

“He Must Rise Again From the Dead” John 20:1-31 5/19/24

Today, we’d like to see the title of “He Must Rise Again From the Dead” in John 20:1-31.

To the souls on this Online Word *through MP3 or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we’d like to suggest the 3 expositional Questions. (**Maranatha Worship Songs**_____

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Q1. In verse 9, “For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead,” what does it mean in the context? And what can we learn from here?

Q2. In verse 19, “Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, ‘Peace *be* with you,’” explain the difference between Jesus’ resurrected body and Lazarus’ body turned back from the dead? And what can we learn from here?

Q3. In verse 23, “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained,” what does it mean? And how can we apply it to our lives?

(Background for context of this text on Daily Bible Reading and Studying Weekly Book Basis)

In the last time, in John 19:41-42, “Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴²So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews’ Preparation *Day*, for the tomb was nearby,” the place where He was crucified was Golgotha. There was a garden, In the garden, a new tomb was there, called as today the garden tomb adjacent to Golgotha, on the Passover day or the Jews’ Preparation Day for the Sabbath the first day of the feast of unleavened bread which began the Friday evening at sunset in Jews’ calendar. Jesus was dead.

TEXT: NKJV [KJV]

Inductive Explanation in context & syntax

¹Now the first *day* of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw *that* the stone had been taken away from the tomb.

¹= (The 1st day of the week was Sunday, early still dark near to sunrise in Roman calendar or our calendar. Mary of Magdalene or Mary Magdalene out of whom Jesus had cast 7 demons was able to live a free life from the demons-possessed life. She went to the tomb with other Mary named ladies, like previously the eye witnesses to Jesus on cross. In reading the various gospels, it seems chronologically concerning the resurrection day (1) Mary Magdalene saw the empty tomb; (2) She told Peter and John about it; (3) John and Peter saw the empty tomb and left; (4) Mary Magdalene met Jesus as well as shortly other ladies met Jesus; (5) the ladies worshiped Jesus; (6) Jesus met 2 disciples toward Emmaus; (7) Jesus appeared to disciples in the evening, etc. *Mark 16:9; Mat 28:1; Mat 28:9; John 19:25¹*)

¹ *Mark 16:9* Now when *He* rose early on the first *day* of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons; *Mat 28:1* Now after the Sabbath, as the first *day* of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb; *Mat 28:9* And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, “Rejoice!” So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him ; *John 19:25* Now there stood

² Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." ³ Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. ⁴ So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first.

⁵ And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying *there*; yet he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. ⁹ For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.

2= (John the author described himself "the other disciple, whom Jesus loved." Every Christian may convict himself or herself very special to Jesus because each Christian is one of His own special people and also each Christian's soul is much more valuable than the whole world. *1 Peter 2:9; Mark 8:36²*)

5-7= (The linen cloths were lying around Jesus' body. And the handkerchief around his head was folded by itself. It's a circumstantial or indirect evidence because a grave robber wouldn't do so in order, supporting Jesus' bodily resurrection.)

8= (The other disciple, John, saw it and believed Jesus' resurrection)

9=Q1 (Until then, Peter and John did not know the Scripture that He must rise again from the dead. Until then, they were slow of heart to believe His resurrection. The Scripture says (1) Jesus's death bore everyone's sin; (2) Jesus' resurrection - not leave His soul in Sheol or Hades, in corruption, through messianic psalm of David & Peter's sermon on the Pentecost; Jesus' teaching (a) to go to Jerusalem for His death and raising up the 3rd day; (b) to destroy this temple, and in 3 days and to raise it up for the temple as His body, during cleaning the merchandising temple; (c) the sign of the prophet Jonah as the Son of Man to be 3 days and 3 nights in the heart of the earth; (3) Jesus' bodily resurrection is the key to the principles of doctrine of Christ, the gospel of Christ, or to become a born again Christian because (1) the gospel of Christ is His death for our sins and His rising again the 3rd day, according to the scripture and (2) without His resurrection or without His victory over the death power held by Satan, every Christian would be still in each sin. So, His bodily resurrection, not symbolic resurrection, is the key for the gospel of Christ, along with His death for our sin. *Luke 24:25; Isaiah 53:12; 1 John 2:2; Psalm 16:8-11; Acts 2:23-27; Mat 16:21; John 2:19-21; Mat 12:39-40; 1 Cor 15:3-4; 1 Cor 15:17³*)

by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

² *1 Peter 2:9* But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; *Mark 8:36* For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

³ *Luke 24:25* Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!; *Isaiah 53:12* Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors; *1 John 2:2* And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and

¹⁰ Then the disciples went away again to their own homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down *and looked* into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. ¹³ Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."

