

YOU WILL NOT SEE DEATH

John 8.48-59 // November 29, 2020

WALKING THROUGH A DOOR

Jesus here makes an incredible claim in saying, “before Abraham was, I am.” He tells the Jews that if they keep His Word, they will never see death.” But what does this mean? We know that there is “nothing as certain as death and taxes,” and “death is a 1:1 ratio,” so what does it mean that Christians will not see death?

Death is only the introduction to the nearer presence of God.

Ecclesiastes 7.1 2 Corinthians 5.1-9 // Psalm 116.15 // 1 Corinthians 15.54-58

THE PATIENT DOCTOR PATIENT

If you are nervous about something, it is helpful to talk to professionals, like a doctor if you have a medical issue. But it is also helpful to talk to someone who has gone through the trial, like a patient who has endured through a medical issue. But even better is a doctor who has *also* gone through the medical issue!

Jesus is not simply Lord over all creation, but He is also our High Priest who Himself tasted death for us. He endured this life, suffering, and death itself, conquering it on the cross, so that we would not have to endure it.

Hebrews 2.9, 14-18, 4.15, 16 // Revelation 1.17, 18
Romans 6.5-14

THE BIGGEST SMALLEST WORD

The most important word in this statement by Jesus, when He says, “if anyone keeps My Word, he will not see death,” is the word “if.” Two small letters are of paramount importance for us.

**Though this promise is not universal to all,
The invitation is universal to all.**

1 Thessalonians 4.13, 14 // Romans 10.9-13 // John 11.25, 26 // Psalm 73.26

**Because of Christ, death is not final.
It is a passage from one world to the next.**

-R.C. Sproul



NOTES:

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

Jeremiah 1:9

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.”

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **John 8.48-59**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Death gives everyone some sort of fear, pause, or anxiety as we think about it. What do the promises that Jesus makes here do for us as we think about the sadness of separation that death brings about? How does the Gospel change the way we see the sureness of death?

Your Life Mission

None of us are guaranteed any number of days on this earth, and none of us know the hour of our death, but we all know that for everyone, that day will come. God has saved us to be sent, and everyone we meet will eventually face physical death. Who would you like to get prayer for as it pertains to those in your life that you are hoping to share the Gospel of life with?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

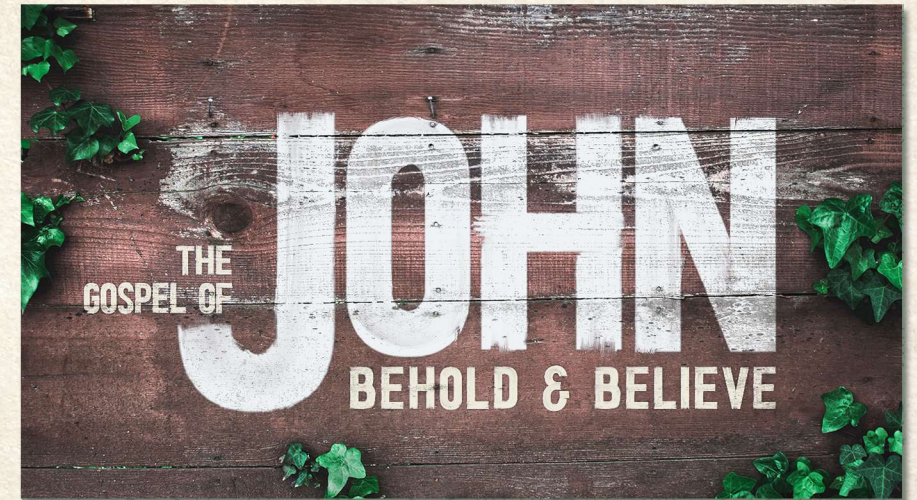
- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself**
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess**
 - Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision**
 - Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving**
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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**MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.**



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