

Crossway Multinational Church

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For you are great and do marvelous deeds;  
 you alone are God.

*Psalm 86:10*

marvelous deeds = amazing actions

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Our greeting time will begin shortly,  
 thank you for coming early!

September 13, 2020

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Welcome to  
**Crossway Multinational Church!**

We **strive** to be a **church** that is  
**for, of and by**  
 the peoples of many nations

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEPTEMBER	13				17	18	19
	20					25	26
	27				1	2	3
OCTOBER	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

Zoom breakout sessions after today's service

Prayer Gathering at the Church Building and on Zoom, 4:30pm

Gathering on the Grass, 4:30pm

Zoom for Worship Services

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**GREETINGS**

Take a moment to turn on video and “look around”

- Feel free to use the chat function to greet others too

**Waving poll: Give a big wave if ...**

- You like to play online games
- You like to do puzzles
- You like card games or math puzzles
- You like other kinds of board/party games
- You aren't really a game player
- You are looking for refreshment from God

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***Come People of the Risen King***

(Chinese)

凡屬復活主的百姓

Come, people of the risen King,

凡屬復活主的百姓

who delight to bring Him praise;

都來歡喜讚美 祂

come all and tune your hearts to sing,

敞開我們的心高唱

to the Morning Star of grace.

祂是那恩典晨星

tune your hearts = prepare your hearts  
Morning Star = a title for Jesus, the Son of God  
grace = generous gift of life and forgiveness

6

From the shifting shadows of the earth

即使世界不斷的變更

we will lift our eyes to Him,

我們始終仰望 祂

where steady arms of mercy reach

耶和華以慈愛膀臂

to gather children in.

聚集 祂所愛兒女

shifting shadows = changing, unreliable things

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Rejoice, Rejoice!

歡欣！喜樂！

Let every tongue rejoice!

萬口都要稱頌！

One heart, one voice;

同心！合一！

O Church of Christ, rejoice!

基督教會歡唱！

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Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
 無論以那晨星為樂、  
 and those weeping through the night;  
 或暗夜獨自流淚；  
 come, those who tell of battles won,  
 無論得勝或試煉中，  
 and those struggling in the fight.  
 都來尋求 祂的面。

battles won = successes in life  
 fight = the challenges of life

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For His perfect love will never change,  
 因 祂的慈愛永遠不變，  
 and His mercies never cease,  
 祂的恩典不止息，  
 but follow us through all our days  
 這平安和盼望必定  
 with the certain hope of peace.  
 一世伴隨著我們。

mercies = compassion and kindness  
 certain = will definitely happen

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Come, young and old from every land –  
 全地信徒牽手前來，  
 men and women of the faith;  
 來到主施恩座前；  
 come, those with full or empty hands –  
 富足或貧乏都可來，  
 find the riches of His grace.  
 領受 神豐富恩典。

His grace = God's forgiveness and generosity

12



Over all the world, His people sing –  
 全地都要聽見主子民  
shore to shore we hear them call  
 響徹雲霄的宣告,  
 the Truth that cries through every age:  
 那亙古不變的真理 –  
 “Our God is all in all”!  
 神 祂是我的滿足！

shore to shore = every part of every continent  
 cries = shouts out  
 every age = all time

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ダニエル4: 34-35,37 \* **Daniel 4:34-35,37** Japanese  
 こうしてその期間が満ちた後、われネブカデネザ  
 ルは、目をあげて天を仰ぎ見ると、わたしの理性  
 が自分に帰ったので、わたしはいと高き者をほめ、  
 その永遠に生ける者をさんびし、かつあがめた。

At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised  
 my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored.  
 Then I praised the Most High; I honored and  
glorified him who lives forever.