¹⁴ Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing *there*, and did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

10-13= (The disciples went home, but Mary of Magdalene wept and looked into the tomb, seeing 2 angels who asked her why she was weeping. She answered they took away her Lord. Even though He had been dead for 3 days as far as Mary was concerned, He was still her Lord because she was forgiven much, like a sinner's anointing oil to Jesus' feet, and so she loved Him much. Jesus cast away the 7 demons from her who in response and in gratitude committed her life to Him, fully, joyfully, in tremendous love. And although He had been crucified, she stood there and yet He's still her Lord, as we should learn whatsoever circumstances. *Luke 7:37, 47^d*)

14= (Her tears were blurring her visions in early morning, that she did not recognize Jesus who was standing there.)

not for ours only but also for the whole world; *Psalms 16:8-11* I have set the LORD always before me; Because *He is* at my right hand I shall not be moved. ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. ¹⁰ For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. ¹¹ You will show me the path of life;

In Your presence *is* fullness of joy; At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore; *Acts 2:23-27* Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; ²⁴ whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. ²⁵ For David says concerning Him: 'I foresaw the LORD always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. ²⁶ Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. ²⁷ For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption; *Mat 16:21* From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day; *John 2:19-21* Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But He was speaking of the temple of His body; *Mat 12:39-40* But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰ For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth; *1 Cor 15:3-4* For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures; *1 Cor 15:17* And if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* futile; you are still in your sins!

⁴ *Luke 7:37, 47³⁷* And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that *Jesus* sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, ⁴⁷ Therefore I say to you, her sins, which *are* many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loves little."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.' "

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and *that* He had spoken these things to her.

¹⁹ Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you." ²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

²¹ So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

16-17= (When Jesus called her "Mary," she recognized Him as Jesus the teacher. So, Mary was blessed to become the 1st eyewitness of His resurrection. However, Jesus said, "Don't cling to Me for I have not yet ascended to My Father, but go and tell the disciples that I'm risen." Jesus did not want to delay at the tomb because during 40 days before Jesus' ascension He had to present Himself many infallible proofs and to teach the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. *Acts 1:3⁵*)

18= (Mary Magdalene first was commissioned to share the glorious gospel of the resurrection by Jesus. Shortly Jesus met other ladies and they worshipped Him.)

19=Q2 (In the evening, Jesus appeared in a room of which its doors were shut. where the disciples were assembled in the fear of the Jews. So, Jesus' resurrected body was unique different from Lazarus's flesh and blood when he came back to his life. Also, Jesus' resurrected body was not subject to die again but to live forever, not subject to the law of nature. He was not mere a ghost or an unclothed spirit but He has flesh and bones with His wounded hands and feet. Also He was able to be touched and to eat a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. *Luke 24:37-42; 2 Cor 5:4⁶*)

21= (Jesus said "Peace to you." Peace can come only from the ruling of the Holy Spirit because the fruit of the Spirit is agape love of which one attribute is peace. So, Jesus said "Receive the Holy Spirit" in verse 22. As the Father has sent Me, I also send you. As Jesus went about all Galilee, He taught, preached, and healed among the people, His disciples or His followers should do so within the scope of His authority. (1) When Jesus had received the sour wine, Jesus said, "It is finished." And then He gave up His spirit. His mission coming from the Fater was finished, completed, no anything else needed other than the Scripture which testifies of Jesus. (2) All authority was given to Jesus in heaven and on

⁵ *Acts 1:3* to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

⁶ *Luke 24:37-42* But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. ³⁸ And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."⁴⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. ⁴¹ But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" ⁴² So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb; *2 Cor 5:4* For we who are in *this* tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life.

