avoid that, and you have to be careful how you do people!
- You have to watch who you team up, because everybody isn't good for you! There are people that will use you, not care about you but use you to get to the bigger

prize, there are people that will do whatever they can to use whoever they can when they have a different agenda, and a person has to understand be careful of getting in the wrong crowds because every crowd isn't a Godly crowd, every crowd isn't a moral crowd, and every crowd isn't the right crowd!

- The crowds will leave, and crowds will leave you and won't be there to pick you up after you make a mistake! You have to watch the crowds, but Judas didn't because he was in too deep, and sometimes when you get in too deep you can't get out unless it's something drastic, but once you go to the dark side there's no turning back unless you let the Lord do it, but that's why you have to be careful with your choices!
- Look at how Judas approaches Jesus, he comes to him like everything is good and that's when he plants the kiss on Jesus, but look at the fact that Judas gives him greetings, and still calls him "Rabbi". Rabbi in the Greek means - Honor, but you see in the text look at the approach that Judas plants on Jesus and tries to act as if everything is still cool, and it isn't like Jesus is oblivious to it, because already knew that Judas would betray Him! Judas just shows up without any kind of remorse, without any kind of shame, and just says I am here Rabbi, even though Jesus had already said it was coming, Judas kisses Him, but even though he kissed Him, he still just threw away everything that was sacred to him!
- You see that look at how Judas approaches Jesus, and you know this is what made this kiss more than just a regular kiss! The kiss made a hypocrite, the kiss made an evil plan become real, the kiss made a person tell Jesus how he really felt about Him, and you see that this kiss was the sign of evil, but this kiss was the kiss that made an opening and broke something special! It broke the code, it broke the spark, and it broke the relationship it broke a lot, because this wasn't something you can just forget what happened, but it happened, and then you see that here is the kiss but Judas did you really know what you were doing, Judas did you really know what you were doing, or did you think that you could just give a kiss and all would be forgotten?
- Just because you are toxic towards me, doesn't mean I will drink the drink that you drink, because I'm careful with how I handle myself and you, especially when the Lord is in control!

The Love Of Jesus To Judas:

- The word "friend" in the Greek means - Comrade and partner!
- Here is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, our Savior, the one that has now been betrayed, but look at what He calls Judas in this text (Friend), this is our Savior who teaches us a lesson! This is our Savior that gives an example, and gives us proof of what it means to really see what it means to move on, and what it means to really show love and not hold grudges! I know that our Savior had a reason to hold a

grudge, but He didn't and He shows us that love overtakes anger, love overtakes envy, and love overtakes being frustrated because when you have love, and when you show love you see that it isn't about holding grudges, but I'm not going to let that hold me down!

- **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. one said it like this: "Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend."**
- The real test of our Christian growth is can I still treat you right, and move on without trying to get even or give you a nasty attitude? That doesn't mean that it is easy, anybody can be honest that it hurts to be hurt, even though we hurt people ourselves at times, but it hurts to get wounded by people, it hurts to get betrayed by people, and it hurts to be thrown into the fire by people! It hurts when you expect people to be kind to you, when you expect people to not do you wrong and dirty, and when you expect people to be faithful to you but that's not always the case, and you notice how you will get tested when you look an enemy in the face!
- **"Can you still show love, and call somebody a friend even when you know they have been your enemy, and the cause of a tough season?"**
- You move on because you have to do what's best for you, you have to do what's best for your mental, emotional, and spiritual health, you move on for your physical health, you move on because you need to move on, and you can live! You might be living right now, but if you are still angry or hampered by resentment you aren't living, you aren't staying strong, and you aren't happy because you realize that you have to move on, and that's you can't let these things keep you down, or keep you in this same stupor but you have to make the decision to move on!
- You know when you look at friendship, friends are loyal, friends have a special bond, friends have a special communication, friends have a special connection, and friends have a love for each other because we know that when you have a friend that is a relationship that you keep! You know you can't replace strong friendships, you know that when you have great friendships you don't chance those relationships, and you don't tarnish those relationships, and when you follow the Lord you know that there are some people you don't let leave you, because of how much they mean to you!
- When you know that you have a friend like Jesus, and when you know that Jesus Christ is with you, you can't betray Him, and you understand that I'm sticking with Jesus, and when you stick with Jesus you know that Jesus is with you, and will lead you! Jesus is a friend that cleanses you, Jesus is a friend that refreshes you, Jesus is a friend that takes care of you, Jesus is a friend that will make a way for you, Jesus is a friend that will always help you, Jesus is a friend that will always shine on you, Jesus is a friend that will walk with through all different seasons, and Jesus will be with you when you have ups and downs! Jesus is a friend that is always there, and

