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A Glimpse of the Kingdom

Mark 9:1-13

- Over the past couple of weeks we've been noticing that the disciples are having a hard time grasping Who Jesus really is and what He is really about
- I mean, they know that He is the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God...but their idea of what the Messiah was supposed to do was still off
 - From the earliest days of their childhood, they would have been taught about the prophet Elijah returning and preparing the way for this great Warrior King
 - They would have read prophecies from Isaiah, like from chapter 42: ***"Behold My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen, in whom My soul delights; I have put My***

Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations." -Isaiah 42:1 (ESV)

- In the midst of being ruled by a cruel, pagan, foreign empire, they would glean encouragement from Isaiah 9: ***"The people who walked in darkness have seen a Great Light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has Light shone...For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*** -Isaiah 9:2,6 (ESV)
- When they would be discouraged with the state of their nation, they would remember the Words of Jeremiah: ***"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land."*** -Jeremiah 23:5 (ESV)

- So it makes sense that these people of Hebrew heritage would be looking forward to a Deliverer, a Mighty Warrior that is ready to do damage to their oppressors
 - However, there were also the prophecies of the Messiah riding in on a humble donkey, being betrayed by a close friend, Isaiah referred to Him as a Suffering Servant who would stay quiet in front of His accusers.
- So I don't blame these guys for being a little confused as to what exactly the Messiah was going to look like and what exactly He was going to do when He got there
- There's a lot to read between the lines with when it comes to the predicted Great Mighty Warrior as well as being a Humble Suffering Servant
- But last week in chapter 8, we see that Peter He confesses rightly that Jesus is the Christ
 - Yet He was rebuked for accusing Jesus of not acting Christ-ly
 - And Jesus tries to explain that His Kingdom does not work in a manner in which would make sense to man!
 - The way to life, is dying to yourself
 - The Son of man is going to suffer, be rejected, and murdered...and through THAT, His greatest power will be shown
- Jesus says, "You gotta let Me do it, how I'm going to do it. And if you're ashamed of how I do things and what I say, well, I will be ashamed of you when all of this in accomplished and I am with My Father again in Glory."
- But then, Jesus says, in Chapter 9 verse 1:

"And He said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.' -Mark 9:1 (ESV)
- Now, I do believe that Jesus is mostly speaking of the Kingdom of God moving in

power throughout the book of Acts whenever the Spirit is finally poured out

- However, Jesus is going to take three of these guys, and give them a Glimpse of the Kingdom and the Power He truly contains.
- ***“And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, and His clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is My beloved Son; listen to Him.” And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone***

with them but Jesus only.” -Mark 9:2-8 (ESV)

- Now to say the least, Peter, James, and John have had their minds blown.
- If I’m in their shoes during that moment, after it was all over, I would be thinking...WHAT. JUST. HAPPENED??
- The word used for transfiguration here is the greek word from which we get our word Metamorphosis...so Jesus is being transfigured in this moment like a caterpillar turning to a butterfly!
- In the coming verses Jesus tells them not to tell anyone what they saw until after He rose from the dead and Mark says that they kept the matter to themselves
 - Which in my mind would be obvious because how do you even explain what they just saw without sounding completely insane?!
 - Trying to describe how Jesus was transformed right in front of them, everything

became so bright and so white and then all of the sudden Moses and Elijah were there

- *“How do you know it was Moses and Elijah?”*
- *“I don’t know we just kind of knew that it was Moses and Elijah”*
- And then Peter starts jabberin’ on about setting up some tents or something and then all of the sudden we get engulfed in this huge cloud and then we hear this big booming voice, essentially telling Peter to shut up
- And then all of the sudden all of that was gone and it was just Jesus by Himself again in normal form!
- I bet whoever they tried to explain that to would ask them, “Y’all been smokin’ something? Did yall eat the wrong berries off the wrong bush, you guys are delirious right now!”
- And Peter cracks me up because verse 6 says that he said what he said because he was terrified and didn’t know what to say,
 - So just...don’t say anything bro! But he can’t help himself!
- *But we all know some people like that, who are just nervous talkers, and the more uncomfortable they get the more they keep talking and talking a dig themselves into a deeper hole*
- *I have a sister in law that’s a nervous talker like that, and we love her to death, but we love to give her a hard time because her and my brother were still dating she would have a tendency to be a little nervous when she was with our family and she would just ramble on sometimes*
- *And one night, it was thanksgiving weekend, and we were all playing a family game, fish bowl I think it was...and I don’t remember how or why it came up, but she referred to my other*