²² And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained.” ²⁴ Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

earth. Then, His disciples were commissioned to make disciples with baptism and to teach them to observe all things. (3) A disciple is not above his teacher Jesus but everyone may become mature like his teacher Jesus’ image. So, the disciples or any followers of Jesus have the privilege to share the words of God in gospel or in Scripture with others, coming from God, only within the scope of His authority. However, any ministry outside of His authority is not allowed, e.g., a preacher of any other gospel is accursed. *Mat 4:23; John 19:30; Mat 28:18-20; Luke 6:40; Gal 1:8⁷*)

22= (Jesus told His disciples to receive the Holy Spirit. Then the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, dwelled with each of them, and later on the Pentecost every believer in whom the Holy Spirit would dwell forever. It reminds us to minister, walk, or live for God, we all Christians need to be led, controlled, or ruled by the Spirit, not by our own flesh works or efforts. *John 14:16-17; Acts 2:1-4⁸*)

23=Q3 (Sin is against God, according to God’s words, and thus only God can forgive sin. That means the disciples did not have the authority to forgive sin but Jesus gave them the privilege to declare to others what God’s word has to say, e.g., to those who repent their sins and believed in the Lord Jesus Christ the Savior, the disciples may declare as “your sins are forgiven,” within the authority of Jesus to whom God the Father has given all authority in heaven and on earth, practically the Scripture. So, I or any Christian can say to others according to the Scripture, either your sins forgiven or your sins not forgiven. That’s the basis for the Biblical counseling unlike other human counsels. *Mark 2:4-7; Psalm 51:1,4⁹*)

⁷ *Mat 4:23* And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people; *John 19:30* So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit; *Mat 28:18-20* And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen; *Luke 6:40* A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher; *Gal 1:8* But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

⁸ *John 14:16-17* And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you; *Acts 2:1-4* When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁹ *Mark 2:4-7* And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.” ⁶ And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this *Man* speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”; *Psalm 51:1,4¹* Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. ⁴ Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done *this* evil in Your sight— That You may be found just when You speak, *And* blameless when You judge.

²⁵ The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." ²⁶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed."

³⁰ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that

25= (Thomas had a twin brother or sister we really don't know. He confessed his unbelief until he saw the print of the nails and touched it. Previously on the way of dead Lazarus' home, Thomas the one of His 12 disciples didn't hesitate to follow Jesus at the risk of death, but here he was reluctant to believe His resurrection. Later after Jesus' ascension he prayed with the other disciples in the upper room at Jerusalem. His doubt led to a question. The question led to an answer through searching, here Jesus' appearance to him or the Scripture, And the answer was accepted in heart by him or he believed it. The doubt without search leads to stubbornness which hinders your belief. *John 11:14-16; Acts 1:13; John 5:39¹⁰*)

28= (Thomas acknowledged Jesus as his Lord and God. Jesus is the perfect Man as well as the perfect God – the creator of the worlds, the brightness of His glory, His Son, and all natures of God, i.e., one of trinity God. Whoever denies Jesus' deity is against the principles of the doctrine of Christ. *Heb 1:2-8; John 1:1, 14¹¹*)

29= (Until Thomas saw His resurrection, he did not believe it. Here, unbelief makes you a miserable life, not joyful life by faith. The longer time unbelief life you live, the longer miserable life you live. Further, the things of seen worlds were made by the words of God the invisible things. So, those who do not believe the invisible things unless those see even the invisible things are much less blessed than those who have not seen the invisible things and yet have believed even the invisible things, e.g., love, joy, faith, kingdom of heaven, ... a lot of invisible things. *Heb 11:3; 1 Peter 1:8¹²*)

30-31 = (On the gospel of John, John wrote only 7 signs among many other signs in the presence of His disciples which even the world itself could not contain. All on the gospel of John is what we need for the purpose of the belief that Jesus is the Christ, one who ordained or confirmed by God the Father, here as the Son of God for

¹⁰ *John 11:14-16* Then Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him." ¹⁶ Then Thomas, who is called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him."; *Acts 1:13* And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James *the son of Alphaeus* and Simon the Zealot; and Judas *the son of James*; *John 5:39* You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

¹¹ *Heb 1:2-8* has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; ³ who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. ⁵ For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"? And again: "I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son"? ⁶ But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him." ⁷ And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire." ⁸ But to the Son *He* says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom; *John 1:1, 14* 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹² *Heb 11:3* By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible; *1 Peter 1:8* whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory.