**Nebuchadnezzar = king of Babylonian empire, 605-562 BC**  
**sanity = ability to think clearly**  
**glorified = gave praise to**

16

その主権は永遠の主権、その国は世々かぎりなく、

His dominion is an eternal dominion;  
his kingdom endures from generation to generation.

dominion = area of control  
from generation to generation = never ending

17

地に住む民はすべて無き者のように思われ、天の衆群にも、地に住む民にも、彼はその意のままに事を行われる。

All the peoples of the earth  
are regarded as nothing.  
He does as he pleases  
with the powers of heaven  
and the peoples of the earth.

regarded = valued

18

だれも彼の手をおさえて／「あなたは何をするのか」と言う者はない。

No one can hold back his hand  
or say to him: "What have you done?"

19

そこでわれネブカデネザルは今、天の王をほめたたえ、かつあがめたてまつる。そのみわざはことごとく真実で、その道は正しく、高ぶり歩む者を低くされる。

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just = correct

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**Daniel 4:34-35,37 \* ダニエル4: 34-35,37** (Japanese)

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*Great is He Who's the King of Kings*

Alleluia, salvation and glory, honor and power, He is wonderful!	Great is He who's the King of kings and the Lord of lords, He is wonderful!	Alleluia, alleluia, Allelu--ia, He is wonderful!
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He is wonderful! He is wonderful!

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*Oh, the Depth and the Height*

Oh, the depth and the height of the riches of God,  
all the wisdom, love, power,  
and the treasures to own,  
all are found in the King, who once laid down his crown,  
giving his life for ours to save us.

**treasures to own = goodness that can be ours  
laid down his crown = gave up his rights and honor**

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All my fountains are found in the heart of my God,  
 from the river that flowed  
 when the Lamb shed his blood.  
 He can wash every sin  
 that has tarnished my soul,  
robe me in righteousness forever.

**fountains = sources of good**  
**river that flowed = abundant blessing**  
**Lamb = Jesus Christ**  
**shed his blood = died on the cross**  
**tarnished = made less valuable**  
**robe me = clothe me**

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All the treasures of earth could not outshine this Son,  
 for his kingdom is glorious.  
 He is all that I need in this life and beyond,  
 and his kingdom is glorious.

**outshine = be better or longer lasting**  
**Son = Jesus Christ**

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One day heaven and earth will resound with his praise,  
 with archangels and men,  
 falling down on their knees.  
 For the King of all heaven,  
 who has won victory, comes in glory and power  
 forever.

**resound = be filled with**  
**archangels = highest ranking angels**

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When I stand on that day, in that glorious place,  
 there beholding his glory,  
beholding his face.  
 All the suffering and pain in this life will have ceased,  
 in the presence of Christ  
 my Savior.

**that day = when Jesus Christ visibly rules over all**  
**that glorious place = in God's presence**  
**beholding = see clearly**

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His kingdom lasts forever,  
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**knows no measure = so big it cannot be measured**

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**Yesu Sarang Heyo**  
**Jesus I Love You**

Korean

여수 사랑해요  
→ Yesu sarang heyo  
*Jesus I love you*  
나주앞에엎드려  
Naju ap ye op duryo  
*I bow down before you*

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경배 와찬양  
 → Kyeong be wachan yang  
*Praises and worship*  
 왕케드리네  
 wangke durine  
*To my king*

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알렐루야 알렐루야  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
 알렐루야 알렐루  
 Hallelujah, Hallelu

Hallelujah = Praise the LORD!  
 Hallelu = Praise!

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Chinese

耶稣我爱你  
 → Ye su wo ai ni  
*Jesus I love you*  
 俯伏在祢面前  
 fu fu zai ni mian qian  
*I bow down before you*

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赞美敬拜祢  
 → Zan mei jing bai ni  
*Praises and worship*  
 主我王  
 zhu wo wang  
*To my king*

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哈利路亚 哈利路亚  
Haliluya Haliluya  
 哈利路亚 哈利路  
 Haliluya Halilu

Haliluya = Praise the LORD!  
 Halilu = Praise!

