

THE VICTORY OF THE LAMB

Understanding the Death of Jesus Through the Eyes of Jesus (Handout 1)

"I freely admit that real Christianity . . . goes much nearer to Dualism than people think . . . The difference is that Christianity thinks this Dark Power was created by God, and was good when he was created, and went wrong. Christianity agrees with Dualism that this universe is at war. But it does not think this is a war between independent powers. It thinks it is a civil war, a rebellion, and that we are living in a part of the universe occupied by the rebel."— C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*.

A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act. — Mahatma Gandhi

Genesis 1.26—Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." (NRSV)

Luke 11.21-22—When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up his plunder.

Luke 4.5-6(NASB)— And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain [dominion - REB] and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.

Genesis 3.1-6— Now the serpent was more crafty [cunning - REB; subtle - ASV] than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

1John 5.19—We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

1John 3.8—The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's works.

John 16.11— . . . the ruler of this world . . . [magistrate]

John 14.30 (NRSV)—I will not say much more to you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim over me.

John 12.31—Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

Hebrews 2.14—Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil.

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John 10.30—“I and the Father are one.”

John 14:9—Jesus said to him, “Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father.”

John 14.10 (NIV)—“Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me? The words I say to you are not just My own. Rather, it is the Father, living in Me, who is doing His work.”

The CUP and The Cross were something Jesus did for us, BUT NOT “instead of us” :

Matthew 20:22, 23—“You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said to them. “Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?” “We can,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “**YOU WILL INDEED DRINK FROM MY CUP**, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.”

Luke 9.22-24—And he said, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.” Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and **TAKE UP THEIR CROSS** daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

Romans 16.20—The God of peace will soon crush Satan under **YOUR FEET**.

John 12.27,28—“Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.”

John 14.30—I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming . . .

Luke 4.13—When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Genesis 3.15— . . . he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.

Luke 13.32—He replied, “Go tell that fox [Herod], ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will finish my work - NRSV; complete my mission - WEB.

Acts 10.38—How **GOD** anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were **under the power of the devil** . . .

John 8.44— He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 18.37—“You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

Mark 10.45—For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as **A RANSOM** for many. (See also 1 Timothy 2.6 & Hebrews 9.15)

John 18.11—Jesus commanded Peter, “Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?”

Luke 22.53—Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns.

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Romans 15.8-9—For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God’s faithfulness, **SO THAT THE PROMISES MADE TO THE PATRIARCHS MIGHT BE CONFIRMED** and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

John 14.30—I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has **NO CLAIM** over me.

Acts 10.38-40—How **GOD** anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were **under the power of the devil**, because **GOD was with him**. We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. **THEY** killed him by hanging him on a cross.

Acts 3.13-15—The **GOD** of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. **YOU** handed him over to be killed, and **YOU DISOWNED HIM** before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. **YOU DISOWNED** the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. **YOU KILLED** the author of life.

Acts 2.22-24—“People of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by **GOD** to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was given to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and **YOU**, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

Romans 5.19—For as through the disobedience of one man many were made sinners, so through the **OBEDIENCE** of one man many will be made righteous.

Philippians 2.8—He humbled himself by becoming **OBEDIENT** [to God] to death—even death on a cross!

John 1.5—The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness could not overcome it.

Colossians 2:15—There He disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Luke 11.21,22 (The Message)—When a strong man, armed to the teeth, stands guard in his front yard, his property is safe and sound. But what if a stronger man comes along with superior weapons? Then he’s beaten at his own game, the arsenal that gave him such confidence hauled off, and his precious possessions plundered.

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2 Corinthians 5.19—God was in Christ . . . **NOT** counting their trespasses against them.

Acquit—free someone from a criminal charge by a verdict of not guilty. (A Verdict of Innocence)

Justify—To declare “not guilty”.

“With regard to ‘Satisfaction’, we will not allow the use of this word in our schools or on the lips of our preachers, but would rather send it back to the judges, advocates, and hangmen, from whom the Pope stole it.”- Martin Luther; Luther’s Works, 34, p.301

Acts 10.39-40—**THEY** [under the Satan] killed him by hanging him on a cross, but **GOD** raised him from the dead.

Acts 4.10—Whom **YOU** [under the Satan] crucified but whom **GOD** raised from the dead.

Acts 3.15—**YOU** [under the Satan] killed the author of life, but **GOD** raised him from the dead.

Isaiah 53.3-4— He was despised and rejected by others, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom **PEOPLE** hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely he took the pain we inflicted on him and bore suffering we gave him, **YET WE CONSIDERED HIM PUNISHED BY GOD, STRICKEN BY HIM, AND AFFLICTED.**

John 12.31—**NOW** is the **TIME OF JUDGEMENT** on **THIS WORLD**; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

Revelation 12.10—Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.”