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| believing you may have life in His name | everlasting life in Jesus' name. Unbelief is often based upon prejudice relying upon others' biased opinions about Jesus or Scripture, not upon personally thoroughly searching the Scripture and its relevancy, like Pilate. Everyone is exhorted to read the gospel of John to transform yourself into the image of Christ. God's word will not return void. Note even if you are a minister to deliver the word of God to others, you are not only to deliver it to others but also should transform your life with it as the witness to Christ. <i>Heb 1:5 (supra); John 21:25; Isaiah 55:10-11; John 18:33-34¹³</i> |
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Note: Most Christians say the Bible is important, but rarely study every word in the Bible and commit it to the Lord. So, it's better to study it and live accordingly after the Spirit for the Lord (2 Tim 2:15). This online word for global crusade in effect develops from the expositional sermon (KJV), into spiritual transformation in daily love fellowship with the Lord throughout the Bible Study (NKJV) -- *All Scripture Expository Study from verse by verse Inductive Studies* -- of which application is the Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, closer to the image of Christ. We think that "Any human opinion is not really important rather than what God says. So, the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible per se. But the opinion to make us understand God's Word is acceptable (2 Corinthians 10:5)." Further, for the application, a life or spiritual experience might be helpful to understand how to apply an understood word in the text column, but it is temperately used like Paul, because nobody should think above that literal experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jer 23:28; Ne 8:8).

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Thank you everybody. Come to Jesus!

¹³ *Heb 1:5 (supra); John 21:25* And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen; *Isaiah 55:10-11* "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, ¹¹ So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it; *John 18:33-34* Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?"

European Union Mission

The conviction was handed down on October 28, 2023.

In 2023, during Paul's footsteps mission tour and evangelism, several significant observations were made: Firstly, English emerged as the predominant language among people in the European Union (EU). Secondly, despite a rich Christian history, there are relatively few Christians in the midst of a post-Christian culture. Thirdly, it was noted that upon sharing the words of God, many individuals displayed unexpected curiosity or interest. Lastly, leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) tools, the dissemination of God's words can be accelerated significantly, aligning with the prophecy of Daniel 12:4b, "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

These findings serve as a compelling motivation for us, as debtors of Jesus' love, to endeavor to spread the entirety of God's words throughout the EU whenever providence allows.

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"He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away" (Mathew 24:35).

EU mission tour (9/26 – 10/4), with the aid of an AI tool.

Calvary Anaheim Hills Missions:

"Greater Works" in John 14:12 -Our prayer support group are praying, offering, or going. You may do so. Psalm 83:18 "That they many know that You, whose name alone is the Lord, are the Most High over all the earth."

Bosnia and Herzegovina -- street evangelists.... MAP genocide

China -- Hannah, Jeremy, Merry, Mi Young... MAP

European Union – Lily, Wayne, Jane, T K, Raura, Paul.....MAP EU

France -- Joy Diacou... MAP

Haiti – Brian McDaniel MAP

India -- Abraham Motakatia, Varughese Saji, Kris Davis, Y Suri, K P Yohannan MAP

Iran -- Christina, David, Ray Sleiman, Shahin, Reza, Brian.... MAP

Indonesia -- Choon Choi, Jong Kim, Robinson Pea MAP

Iraq, Afghanistan -- Heather Mercer, Sami T (in other Muslim countries)..... MAP MAP

Israel -- street evangelists.... MAP genocide

Italy -- Brent Harrell... MAP

Japan -- Chester Hudspeth, Janet Mctaggart, Kyomasa & Taeko.... MAP

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Russia -- Robert Ovcharenko..... MAP

Scotland -- Chris & Jenn Lawsons, Steve Kostlan MAP

South Korea -- Mike, Peter, Seoung, Victor, Loudermilk... MAP

Sudan -- Gary Kusunoki, Robert, In Hwa Shin(Leprosy in other African countries), Wes ... MAP

Uganda -- Brian Kelly... MAP

United Arab Emirates – Simon Baek MAP

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*Please pray for Missionaries and for Christians over all the earth.
James 5:16b ".....The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."*

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Delivery of the words of God

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For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, The just shall live by faith (Romans 1:16-17).