sister in law, Miriam, as a pretty little gypsy or something like that

- *And Miriam was like, “Um excuse me? Did you just call me a gypsy?”*

- *Because Miriam is Italian, and so to her and her culture, that’s derogatory, so it was like she was calling Miriam trashy*

- *And we try to explain that to her, but she just keeps digging herself deeper and deeper*

- *She’s like “Oh no, I’m just saying you have this gypsy vibe to you, you have those pretty gypsy eyes, and your little gypsy kids...”*

- *And we’re all like, “Erica! Stop talking!!”*

- *Now, Miriam knew that she didn’t really know what she was saying...*

- Just like Peter didn’t really know what he was saying here either

- Now, why would Peter say that they should set up tents?

- Well, most scholars believe that this event took place 6 months before the crucifixion, so according to that timeline this would be when the people of Israel were observing the Festival of Booths, or the Feast of the Tabernacles.

- This was a Holy Week that was instituted by God in Leviticus 23, it took place every year in the middle of the 7th month, right after the largest harvest of the year would take place

- And this was a week, bookended by sabbath days, and each family would make themselves a tent, or a tabernacle (which really did look more like a portable booth) for them to camp out in during the week as they celebrated a week of feasting and rest.

- This was a time for them to remember and celebrate how God had delivered the people of Israel from Egypt and would also look forward to the coming Messiah who would bring their ultimate deliverance

- So Peter is saying, “Um, hey, yea this is good. Uh, we got Moses and Elijah here, so how about we all just set up some tents up here and we’ll all enjoy the holiday together!”
- Which was completely missing the point of what was really going on. Because this was not a moment to look back, or even really to look forward. This was a moment to focus on what’s happening right now.
 - This isn’t a moment to celebrate really either, because as Luke tells us, Moses and Elijah appeared in glory and spoke with Jesus about His imminent departure in which He was about to accomplish.
 - Again, they’re speaking about the Cross, His death and resurrection, and Peter is missing it.
 - And the Father’s voice intervenes from Heaven telling Peter to LISTEN TO HIM!
 - Stop talking, stop thinking, stop planning... and FOCUS on the glimpse of the power of

the Kingdom of God that you are witnessing right before your eyes.

- And I do believe in this transfiguration account that there are aspects of the Kingdom of God that we see and can learn from.
- First, **THE KINGDOM IS THE GLORY OF GOD (V.1-3)**
 - This transfiguration is very reminiscent of whenever Moses asked to see the Glory of God in Exodus chapter 33.
 - If you’re not familiar with the story, Moses had just been interceding for the people of Israel, pleading with God not to destroy them for their idolatry with the Golden Calf.
 - And the Lord relents because Moses has found favor in His sight
- And then Moses makes a very bold request before the Lord, he says, “Please, show me Your Glory.”
 - And the Lord says, *“I will make all of My Goodness pass before you, and I will*

proclaim My Name, but you cannot see My face and live. No man, can see My face and not be killed by the overwhelming Glory.”