because you have Jesus you know that He's a friend that is faithful, He's a friend that you can count on, and He's a friend that will never leave you nor forsake you!

This Week's Goals:

- Read Matthew 26!
- Pray for God to give you strength to forgive those who hurt you!

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April 13, 2025 Sermon Notes

Sermon:

“You Can’t Run From The Blood”

The Conspiracy Of Killing Jesus Sermon Series Pt. 2

(Matthew 27:22-26 ESV)

Sermon By: Pastor G. Chris Brown

Sermon Text:

Matthew 27:22-26 ESV

Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" [23] And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" [24] So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." [25] And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" [26] Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

Matthew 27:1-21 Background:

- Here we see that Jesus, was bound and led to Pilate the Governor after the Chief Priests & Elders finally got Him where they wanted him! Judas realizes he betrayed Jesus (innocent blood), and tries to give the 30 pieces of silver back but it wasn't received, and then he hung himself, then the Chief Priests took the money and called it blood money, and they bought the potter's field and named it "Field Of Blood", and we see that prophecy of Jeremiah was fulfilled and God directed it!
- Jesus gave no answer to Pilate and the Chief Priests, even after He told them "You have said so", after being asked if He was the King of the Jews! Jesus gave no answer, and the governor was amazed, and then the feast the governor had the option of releasing one criminal, and there was Jesus and then Barabbas who was a notorious and perpetual criminal, and Pilate gathered together and asked who they wanted to be released, but he knew out of spite, who they wanted! Pilate's wife came

to him, and told him about a strange dream that haunted her all day, and that not to mess with Jesus, and then the Chief Priests persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas, and the crowd asked for Barabbas!

- It's amazing isn't it, that you see that the crowd is influenced by those with negative attitudes, and you see that Jesus is the one who is the one that did God's work, and doing God's work will get you in trouble! Doing what the Lord wants you to do, will not always make people happy, but you have to see that you can't let the crowd make you do something wrong, and Jesus shows that I'm not bowing down to you! They feel like they got Him, but Jesus didn't even respond to them, and the tragedy of Judas, who now sees this wasn't right and this was my fault but now it's too late!
- Pilate is caught in the same boat, because he has now allowed the crowd to influence him as well, and now you see that his wife said leave Jesus alone! Pilate didn't do that, but he did his own thing, and now you see that the Chief Priests got everybody to turn on Jesus, and that's bad when you turn on somebody you don't even know, and that's why you have to be your own person, not try to be like others but you have to be your own person! You have to be you, and you can't be like others, but when you do be prepared and ready for the after effects, because you will see that yeah... you wanted to do this, and you did it but you don't know what you really did, and you don't realize just how much pain and sorrow you brought to yourself!

The Tragedy Of Failed Leadership & Crowd Influence:

- Look at Pilate now, Pilate has cowered down because of his wanting to maintain position he allows the Chief Priests & Elders to influence him, and go away from his morals! He knows what is right, he knows this isn't right, and he knows this isn't the right choice but he has allowed himself to be corrupted, he has allowed himself to be played a fiddle in their orchestra and not his own, and he has allowed himself to be used! He is the one that should have stood up, but he didn't do that, and now you see what happens when you don't stay up for what is right, and you see where that will lead you, and you see what will happen when you let the crowd influence you, more than you influence the crowd!
- A real leader has to stand up for what is right, a real leader has to do what is right, a real leader can't allow their leadership to be dictated by what the people want, because when the leader lets the people lead the leader, that's when the leader has no authority, and the leader loses all credibility! The Leader can't be afraid to lead, and there will be times that the leader has to lead in troubled waters, but when the leader keeps leading the ship forward some people might leave the ship but the ship keeps moving!
- The crowd isn't more important than morals, but the leader can't let the people handcuff the leadership! The leader can't allow the people to make decisions for them, but the leader has to do it, and the leader should be wise and discerning