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Affluent and Well-prepared Retiree And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry. 20 But God said to him, Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided? 21 So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God (Luke 12:19-21).

Let go, Let God CCAH has been led daily by the Spirit in the Whole Counsel of God for its beliefs, and their consequent practices since over 20 years. Through CCAH, our Lord has been increasing faith, the word of God, its consequent practice, love, or joy with the perishable means. God has faithfully been touching the least souls like flames such as the addicted, the retirees, the indigent, the homeless, the veterans, and the rarely touched souls in the world -- free from where Christ is named, commercial capitalism is controlling, territorial boundaries are lined, and racial, material, or hereditary partiality underscores -- in the light of Matthew 25:40, "And the King will answer and say to them, Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."

We have been volitionally, joyfully, and thankfully praying and following His continual direction until our Lord comes again. That's our privilege and our blessing. Please pray through our love for each other as long as we the one body of Christ on the earth are not against the principles of the doctrine of Christ.

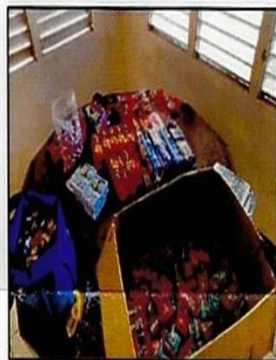
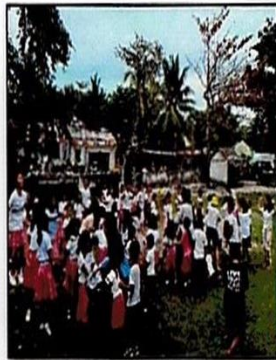


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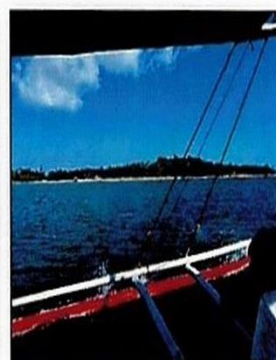
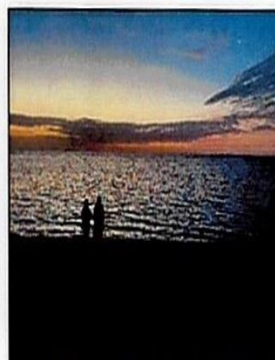
teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.....(Matthew 28:20a)

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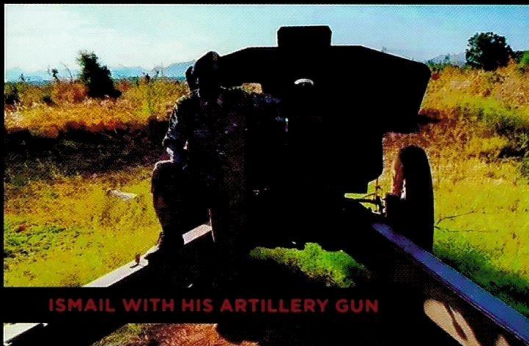
Pray for Philippines Ministry and for Pastoral Training of Asia (PTA) ministry at Dumaguete Island.



You helped us pay to have the church roof repaired :)



Pray for the Feeding People From Starvation and Sickness.



ISMAIL WITH HIS ARTILLERY GUN

God could deliver him. Ismail said that if God can heal me from this, He is real, and I will follow him and he did.