- And the Lord says, *“I will hide you behind a rock and I will cover you with My hand, while My Glory passes by you, and then after I have passed by, I will remove My hand and you can see My back. But My face cannot be seen.”*
- Now, the words Face, Hand, and Back are ANTHROPOMORPHIC language...meaning: Using human words to attempt to describe a spiritual reality.
 - When God refers to His FACE that term is used to describe: “All that He is” His essence...But God says, you cannot see “All that I am” and live, it will consume you.
 - The Word HAND is more likely a sort of cloud cover, that seems like a hand protecting Moses from the infinite Glory of God
 - The Word BACK is commonly referred to by Hebrew Scholars as “Afterglow.”
- It’s like God is saying, *“You cannot see My actual presence, but you can see the effects of My being here.”*
 - Its kinda like when you look into the sky and you don’t see the jet but you can see the exhaust from where the jet was
 - That’s all that Moses was going to be able to see...that was the only amount of God’s Glory that he could handle
- However, even by just seeing the Afterglow of the Glory of God, it had such an effect that once he came down the mountain, Exodus 34 says, ***“Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.” -Exodus 34:29-30 (ESV)***
 - Then Moses would have to put a veil over his face whenever he was talking with the people of Israel, but then he would remove it whenever he would go to talk with God.

- And now, in the Gospels, we see Moses having the ultimate full circle moment, because he is brought up a mountain once again, and the God man, Jesus Christ, lifts away His earthly veil, allowing His Glory to shine through and be on full display
- And after all of these years, Moses gets to look straight into the face of Glory Himself
- In 2nd Corinthians Paul says, ***“For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” -2 Corinthians 4:9 (ESV)***
- Moses is now seeing so much more than the Afterglow, He is seeing the full glory of God in Jesus’ Face
- You see, these accounts, from Exodus and the Gospels may be similar but they are also very different at the same time
 - Because Moses may have reflected the Glory of God, but Jesus produces the Glory of God
- Hebrews 1 says, ***“He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power.” -Hebrews 1:3 (ESV)***
 - Jesus does not just point to the Glory of God, He IS the Glory of God.
- Moses delivered the Word of God to the people, but Jesus was the Word of God who came to His people
- That’s why John says, ***“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” -John 1:14 (ESV)***
- And Moses, would put his veil on, go down the mountain, to establish God’s Old Covenant
 - But now, God Himself, was putting on the veil of His flesh, to go down the mountain and establish the New Covenant
- Which makes it apparent as to why Moses and Elijah were specifically there.

- Now, Moses and Elijah have two of the most interesting and confusing departures from this life.
 - In 2nd Kings chapter 2, we see Elijah doesn't actually die, he is taken up to heaven by a chariot of fire.
 - And Deuteronomy 34 tells us that Moses died in the land of Moab, however, the Lord buried Moses Himself somewhere that no one would ever find him.
 - And it gets even stranger when we see in the book of Jude that Michael the Archangel contended and disputed with Satan over the body of Moses
 - Now why would Moses' body have to be fought over and protected? Well obviously Satan must have surmised that God had great plans for that body and He wasn't done with Moses yet.
- So now, why specifically these two guys? Why not Abraham the Father of Nations, or David

the man after God's own heart? Or any other of the Old Testament heroes??

- Well, because if you were going to pick two guys to represent the vast majority of the Old Testament the two guys you would pick to cover the most ground would probably be Moses and Elijah
- Because Moses represented the Old Testament Law, and Elijah as arguably the most famous of them, represented the Prophets.
- And over and over again in the Gospels, whenever the Old Testament scripture is being referred to it is referred to as the Law and the Prophets
- Jesus says, ***“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.” -Matthew 5:17 (ESV)***
- And He said to them, ***“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to***

them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”

- Matthew 7:12 (ESV)

- But here's the big kicker, in Luke 16:16, Jesus tells the Pharisees, ***“The Law and the Prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached”*** -Luke 16:16 (ESV)

- THE KINGDOM PUTS AN END TO RELIGION (V.4-8)

- Jesus was fulfilling every aspect of the Law that mankind could never fulfill
- And He was fulfilling over 300 of the prophecies made about Him
- Most notably the prophecy from Jeremiah that says, ***“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt... I will put My law within***

them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” -Jeremiah 31:31-34 (ESV)