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Spanish

→ Cristo, te amo  
*Jesus I love you*  
 Ante Ti me rindo  
*I bow down before you*  
 Gloria y Honra  
*Praises and worship*  
 A mi Rey  
*To my king*

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→ Aleluya, Aleluya  
*Hallelujah, Hallelujah,*  
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Japanese

主を愛します  
 → Shu wo ai shimasu  
*Jesus I love you*  
 御前に伏して  
 mimae ni fushi te  
*I bow down before you*

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賛美と栄光を  
 → sanbi to eikou wo  
*Praises and worship*  
 我が王に  
 waga ou ni  
*To my king*

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ハレルヤ、ハレルヤ  
 → Alleluia, Alleluia  
 ハレルヤ、ハレル  
 Alleluia, Allelu

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 Allelu = Praise!

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Sing any language

Korean Yesu sarang heyo  
 English Jesus I love you  
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 Japanese Shu wo ai shimasu

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 waga ou ni

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Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
 Hallelujah, Hallelu

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### Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.” *1 John 1:8-2:2*

**sin, unrighteousness = disobeying or dishonoring God and His ways**  
**atoning sacrifice = action that removed God’s anger and gave His love**

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### *Eternal Father, Gracious King*

Eternal Father, gracious King,  
 we come to you in prayer.  
 Accept the pleas your children bring,  
enfold us in your care.

**pleas = urgent requests**  
**enfold = surround**

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Lord, in your mercy,  
 hear our prayer.  
 Lord, in your mercy,  
 hear our prayer.  
 To your throne of grace we come,  
 by your Spirit, through your Son,  
 in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**throne of grace = authority that gives new life**

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We come to you in Jesus’ name,  
 we plead his precious blood.  
 We leave behind our guilt and shame,  
 secure within your love.

**precious blood = Jesus’ death for us**

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We come because the Spirit speaks  
 to calm our doubt and fear,  
 puts Abba Father on our lips,  
 and calls us to draw near.

**Abba = Aramaic word for Father**

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### Prayer of Intercession

Wildfires in the western United States  
 Education: PreK-12 and Higher Education  
 Peace among Christians across differences

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### Prayer of Intercession

Then Agrippa said to Paul, “Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?”

Paul replied, “Short time or long—I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains.” *Acts 26:28-29*

- People we have each identified “Empowered to witness”
- Together as a church

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### Continuum of Dependence

<p><b><u>Independence</u></b>                  Our thinking, actions, and feelings have no effect on it                  Example: Gravity</p>	<p><b><u>Dependence</u></b>                  Our thinking, actions, and feelings have complete control over it                  Example: Imaginary friend</p>	
<p>Examples: <b>Independence</b>     <b>In Between</b>     <b>Dependence</b></p>		
<p>Where is the coronavirus on this continuum?                  Where are we on this continuum?                  Where is God on this continuum?</p>		

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### God Alone

*Luke 5:12-26*

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### Setting

Major religious groups among 1<sup>st</sup> century Jewish people

• **Pharisees** (most “law” scholars and teachers)

**SECOND STORY** • Most influential among common people & synagogues

• Theologically ‘liberal’ and politically ‘conservative’

• Scripture plus traditions and debates

• Ritual purity was very important

• **Sadducees** (mostly priests)

**FIRST STORY** • Powerful in the temple

• Wealthy and powerful, though a smaller group

• ‘Conservative’ theologically

• Maybe only the first 5 books of the Old Testament

• **Essenes** (not many in Jerusalem)

• Communal, social action; ascetic (severe self discipline)

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### Story 1: Sadducees

### Luke 5:12-13

<sup>12</sup> While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.”

<sup>13</sup> Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” And immediately the leprosy left him.

leprosy = incurable, highly contagious skin disease  
clean = healed and welcomed by people again

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### Luke 5:14-16

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus ordered him, “Don’t tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.”