In one particular battle Ismail was in, his unit was being attacked by 700 Islamic enemy soldiers and his unit had only 100 men. His unit was told to attack even though they were greatly outnumbered, but he said, "Today is Sunday. Let us pray this whole day and seek our God that He will be with us." So, all the soldiers spent the



WE STARTED THE FEEDING PROGRAM TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM STARVATION AND SICKNESS

day in prayer. The next day, Ismail took his artillery gun and fired seven shots; all seven hit critical enemy positions, and within a few minutes, the enemy was in full retreat leaving the area and did not return. The men spent the day giving thanks to the Lord for His deliverance. Ismail was known for many great feats of heroism, once capturing 16 enemy soldiers and three trucks full of military supplies. On another occasion, his position was hit by a surface-to-air missile (SAM) that killed over 100 soldiers and 30 civilians. Once again, Ismail escaped uninjured, and the people said it was because of his relationship with Christ that he was delivered.

I am at the chaplain base as this letter is being written. We sent for Ismail's wife to be brought from the Nuba

Mountains to the base. We will do our best to comfort her in her grief and give her the stipend that we give for each fallen chaplain, which can take care of her for years. Ismail was around 55 years of age and served in the war for 37 years. In his life, he had brought many men and



NEW CHURCH BUILT BY JOSHUA SPRINGS CALVARY CHAPEL AND JEREL HAGERMAN

women to Christ. He had planted a church in a radical Muslim area where the people were some of the most violent, but to this day, his church is still alive with over 200 converted Muslims.

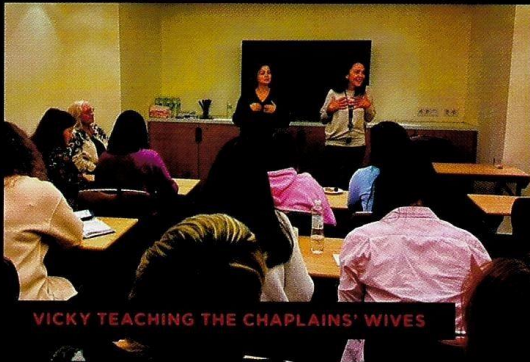
He never knew the comforts of this world but will know great peace throughout eternity, having given his all to protect his people and serve Christ.

Wes Bentley

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Far Reaching Ministries

Pray for Abandoned children in Ukraine and His increase



VICKY TEACHING THE CHAPLAINS' WIVES

I cannot live with myself knowing this is going on, and I am willing to spend the rest of my life protecting and caring for those who do not have the ability to protect and care for themselves.

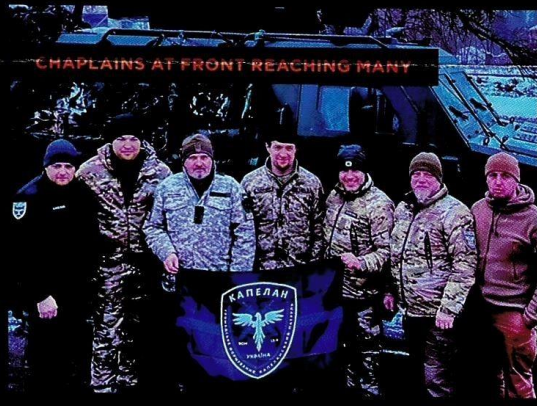
I have always thought that if I reached an age when I was too old to travel, I would enjoy restoring a classic car. I enjoy watching shows that take an old car that is a wreck and bring it back to life. Truthfully, I would enjoy having a garage with half a dozen cars that I could slowly restore. Watching shows that bring a wreck back to a thing of beauty reminds me of how the Lord takes broken lives and restores them. But I would far more desire to save these children and set up places of refuge for the handicapped and children of all ages, including babies and toddlers. Please understand we plan on starting what does not exist in Ukraine, and when we find children who are being abused by parents, we will not allow it to continue. When the laws of the land do not protect women and children, we, as believers, answer to a higher law, God's law, and will do what is necessary to ensure these children are not harmed by parents or anyone, such as a boyfriend.