- This, is the new era and new age that Jesus was introducing
- And what so many people do not understand is that Jesus did not come to set up a new religion, He came to end the need for religion.
- This is how I know this to be true: At the beginning of Hebrews chapter 8, the writer of Hebrews kind of gives a thesis statement. He wants to remind his readers the main point of everything that has been discussed thus far in his letter

- He says, ***“Now the main point of what we are saying is this: We DO have such a high priest, Who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, and Who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by a mere human being.” -Hebrews 8:1-2 (ESV)***
- One thing that would have drastically stuck out to these Hebrew readers was the fact that it says that He serves as a priest, but yet He is seated.
 - You see, no priest would ever serve from a seated position. You only sit down whenever the work has been done.
- But that’s the point that the writer is trying so desperately to make! That Jesus as our Great King-Priest is seated because the work of religion has been completed!
 - Jesus is the Temple to end all temples
 - He’s the Sacrifice to end all sacrifices
 - He is the Priest to end all priests
- You see, every religion that has ever been observed or created has two things in common.
 - 1. They all agree that there is some sort of Higher Power or Ultimate Reality
 - 2. There is a gap between us and that Higher Power or Ultimate Reality
 - The difference between the religions is in how they disagree about the way we are to go about bridging that gap.
 - Some talk about finding some sort of enlightenment
 - Some talk about living a certain way by a certain moral code
 - Some talk about presenting certain offerings or sacrifices
 - Some talk about just finding that ultimate truth within yourself
 - Every teacher or founder of any religion always believes that they can teach you the

key or show you the path to bridging the gap to whatever Higher Power or Ultimate Reality that they claim to know

- However, what separates the message of Jesus and what made it so radical in the early centuries was the fact that Jesus did not just claim to know the Higher Power, He claimed to Be the Higher Power
 - He did not just claim to know the path, He claimed TO BE the path that bridged the gap for you
- Jesus declares that He is not only the Ultimate Truth, He is not only the Ultimate Life, He is the Only Way
 - The message of religion is all about the work that humanity has to do to get to God,
 - But the message of Jesus is all about the work that God has done to come to humanity
- This is the very reason why the Roman Empire, which was a polytheistic culture and supported

and encouraged a vast diversity of religions, adamantly opposed and persecuted Christianity

- Because it wasn't a religion. It was anti-religion.
- Tim Keller talked about this and explained that in order to really understand the radical difference between Christianity and all of the first century religions, you have to envision a conversation between a Roman and their Christian Neighbor
 - The Roman says: "Oh you're a Christian? That's a new religion, where is your temple?"
 - *The Christian says: "Well we don't really have a physical Temple, Jesus is our Temple"*
 - "What? Where do you offer your sacrifices?"
 - *"We don't need to offer sacrifices, Jesus was the sacrifice for us"*
 - "Well, what do your priests do?"

- “We don’t have priests, Jesus is our High Priest”
- All of the religious aspects have been completed and fulfilled
 - So while all other religions will say, “If you work hard and live like this, you will be accepted by God,”
 - Jesus says, “I’ve already done the work, so you’ve already been accepted, therefore, live like this”
- It was so confusing to the world that before we were every referred to as Christians, they couldn’t find a good name for whatever this movement was, so they just called it “The Way.”
 - Christians were called Followers of The Way
- Pastor Robby Gallaty in his book The Forgotten Jesus, when speaking in the context of Jesus being the Way the Truth and the Life, he says: **“Jesus avoids saying, “I Am the destination.” In other words, He’s the way**

because the Christian life is a walk. It’s a walk we make with God, not a journey to find God.” -Robby Gallaty: The Forgotten Jesus (pg. 111)

- The power of living the Christian life is not found within us working hard, religiously, to bridge the gap, it is found in simply walking with Him over the bridge that He provided for us
- So Christianity is not a religion to be practiced, it is a relationship to be enjoyed
 - I know its a cliché, but theres a reason that it’s a cliché
- But it is so easy to revert to religion or to turn our faith into a series of religious activities because, honestly, that’s easier
 - It’s more comfortable for us to do that because it makes us feel like we have some control
 - Religion makes me think that I can take my faith and my salvation into my own hands