enough to make the right decision, not the decision for status and the seat, because it's no good having a seat if you can be easily manipulated! It's no good having the seat if you allow yourself to be told what you will do, because the leader that is successful follows God, stands strong, and stands firm in convictions, but a leader that fails is when the leader doesn't follow the right morals and path!

- Pilate washes his hands in public to show everybody I have nothing to do with this, but you do because Pilate gave Jesus up to the crowd, and all the crowd did was say that they wanted Jesus to be crucified, and don't even know why! They just followed these Chief Priests & Elders, but they could have fear and intimidation, because they didn't want to be next so they just said let's "Crucify Him", and Pilate lets the crowd have Jesus even though he admits and acknowledges there has been no fault in Jesus! There has been nothing immoral or corrupt about Jesus, there has been nothing evil about Jesus, and there has been nothing that Jesus did that was wrong except challenge and break traditions but now you all want Him killed!
- Just because I want something doesn't mean I should obtain it before I get the facts, just because some people don't like a person doesn't mean I shouldn't like them without the facts, because sometimes people give you their story and not the complete story!
- Who has the most influence on you, what has the most power on you, and who has the most authority in your life because when you come to that decision, and when you figure that out that's how you will live, that's how you will function, and that's how you will grow but that's on you to see how you will operate and what you will do, when you have to step up, and when you have to be your own person! They voted for a crucifixion when the one they wanted to crucify is the one that gave them life!
- Pilate purchased a ticket to his own leadership death, his own personal regret, and his own battle of indecision! He purchased the ticket and now he has to live with it, and oh that's the other thing about some stuff that we do that if you were coherent to make the decision, then you have to live with it after it comes and you can't stop living with it but you have to live with it, and you have to embrace your own decision, because nobody else made it but you!
- Can you live with the decision that you made, the decision that you made did you really pray about it, did you really seek God before you did it, or did you just choose to do it! You look at what Pilate did, we as people sometimes have a lot of Pilate tendencies in us as well because we can make decisions that don't even suit us and don't even resemble us but we make the choices because we don't always think, we don't always use sound judgment, and we don't always listen to the right voice! We listen to a voice but it isn't always the right voice, and now you see that when you don't listen to the right voice the acts when a person can get caught up, and that's when a person can go down the wrong path because of the wrong voice!

- Pilate gets messed up, and then instead of arguing with the crowd it was Pilate that just finally just gave up, and Pilate let the crowd have it and he went away! That's the tragedy, Pilate gave up and gave in to the crowd but that was when the crowd needed a leader, but you see that the crowd of course got riled up because of influence but they talked to the crowd, and now Pilate bows out but is still involved, still apart of this, and still in it!
- Pilate got warnings but didn't listen to the warnings, and didn't follow the warnings but Pilate was more concerned with status than purity! Yet, Pilate you're in it deeply with the same people that wanted Jesus, and Pilate you have now this stain on your name, you have this stain on your heart, you have this stain on your leadership tenure now because you want to get it off of you but it is permanently on you, you want to move on from it but it is still on you, and will still be brought up, and you have to know that because you see what happens when don't do the right thing!
- You will find yourself alone at times when you do the right things, and when you desire to do the right things that's when there are times that you have to do it alone! The crowd has the Chief Priests and Elders with them, but look at Pilate he is all by himself, and that's when you are in it because you do have two options, you can go with the crowd or you can be your own person! You can go with the crowd but be lost and stuck in the mud, or you can be your own person and avoid the stain of the wrong choice, and do what is wrong but press on and be your own person, and when you are your own person, you might not be respected or liked but at least you can live with yourself!