FLAGS SIGNED BY CHAPLAINS GIVEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM IN APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN CHAPLAINS

In March of last year, we wrote about children who were being sexually abused in Central and South America, and I was truly stunned by how the body of Christ responded. It was far beyond what I ever expected. Because the response was so tremendous, many children are being rescued, but now we need people to come alongside and help us build the infrastructure to save children in Ukraine. You can sign up for a monthly amount of whatever you feel led to give. It could be \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100. And if you can give far more because of how God has blessed you, we welcome the gift and assure you that these funds will be used solely for this project. I want to let you know that as we begin this project, we cannot send you a biography and photo of a specific child. Once we have children in our care, we will send you information about a child for whom you can pray. So please consider joining us in the rescue of these children.

Hopefully, in time, we will have the ability to facilitate adoptions. It would be my heart's desire that the homes would be a place of love until we can find a family that will care for these children.



Folks, I have some investments that should bring a great return in the next couple of years, and if the Lord blesses I will willingly give it to care for these children.

The Bible says in Psalm 68:5-6 that He is a father to the fatherless and sets the lonely in families.

We will actively seek to follow every lead to find the children who are abandoned and abused. A few years ago, a couple was arrested, and when the police came, they found that the couple had a little girl. When the officers asked her what her name was, she responded, "Stupid." The child had a black eye and deep-purple

Pray for the Rescue from Afghanistan & Ukraine and His glory.



WHEN MY HEART IS OVERWHELMED

I have too much to share once again but let me just give you an update on Afghanistan first.

On our Afghanistan operation, we have rescued around 2,700 individuals. During this operation, we raised about \$5.5 million, but we will have spent close to \$6.5 million by the time our last refugees are safely resettled. Brent came to me and asked what I wanted to do when the money had run out, and I told him that we would spend what was needed to get every last person the Lord had entrusted us with to relocate to a safe country. For all of you who have given, thank you, I believe you have touched the heart of God. And I would like to give a special thanks to North Country Chapel for helping to save so many lives. Far Reaching Ministries is in the final stages of shutting down operations in Afghanistan.

In March, Luke, Vicky, and I were at the chaplain refresher course in Ukraine. The time was far better than

THEY DID NOT CHOOSE THIS WAR; IT WAS FORCED UPON THEM

I could have imagined. We had brought eight pastors from the U.S., most had been with us the last time men like Pastor Lloyd Pulley, Pastor James Class, and Pastor David Mercer to name a few. The fact that many of us returned had great meaning to the Ukrainians. One of the chaplains said that the last year had been "hell on earth". And when he was traveling with his family, his son said, "Dad, where are we going?" His father replied, "Paradise!" I was told that the Radisson Resort we were staying at, in the Carpathian Mountains, was considered by many Ukrainians to be a once in a lifetime destination. One brother told me that if you had stayed at this resort, you had arrived and were considered to have lived a life worth living. It was a nice hotel, but by U.S. standards it would be considered average. But for our chaplains and their families, these retreats are a great blessing.

After the conference the pastors traveled back to the U.S.,

Q 1. How many members or offerings are at CCAH?

A 1. People say, "How many people have been saved?" we don't know, but God knows, although we acknowledge that God has arranged over 1,000 units of communities, 7 sober living facilities, over 200 units of veteran community, KJV English & RVR Spanish Bibles & 200 lunches per week for the homeless, and over a million online visitors (Mat 22:2). It doesn't matter. It's something we leave the numbers with God. He knows those that are His and that's the important thing. Therefore, we don't worry about the numbers of the members and of tithes and offerings because the Lord has given the increase, He has added them to CCAH so far (1 Cor 3:7; Acts 2:47; 2 Sam 24:1-3), not as we have done at all, and CCAH is His own church (souls), the Lord's church, "Jesus is all in all," purchased with His blood (Mat 16:18; 1 Cor 6:20). Since His foolishness is wiser than men, such as all men's visions/ plans/ programs (1 Cor 1:25; Zechariah 4:6), and His thoughts unto each soul are more in number than the sand (Psalm 139:17-18), we are just active obedient followers of the Lord, venturing out in faith, "**Let CCAH go, let God.**"