- This is what realign does:
 - Religion makes rules equal with God's Glory
 - Religion makes historical tradition equal with God's Glory
 - Religion makes God's representative equal with God
- And its not hard to get caught up in the defense mechanism of religion
- That's exactly what Peter does. He jumps straight to suggesting religious observances. Why? Because he's afraid
- The overwhelming Glory that Jesus unveils on that mountain utterly terrifies Peter, James, and John
 - They are in the presence of and witnessing what God said would kill Moses
 - And then that Glory cloud, that the Father speaks through, engulfs them
- And them knowing their Old Testament history... they, knowing that they, themselves are not levitical priests, they have not performed any specific blood sacrifices, they have not observed and purification rituals when they experienced this amount of God's Glory
 - THEY SHOULD BE DEAD!
 - They have not done a single religious practice they would have been told their entire lives that they would have to do— to experience, and hope to be safe within the amount of God's glory that they are experiencing at that time
- But when all of it subsides... all they see is Jesus, their Deliverer, their Protector, their Sacrificial Lamb
 - Who is fulfilling every religious ritualistic rite on their behalf, so that they could see the Kingdom of God move in power and be a part of it

- All of this, to show all of us, that is doesn't matter how religious, clean, kept up, and well behaved we try to make ourselves
 - We are all at the Mercy of Almighty God in desperate need for Jesus to intercede on our behalf.
- And Romans 8 tells us that is exactly what Jesus does for us.
- And Hebrews 10 says, ***“For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.” -Hebrews 10:14 (ESV)***
- Which brings us to the last point for us today. And that is:
 - **THE KINGDOM IS UNLOCKED BY THE CROSS (V. 10-13)**
 - If it were not for the Cross, we would never have any shot at glimpsing or being a part of the Kingdom of God at all.
- Jesus had been explaining to the disciples, that the Son of Man must *suffer many things, and be rejected, and killed*
- And maybe, just maybe, these three disciples are starting to understand that their Messiah was not here to fight the battle with the Romans
- No, He was there to fight the battle that humanity had been losing against sin ever since Adam and Eve fell in the garden of Eden
- He was the only One Who had enough Glory, Who had enough Purity, and Innocence to be the Ultimate Sacrifice for the sins of humanity
 - It was time for the Law, and this religious-sacrificial system to be fulfilled and done away with
- Because for generations, the blood of innocent animals had to be spilled in order to atone for the sins of man

- The bible says without the shedding of blood there can be no remission of sin
- ***“For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.” -Leviticus 17:11 (ESV)***
- But this was a temporary atonement, even Hebrews says that the priests would have to stand daily in the temple offering these sacrifices that could never fully take away the sin
- And some people will get all bent out of shape, accusing God of being so cruel that He would require the killing of innocent animals
- But that's the wrong way to think! That should lead us to understand just how drastic, unholy, and wicked our sin is that it would require such a price!
- *The definition of a sacrifice is the offering up of something precious for a cause or reason.*
- So even those animals were seen as precious in God's sight, but they could never fully take away our sin because they weren't more precious than us.
- Jesus tells us how much more valuable we are than the birds that the Father cares for and takes care of
- But the only thing that would completely atone for the sins of humanity, once and for all... would be something, or Someone, wayyyy more precious than us.
- And that is the Father's Beloved Son, In Whom He is well pleased.
 - So He MUST suffer, He MUST be rejected, and He MUST be killed....but praise be to God, He would not stay in that grave
- And that is the next part that the disciples are having such a hard time wrapping their minds around.
- Jesus tells them not to say anything about this transfiguration, and seeing Moses and Elijah,

until He is risen from the dead, and verse 10 says, ***“So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean. And they asked Him, “Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?” And He said to them, “Elijah does come first to restore all things. And how is it written of the Son of Man that He should suffer many things and be treated with contempt? But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him.” -Mark 9:10 -13 (ESV)***