The Blood Travels:

- Look at what Pilate does, because Pilate did this as a public demonstration that I don't have anything to do with this, but you know the crowd looks at and says his blood be on us all and our children! Pilate you have everything to do with it, because you see that Pilate still gave the crowd Barabbas, and when Jesus was delivered He was scourged, and this scorching was a Roman cruelty practice that was a whip, that had bone and metal on it, so that when it hit a body it would tear through skin and tissue, and it would expose bones and intestines! It is said that the Romans scourged Jesus so bad, that He wouldn't have been able to live past sundown while He was hanging on the cross!
- Look at Pilate who now is saying I am innocent of this man's blood, but Pilate that's a lie you are just as much responsible and you know we look at our world in this same way, that our world is in bad shape! Our world is in peril, and you have people washing hands thinking that they are innocent but no you are responsible, because when we see injustice and don't speak up the blood is on our hands, when we see that people are still being hurt and we don't speak up the blood is on our hands, we can look at people that are being left behind, and if we don't say anything or help

them then the blood is on our hands! The blood is still there, and the blood doesn't leave especially when we see how life is, when we see how life can be crazy, and how life can be immoral, we have to be able to keep on speaking, because we see that there is blood that is alive!

- You look at our lives, and we see that racism is prevalent because we see that racism is a form of blood on the hands! Racism is something that can be cold, can be mean, can be upsetting, can be unpleasant, can be deadly, and can be violent because you look at racism and you see the danger of it, because you see that we let political parties divide us, we let neighborhoods divide us, we let school systems divide us, and we allow social status divide us to where it is negative words, negative comments, and negative thoughts! We have teachers in classrooms speaking racist rhetoric, we have political commentators making racist comments on television, we have parents teaching racism to kids, we have kids who are spewing out racist rhetoric day and night, and we see that racism is still around and even shows up in pulpits because people have blood on them because they are apart of the problem!
- Look at our current political climate, the blood is still on their hands, you see that this current administration has cut funding to various universities! These universities have been told that they can't have any funding, while standing up for justice and fighting injustice and now we have a President and cabinet that has cut this funding to try to keep people stuck in a box, but that's another problem because how can you cut educational funding just because people don't agree with policies! You see that there are public schools not getting the same treatment as private schools, especially in certain areas particularly urban areas and we see that the blood is still on the hands!
- You can't run from the blood that you helped cause to bleed out but it is also about taking care of the right things, and doing the right things! The problem as well, when we see that there is hunger in Africa that we can't ignore, there are parents that are struggling with mental health and physical issues, and yet we keep seeing healthcare being cut and can't you see that the blood is still on the hands! That's a word even for our youth, that we see that youth are dying across the country, and one of the main reasons is that we see that there is bullying that is all around us, and kids are dying because of being teased, being picked on for whether they heir height, their clothes, their shoes, their voice, or even where they live and you see that these kids are hanging themselves or shooting themselves with a gun, it is the blood that is still on the hands, and that blood is still making a loud call saying I haven't gone anywhere!
- The blood isn't going to leave just because you want it to be, but you know we should be thankful for the blood that was shed! The blood that was shed was blood that gave us a new life, this blood gave us hope, this blood is blood that made us feel complete, this blood is blood that uplifted us, this blood is blood that cleansed us,

this blood is blood that is like fuel for a car, it keeps you going, it keeps you pushing, and it keeps stable but it never runs out! We should always be glad for the blood that was shed for us, and we should be glad that the blood was shed for us, and that the blood has never lost power, but it reignites us everyday because the blood lives, the blood works, and the blood is never out of touch!

- Pilate I know you gave up innocent blood to evil people, but I want to tell you that the blood will still give you another chance and redemption! It's good to know that the blood is for all, and can't you see that Pilate is doing what he can to wash the blood off, but Pilate this blood will make you live, this blood will wipe your slate clean, this blood will give you an acquittal, this blood will be like a football it will get you in the endzone, this blood is like being in the sunshine it gives you the right vitamins, this blood is like fruit because it is a good antioxidant! This blood is blood that hits the game winner, that cleans and wipes away the sin stain, and this blood is blood that has never lost power or dried up!
- The thing is when you make a mistake, own up to it, and don't run from it but embrace it! You have to own the mistake, because that's what Pilate didn't do is that he didn't own the mistake, but he tried to run away from it but you know you can't do that, you can't take your hands off of it now after you were in the foxhole!
- Thank you Lord for the blood, and you know that's why I love the blood and I love where the blood came from! It makes me say that I love Jesus, I want Jesus, and I need Jesus because His blood is working, His blood is everlasting, His blood is refreshing, His blood is flowing, His blood is special, His blood is a blessing, His blood is stimulating, His blood is exhilarating, and His blood is larger than life because His blood covers everything!

