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Reading

Luke 23 v 33-34 v 46-48

Matthew 28 v 1-7

John 14 v 1-3

We live in a country which is in turmoil due to the threat of terrorist. People who have saved up for their holidays find themselves sleeping in the airport. Another terrorist is Satan and he wants to throw life into turmoil.

There may be places on earth we want to see but miss the opportunity but if you miss Christ you miss everything.

On the golden streets of heaven
All men hope to walk someday.
..
But while others build on good works
Or opinions if they may
...
I'm depending on the blood

We need to depend on the blood.

John 14 v 6 " I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no man cometh unto the Father but by Me" (John 14:6).

A van stopped and the driver asked a man for directions to Newdear. The man asked the driver if he was lost as he did not know the way but the man refused to accept he was lost saying he was not lost because he knew his destination. People want to get to heaven but do not know the way and will not admit they are lost.

Rom 3 v23 "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God"

"Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me" (Psalm 51:5)

Another speaker gathered a group of young people together and went to hear the gospel. The speaker (Jim Smyth) was speaking on heaven, hell and Calvary. One girl in the group asked what Calvary was for she had never heard of it.

Calvary is a place just outside the city walls of Jerusalem and is situated in the centre of the world geographically.

Christ has divided the world geographically - He is the centre of the world available to all.

Christ has divided the world historically - BC and AD.

Christ has divided the world spiritually - saved and on the way to heaven or lost and on the way to hell.

There is no in-between - no sitting on the fence.

Additional reading: Matthew 27 v 27-36 v 39

Sitting at the foot of the cross - can look and see two thieves and know they deserved to be there but the only accusation on the middle cross was This is Jesus King of the Jews.

Doctor Luke had seen many horrible sights.

We may quote the verse "He loved me and gave Himself for me" (Gal 2:20) but this is only half the message . I am crucified with Christ.

Do people see Christ in us? Do we carry the fragrance of Christ?

Many debates about death of Christ - "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." (1Tim 1:15)

A little girl asked her mother if she was a sinner the mother said no and the girl started to cry. Her mother asked her what was wrong and she replied saying if I am not a sinner then she could not get saved - her mother then changed her mind.

The sin that dams to hell is not confessing sin - Keep Christ out of life then there is no hope.

Matthew 28 - Woman had seen body placed in the tomb and yet when they came back to anoint the body he was not there.

Some say He never died but everyone checked. Pilate believed he was dead as did the Pharisees and the disciples.

On the resurrection day, "the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord" (John 20:20)

"If thou shalt...Believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shall be saved" (Rom 10:9).
"Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." (1 Cor 15:3)

A child trusts their parents to meet their needs in the same way we trust Christ.

Calvary was a one off event and so was the resurrection.

John 14 - Jesus not talking about the cross but heaven . Went to the cross to prepare people and heaven to prepare a place.

Jesus took a physical literal body back to heaven. He is the first fruits and he is going to come and take us.

Mortal put on immortality. Corruptible put on incorruption, one shall be changed and caught up.

He will not be just standing in the shadows, He will fill everything.

In heaven we will not sin again, we will not cry again, we will have no sins or sorrow.

"Behold tabernacle of God is with men, God will wipe away all tears from eyes." (Rev 21:3,4)

There were many infallible proofs of the resurrection. To Mary, He said, "Woman why weepest thou?" (John 20:15) She thought that she had lost him but found him again. Sadness turned to gladness because she was linked with the resurrected Christ.

He conquered death - no more death (Rev 21:4).

Lord risen indeed and appeared unto Simon (Luke 24: 34).

"Feed my Sheep" was His commission to Peter (John 21:16,17).

Glory after glory unveiled - no end of it.

Weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth in the eternal fire is the other choice.

Before a person can be saved, he needs to feel the need to come to Christ.