- You see there is a prophesy in the book of Malachi that says that the Lord would send the prophet Elijah before the Lord comes and he would turn the hearts of the people
- So in preparation and anticipation for the coming Messiah the Jewish people would leave an open seat for Elijah at their passover dinners inviting him to come quickly and pave the way for the Messiah

- Devout Jews still practice that tradition today
- However Jesus said in Matthew 11, ***“All the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come” -Matthew 11:13-14 (ESV)***
- In Matthew’s account of the Transfiguration he also clarifies that Peter James and John understood that Jesus was talking about John the Baptist whenever He said that Elijah has come.
 - Now John was not actually Elijah reincarnate but rather, as Luke says, he came in the Spirit and Power of Elijah
 - And He prepared the way for Jesus the Messiah as he was turning people’s hearts towards repentance through his baptisms
- Even though he was not literally Elijah, he was who that prophecy was about... and yet he was still killed

- Just like they will kill the Messiah they say they so desperately want to come
- But it must happen, because His blood will unlock the Kingdom of God to all who will accept Him.
- Hebrews says: ***“But as it is, He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him.”***
-Hebrews 9:26-28 (ESV)
- Make no mistake, Jesus will come again
 - This next time will not be to deal with sin, He has already done that
 - His blood has paved the way for all who would call upon His name to be saved, and forgiven, and welcomed into His Kingdom
- But we know from scripture that this world does have an expiration date
- There will come a day whenever all things will be restored, there will be a new heaven and a new earth, where sin and suffering will exist no more
- And there is a lot of theories as to what that is going to look like exactly
 - Some people get really into it and bent out of shape when others don't agree with them
 - Churches have even split over their views on eschatology, that is their view of the end times
- But my thing is, we have read so much in this Gospel about how the greatest biblical scholars of their time who had spent their entire lives studying and predicting the coming of the Messiah, still missed Him when He was right in front of their faces

- And if we missed His first coming so badly, what makes us think we'll know exactly what His 2nd coming is going to look like
- And if there is one thing that I take from the book of Revelation, it's that JESUS WINS
- And we're not called to figure out exactly what the 2nd coming is going to look like, we're called to live every single day as if He is coming back
 - Appreciating every moment of being able to be a part of the Kingdom of God
 - To pray every day for His Kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven! And for Him to use us to help make that happen
 - To live with a sense of urgency, knowing that there are people around us every single day, that if He were to come back right now, they would not be a part of His Kingdom
 - And Desperately asking God to use us like He used John the Baptist to turn hearts

toward Him... so that they could be a part of this Kingdom that His shed Blood on the Cross made possible

- And let me ask you. Do you know for certain, that if He were to come back today, that you would be a part of this Kingdom?
 - Do you know, that you know, that you know, that your eternity is secure and that you have accepted the invitation to salvation.
 - If you are not 1000% confident in that answer, know that Jesus shed His blood on that cross so that you could be sure.
- Ephesians 1 says in Him we have redemption through His blood, Romans says we have been Justified by His Blood, Revelation says His loves has FREED us from our sins by His Blood
 - That means that no matter what you have done, no matter where you have been, or how long you have denied Him, His free gift of salvation is always readily available to you

- All you have to do is accept it
- Romans says ALL who call upon the Name of the Lord will be Saved
 - It says if we confess with our mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord, and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead you will be welcomed into this Kingdom now and forever
- So with every head bowed, and every eye closed: If you have not accepted His gift of salvation today can be that day.
 - *“Father God, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I know and believe that you sent Jesus, to die for my sins. And I know and believe that You raised Him from the dead. Today, I declare Jesus, as Lord of my Life. I give everything that I am to You. I ask that you come into my heart, and save my soul. Thank you for saving Me.”*