

JESUS' POWER OVER DEATH

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THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS

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Again, we are seeing that Jesus is proving Himself as being the One who has authority over all things. And yet again, we are seeing the disbelief and cynicism of the Pharisees, whose blindness towards their own self-righteousness and their hard-heartedness is preventing them from seeing the truth of Christ.

POWER OVER DEATH

One of the most important truths that Jesus is showing to the people in His day is the very truth and fact that He even has authority over death. For those who believe in Him, He has promised eternal life, an eternal life that cannot end, even by the temporary interruption of death.

John 11.25-27 // Isaiah 35.5, 6 // Hebrews 2.6-18
Romans 6.9, 8.10, 11 // Revelation 1.17, 18, 21.3-5

OUR ROLE AS AMBASSADORS

From many verses such as Hebrews 2.6-18, Isaiah 35.5, 6, and John 3.16, 17, and countless others, we see that the Son of David was indeed sent to save. And yet, almost more improbably, we see that He has come not just to set us free from death, but that He has come to save us so that He could send us.

John 3.17, 5.24, 29 // 2 Corinthians 5.17-21

**We who preach, preach in graveyards.
Therefore, we must pray fervently and with faith that
the Lord would empower us to preach faithfully,
and that His Spirit would move mightily.**



NOTES:

Recommended Resources

A Praying Life by Paul E. Miller
A great book on learning the importance and value of prayer.

Weekly Fasting and Prayer

Pray for our Community Groups. This week, we hope to see our CG's choose to champion opportunities within the community for them to make an impact. Pray that the Lord would send them out and that He would work through them.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We're so glad you joined us today! We'd LOVE for you to **fill out the green Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our **teammates in a Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to **grab some food or coffee** out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our Kids on Mission classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a **faithful servant** behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll **build friendships**, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity should never be fueled by obligation or guilt; it should be motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call Life Mission your Home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give or mail a check to our PO Box. **Thank you so much for your love & support!**

KIDS ON MISSION

Our Kids are incredibly important to us! The Kids on Mission ministry has classrooms for **newborns - 6th grade** & is passionately overseen by **Audra Napolitano**. Please visit lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our Junior High students (**7th & 8th graders**) worship with the adults, and then head to their class for the rest of service. We challenge them to **dig deeper into what they learned on Sunday** throughout the week.

Our **High School students** stay in the adult service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at hbarnes5@yahoo.com or **John Hawthorne** at hawthorne-john@hotmail.com

SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Matthew 9:18-34**. What stuck out to you in these verses or was most impactful from the message on Sunday? _____

In our passage this week, we learn how Jesus made a dead woman alive. Read **Isaiah 35:5-6**, **Ephesians 2:1-9** and **Colossians 2:13**. Explain in your own words what it means to be once be spiritually dead and now be alive in Christ. _____

Read **John 11:25-27**. Jesus asks a great question, "Do you believe this?" If you're a disciple of Jesus, of course you will say "Yes!" of course. By the way you live out your faith, how do you show the world that you believe this? _____

Read **John 3:17**, the verse after the "great touchdown" verse. Here we learn that Jesus Himself, God in human flesh is sent to save. What can you learn from His example here? _____

How does knowing, believing and trusting that your King Jesus has authority over death and is alive empower you for daily God-glorifying, upright living? _____

Read **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**. What ministry has Christ given to us? _____

Why were you saved, made alive in Christ? For what purpose? _____

Read **Ephesians 2:10** with **Ephesians 2:1-9** in mind. How does knowing that we have been saved to be sent change the way you spend your time, energy and resources? _____

Read **Matthew 28:18**. Are you answering the command of Jesus to make disciples both locally and globally? If not, why? Where's the hiccup? _____

Pray that the sovereign God of the universe would either start or continue to reveal his great commission to you and what it specifically and practically looks like in your life.

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