Luke 4.5-6— The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, “I will give you **ALL THEIR AUTHORITY** and splendor; it has been **GIVEN TO ME**, and I can give it to anyone I want to . . .

Matthew 28.18-19— And Jesus came and said to them, “**ALL AUTHORITY** in heaven and on earth has been **GIVEN TO ME**. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations . . .

Colossians 2:14-15—He has **CANCELED** the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. There He disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. (See Zechariah 3)

Romans 5.18 REB—It follows, then, that as the result of one misdeed was condemnation for all people, so the result of one righteous act is **ACQUIT-TAL** and life for all.

Colossians 1.13—For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness **AND** brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. (see Philippians 2.8-11; 1 Peter 3.22; Ephesians 2.6-7)

John 14.30—I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has **NO CLAIM** over me.

Acts 2.23-24— . . . **YOU**, [under the Satan] with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But **GOD** raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was **IMPOSSIBLE** for death to keep its hold on him.

Philippians 2.8—He humbled himself by becoming **OBEDIENT** [to God] to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, **IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH** and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Understanding the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Through the Eyes of Jesus (Handout 3)

Matthew 5 / Luke 6

Revelation 21.1-2—Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the **NEW JERUSALEM**, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

Galatians 4.24-25—I am taking these things figuratively, for the women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: This is Hagar. Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children. But the **JERUSALEM THAT IS ABOVE** is free, and she is our mother.

Luke 22.20—In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the **NEW COVENANT** in my blood, which is poured out for you. (cf. Exodus 24.8)

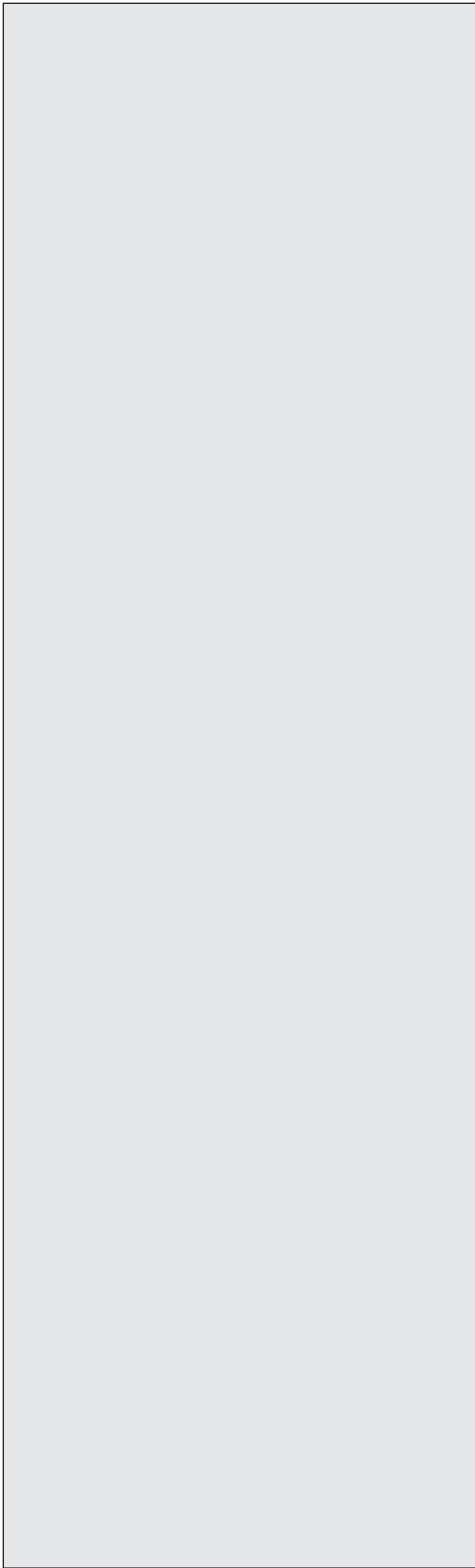
Romans 8.31-39 (REB)—With all this in mind, what are we to say? If God is on our side, who is against us? He did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all; how can he fail to lavish every other gift upon us? Who will bring a charge against those whom God has chosen? Not God, who acquits! Who will pronounce judgement? Not Christ, who died, or rather rose again; not Christ, who is at God’s right hand and pleads our cause! * Then what can separate us from the love of Christ? . . . I am convinced that there is nothing in death or life, **IN THE REALM OF SPIRITS OR SUPERHUMAN POWERS**, in the world as it is or the world as it shall be, **IN THE FORCES OF THE UNIVERSE**, in heights or depths—nothing in all creation that **CAN SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD** in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hebrews 2.14-15—Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, **THE DEVIL**—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

Luke 23.34—But Jesus was saying, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

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