This Week's Goals:

- Read Matthew 27!

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April 20, 2025 Sermon Notes

Sermon:

“I’m Not Where I Used To Be”

The Conspiracy Of Killing Jesus Sermon Series Pt. 3

(Matthew 28:5-6 ESV)

Sermon By: Pastor G. Chris Brown

Sermon Text:

Matthew 28:5-6 ESV

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. [6] He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

Matthew 28:1-4 Background:

- Here is this text, because it was on the first day of the week that there was Mary Magdalene, Mary the Mother of James, and Salome and it was said that this was the Jewish Sabbath, also known as the Passover-sabbath in which Jesus was resurrected. Then there was an earthquake that occurred, and then an angel of the Lord descended from Heaven and came and rolled the stone away and sat on it, and then Jesus whose appearance like lightning and clothing was white as snow, and then great fear came before the guards and they became like dead men.
- Here is the power of the Lord at work, and it is the blessing and joy of the Lord at work that we see that even though these guards are all around it was still the appearance of the Lord that made a powerful impact. Can't you see that, and this ought to let us know that when the Lord appears and when the Lord shows up that there's going to be an appearance unlike anything we have ever seen, and when we know that the Lord is real there's a power and an ability to tell the story that Jesus is here!
- We aren't without vision, and we aren't without hope because we know that Jesus is alive! No matter what you experience Jesus is alive, and we know that Jesus is alive and because we know that we have this Savior life is real, life is meaningful, life is

special, and life is important because the Savior lives. Keep the faith, keep your hope alive, and keep your belief knowing that we have a living Savior and that we are here because we know that the Lord hasn't abandoned us but because the Lord is on our side we know that the Lord is alive and real.

The Tomb Is Empty:

- Jesus went through a difficult day, Jesus went through a bloody day, Jesus went through a brutal day, Jesus went through a horrific day, and Jesus went through a devastating day! Jesus went through this kind of day, and we know that it was truthful and it was real because the text lets us know that Jesus was crucified, and the crucifixion was a dreary experience, it was a horrendous experience, and it was a dreadful day! It was that kind of day, it wasn't the best day, and it wasn't a day that you would expect but you still see that it was the Savior, who still took the punishment for us, and still went through this brutality for us!
- We all have to face that reality, and that reality isn't something to be mad about but you ought to embrace it! Just because you are in trouble doesn't mean that life is over, just because you get some bad news doesn't mean life is over, and just because you have some wounds from life doesn't mean that it is over but your storms are what made you who you are, your storms made you bounce back, and your storms made you not stop holding on to the right faith! Just because I'm down doesn't mean I'm done, but I might be down, I might be in this, and I might be flustered and frustrated, but then you look at me and you see that I'm still here, I'm still going on, and I'm still living but I had to go through a crazy day in order to get here!
- I know that you can go through different ups bad downs but did you forget who the Savior is, I know that sometimes it feels like you are at your breaking point but did you forget who your Savior is, I know that sometimes it feels like it is always a problem or that you are always going through the different period of life but don't forget who Jesus is. Don't forget what Jesus means to you, don't forget that Jesus has all power, and don't forget that Jesus is the one that has no limits so why should I allow myself to forget that or lose hope, knowing that I still have Jesus, and that the Lord will surely take care of me! I know that I have been down, or even have had a bad day but I know that the Lord has all the power, and I haven't forgotten that the Lord is still in control, and that I know there's a resurrection day coming!
- You aren't what you used to be, and the reason you aren't that way anymore is because there's been a change and a shift in you! When you see this text, it is a reminder to all of us that you should be glad that the tomb and the weight of the stone isn't more powerful than Jesus, and it also ought to make you glad that you have seen in your life, and you have witnessed in your life that the Lord has removed some tombs from your life as well! We all know about how the Lord will

remove some tombs from our lives, because we all know how it feels to be in the tombs, and we all know how it feels to feel like you are on lockdown, and feel like you are restricted because life can send you to a tomb!