And if you did indeed receive the increase, why do you boast as if you had not received it? (1 Cor 4:7) For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ (2 Cor 2:17), CCAH continues faithfully in teaching the entire Bible simply without alteration, fellowship, communion, and prayers, being the witnesses to Christ, powered with the Spirit, in Jerusalem, all Judea, Samaria, and to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8; 2:42, 47). The truth the Word of God matters wherever - offline, indoor, outdoor, online, at sea, or in sky - and whenever - Sunday, Saturday, weekday, every day, this generation time, or the future generation time (John 5:39; 17:17). The truth shall make us free (John 8:32), from where Christ is named, where commercial capitalism is controlling, where territorial boundaries are lined, or where racial, material, or hereditary partiality underscores. Touchable over 1,000 souls by offline and foreseeable over 1 million souls by online at CCAH are being fed by the whole counsel of God throughout the Spirit, living by every His word (1 John 2:27; Luke 4:4). CCAH does care about each soul because we believe that everybody is impartially created by God in His image (Gen 1:26) -- regardless of race, gender, age, wealth, or education such as Caucasian, male, youth, rich, Ivy league graduate, or not-- and that the eternal value of each soul is much greater than the value of any material/ temporal/ perishable things on the earth (James 3:17; Mat 16:26).

When God leads, God provides. So, we don't seek money because it follows the faith in the almighty Lord by the love of God. Therefore, we never ask people for money, but would offer what we have to the Lord and pray Him to handle the issues (like Andrew rather than Philip in John 6:6-9). Individually, we can discern our each mind before the Lord, as how much love for Him can be observed (1) by the money index to divide willing expenditures to God by total expenditures (Luke 12:34; 21:2-3), as well as (2) by how much the words of God we love (John 1:1). We know that any offering to God without willing mind is not accepted by God (2 Cor 8:12). The public love money especially in capitalism society because without money capitalism would not exist. However, we as Christians should not love money but should know its nature (1 Timothy 6:10). CCAH has been controlled not by money even in the capitalism society but by sovereign almighty God. The foundation of CCAH finance has begun from a homeless person's 2 dime offering to the Lord for CCAH at the Rock Fortress facility. The willing mind part for an offering should always prevail over its money part. We have spent offerings/donations about 40% for external ministries (for missions in Philippians 4:15-19 & for charity in Matthew 25:40) based upon our faith of "one church (Ekklesia) on the earth" -- the holy universal church, not unholy ecumenical church -- (e.g. 1st Quarter 2014, 43.15%; 4st Quarter 2013, 55.6 %; 3rd Quarter 2013, 20.11%; 2nd Quarter 2013, 55.91%; 1st Quarter, 2013 43.26%; 4th Quarter, 2012 45.57%, etc.), rather than spent them for additional social/cultural/popular internal programs. But about 60% for the internal ministries following the model of the early church in the Book of Acts is spent for sheep to be fed with spiritual food (Galatians 6:6) and for staff (1 Timothy 5:17-18).

CCAHA is **the poor in material and spirit**, but is the rich to give it away for Christ's sake, e.g., about 40% of annual offerings, with the poor hearts in spirit. The Lord is the shepherd of CCAH who is "as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things" (2 Cor 6:10).

Acts 2:42 "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:47b "...And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved."

Matthew 16:26 "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?"

1 Corinthians 4:7 "For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?"

Source: <https://www.calvarychapelanaheimhills.com/Q&A.htm> for full Q&A

Hope, Suffering, and Glory: Studies in 1 Peter

Dear Friends,

We are really looking forward to this year's CGN International Conference. As the Executive Team sat down to think and pray about this year's theme, we all agreed that, based on the tumultuous nature of the times, we needed to look to a text of Scripture that would speak to our current cultural moment. We agreed that 1 Peter would be an excellent place to draw encouragement from since Peter wrote to those who were also living out their faith in challenging times. Our theme, Hope, Suffering, and Glory, captures much of what the Apostle addressed in the letter and speaks to much of our experience here in this present hour. I am delighted that we have been able to put together a great lineup of speakers to address important and relevant topics. I look forward to seeing each of you, and being encouraged together with you, as we look to the Lord to speak through His word and strengthen each of us through His presence as we gather in His name.



Blessings,

Brian Brodersen

President, Calvary Global Network