- Have you ever felt like you were in the tomb, you wake up and feel like you are in the tomb, you go to work and feel like you are in the tomb, you cook breakfast and you feel like you are in the tomb, you go to the doctor's office and feel like you are in the tomb, and you can go to school and feel like you are in the tomb! You might not be in the tomb physically, but mentally, emotionally, and spiritually it can feel like you are in the tomb, you can feel like you are in the dark, you can feel like I don't feel me anymore, I don't feel happy, I'm living but I'm not happy, I'm smiling but I'm not happy, I'm here but I'm tearing down on the inside! Just because I look good on the outside, I sound good on the outside, and I can present myself without any problems on the outside but on the inside I'm a wreck, I'm discombobulated, and I'm depleted!
- The tomb can be a lonely place, and the tomb can be a hard place, and the tomb can be a strenuous place! You have been there and I have been there, but then when the time is coming to get out of the tomb you ought to get out of it, because there should be something in you that says I'm tired of feeling like this, I'm tired of being depressed, I'm tired of being despondent, I'm tired of being in this tomb, and I'm tired of going through these same feelings because I've been in the tomb too long!
- I have been in it too long, and now you see that with the chance and with the opportunity, I'm getting out of it because I have authority, and you know when you stay close to Jesus it is something about the Lord giving authority, and it is something about how the Lord will do it, because I don't know what others might do, but I do know what I will do because I'm tired of being in the tomb, and I'm tired of being frustrated, I'm tired of feeling like this, and I'm tired of being like this, and because of that I'm getting up and I'm getting out!
- There are no limits to what the Lord will do, there are no limits to how the Lord has and how the Lord can bring you through and pick you up, because you know that the Lord has no limits, and the Lord has all power! It is the key to faith, and it is the power of faith and you know faith lives when it is connected to the right source, faith will walk with you through the valley, faith will walk with you in tough times, faith will walk with you in difficult times, faith will walk with you when all you can do is depend on the Lord, when all you can do is really trust on the Lord, and believe that the Lord will work it out! Faith tells me and faith reminds me that the tomb isn't my final destination, but it is a necessary place for my faith to grow, and for my faith to increase I need a tomb experience!
- You need a tomb experience, because you stop trying to be independent in the tomb, you stop trying to have all of the answers in the tomb, you stop trying to be the one that can't ask for help, and you stop trying to be out of the will of God, but it is the

tomb you don't have a choice but to rely on the Lord! It is in the tomb, that you begin to see things differently and clearer, but it is the tomb that we knew Jesus had to go to, it's His assignment, it's His life, it's His mission, and it is His purpose! He was born to go to the tomb, He preached to go to the tomb, He taught to go to the tomb, and He loved to go to the tomb, this was the mission and the Gospel of Christ and thank God, that our Savior fulfilled!

- Jesus always has a word, and even now Jesus is speaking a word to us to remind us to hold on and hang in there because it isn't over yet, and to not quit but be reminded that something is on the way! Jesus kept His word, and you do know when our Savior speaks, it is something about knowing that because He speaks we know that He is speaking affirmation, He is speaking words that we can hold on to, He is speaking words that we can depend on, because Jesus will never speak a word that He won't be able to follow through on! When Jesus speaks a word, He will follow through on it, and that's why I know that I'm going to be able to rise and I have seen the Lord do it before, and I know the Messiah is able to rise and able to let me rise as well!
- The word of God reminds me that God is there, so when the storms of life come, when problems come, and even when tough seasons come I'm not down if I don't choose to stay down, because I know that the word of God is with me! I'm still here, I'm going to comeback, and I'm going to overcome and the reason I'm going to overcome is because I have the word of God in my life and in my heart, and it travels with me, it is there when I need it, when I get puzzled, when I get flabbergasted, when I get difficult news, and when I get upset even I still know that the word of God travels with me, and because the word of God travels with me and I know that I will make it and get up because of where the word came from!

Don't Forget What Jesus Said:

- Look at the text, and you see that the angel who is the messenger of God reminds Mary Magdalene and Mary to not fear because Jesus did what He said, and not only did He do what He said He would do, but no also see that where he was is empty! Where He was is empty, where He was is no longer occupied, and where He was is no longer necessary to see but you do need to see some evidence, and the evidence is that He isn't there, and if He was there we wouldn't believe it, but thank God that the evidence speaks for itself, that evidence is that He did died but He isn't dead anymore! The evidence displays that the Savior is alive, the evidence speaks for itself that He is no longer bound but that He is risen, and that is the hope that we have and that we know is real, that our Savior lives!
- Don't forget what He said, don't forget that His words are real, and don't forget that His words never fade away, and His words aren't delusional but His words are real! The words of the Lord will always show up, the words of the Lord will show up

when you have pain from a physical ailment, pain from an emotional decision, or pain from a hard time but the word of the Lord will be there, and the word of the Lord will definitely come through, the word of the Lord will be with you when nothing else gives you comfort! The word of the Lord will give you comfort, the word of the Lord will give you strength, the word of the Lord will brighten your heart, brighten up your mind, and brighten up your life no matter what it is the word of the Lord works!

- The word of the Lord works, the word of the Lord never fails, and the word of the Lord will always come through for us because we know who the author is! When we know who the author is, when we know the author we know that His words don't lie, His words don't contradict themselves, and His words won't ever fail us! No matter what happens we can trust His words, it was His words that made the world, it was His words that made the stars, it was His words that made the oceans, it was His words that made the mountains, it was His words that made the pavement, it was His words that made the wood, it was His words that made the fish, it was His words that made the moon, it was His words that made male and female, and it was His words that made us believe in Him!
- The Lord always has a word for us, and the Lord will never abandon us but we know that the Lord is there! The Lord will always be there, and we shouldn't forget that the Lord is always there and you can see that as long as I have the Lord I know that I will make it, and you know it's good to know that Jesus loves us enough that He rose! Jesus did get up for us, Jesus did arise for us, Jesus did it all for us, and Jesus paid it all for us, but my hope is built on an empty tomb, my worship is built on an empty tomb, my prayer is built on an empty tomb, my life is built on an empty tomb, my heart is built on an empty tomb, and my soul is built on an empty tomb because that tomb brings me closer to the Lord, and that tomb is why I have this joy that I have because of an empty tomb!
- You can't put Him back in the tomb, and you can't find another Jesus because this Jesus is a once in a lifetime Jesus, this Jesus is a Jesus that you can't replace, this Jesus is a Jesus that you can say there's nobody like the Jesus that I have! There is nobody that is wonderful like Jesus, there is nobody merciful like Jesus, there is nobody powerful like Jesus, there is nobody gracious like Jesus, there is nobody compassionate like Jesus, there is nobody benevolent like Jesus, and there is nobody generous like Jesus, and you just can't find anybody like Jesus because He walks with me, He talks with me, He completes me, and He loves me and I love Him!
- The words of God will make you believe, that's why we don't have anything to fear!
- The Lord always speaks a word that makes us hang in there, the Lord always speaks a word that will make my heart encouraged, the Lord always speaks a word that will encourage my home, encourage my mind, encourage my family, and encourage me to keep going! You know that's what the word of the Lord will do, is

that we will be encouraged because as much as we go through, it is good to know that the Lord has never abandoned us, and you know there can always be problems around us but we know that God will keep us!

- One of these days the Lord is coming back, and when you know that the Lord is coming back, it makes you glad that you know that the Lord will be returning, and I'm glad that I will always praise Him because He is worthy to be praised, and because I know that He is coming back and I know that He is with me, and that He will never leave me or forsake me, and I'm glad that He lives!

This Week's Goals:

- Read Matthew 28!

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