<sup>15</sup> Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

testimony = reliable declaration

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**Luke 5:12-26**[bib.ly/Lu5.NIV](http://bib.ly/Lu5.NIV)**12-13: Leper cleansed by Jesus, breaking the social norms**

- Leprosy → transliteration, but not 'leprosy'
  - Incurable skin disease that required constant isolation
  - Instantly spread 'uncleanness'; can't join worship ever
  - Thought to be a punishment from God
  - Only solution: 'cleansing' by God
- Man covered with leprosy **shouldn't be** in town!
  - Would have expected Jesus to rebuke the man
- 14: • Man: faith and submission: "If you are willing..."
- 15-16: • Jesus **shouldn't have touched** him
- 17-19: • Jesus: "I will" (not "God will") → word + action
- 20-26: • Immediately cleansed by Jesus

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**Luke 5:14**

**14** Then Jesus ordered him, "Don't tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the **priest** and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them."

testimony = reliable, powerful declaration

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**Luke 5:12-26**[bib.ly/Lu5.NIV](http://bib.ly/Lu5.NIV)

## 12-13: Leper cleansed by Jesus, breaking the social norms

- 14: Jesus: give direct testimony to the **priests** alone**
- One of priests' jobs: declare skin diseases cured
    - Then people could be welcomed in society again
    - This never happens!
  - Testimony = reliable, powerful declaration
    - Was perhaps for the priests...
      - The Messiah has come
      - Messiah = God's chosen rescuer for His people
    - Jesus is that Messiah
- 15-16: • Later: Chief priests will lead the effort to kill Jesus
- 17-19: • Later: Chief priests will lead the effort to kill Jesus
- 20-26: • Yet many priests later became Christians

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**Luke 5:15-16**

**15** Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses.

**16** But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

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12-13: Leper cleansed by Jesus, breaking the social norms  
 14: Jesus: give direct testimony to the priests alone  
**15-16: Crowds kept growing, and Jesus kept praying**

- Why the crowds came: to hear and to be healed
- Prayer perhaps in preparation for conflict with religious leaders (next several stories)
  - Jesus took time alone to pray, even though teaching and healing opportunities were endless
  - And no one else could do what Jesus was doing

17-19: **• If Jesus did this, certainly we should too!**  
 20-26:

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**Story 2: Pharisees** **Luke 5:17-19**

<sup>17</sup> One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. <sup>18</sup> Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. <sup>19</sup> When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

Pharisees = powerful and respected religious leaders  
 teachers of the law = experts in religious requirements

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**Luke 5:20-26**

<sup>20</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.”

<sup>21</sup> The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, “Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

sins = guilt or shame before God  
 blasphemy = defiant false words

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**Luke 5:20-26**

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Son of Man = title for the Son of God (Jesus)

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**Story 2: Pharisees****Luke 5:17-19**

<sup>17</sup> One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. <sup>18</sup> Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. <sup>19</sup> When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

Pharisees = powerful and respected religious leaders  
 teachers of the law = experts in religious requirements

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14: Jesus: give direct testimony to the priests alone

15-16: Crowds kept growing, and Jesus kept praying

**17-19: Friends innovated to bring paralyzed man to Jesus**

- Faith → overcoming obstacles to get to Jesus
- **Pharisees** & teachers of law came from all over!
  - House wasn't huge; perhaps mostly religious leaders
- "Power of the Lord was with Jesus"
  - Even though Jesus was God, He lived like people
  - I think Jesus had a careful plan for this situation

20-26:

- He knew his audience well

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**Luke 5:20-26**

<sup>20</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven.”

<sup>21</sup> The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, “Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

sins = guilt or shame before God  
blasphemy = defiant false words

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**20-26: Jesus forgave & healed & proved His authority as God**

- Sin is most deeply an offense against God
  - So only God can fully forgive sins
  - To claim full authority to forgive is to defy God
- Being healed can be confirmed; forgiveness cannot
- God doesn't listen to blasphemers, **defiant liars about God** so healing proves Jesus' authority to forgive
- Amazed/**terror**, worship, awe/**fear**, remarkable/**paradox**

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**Apparent Logic of Jesus**

Jesus claimed authority to forgive sins

- Can't prove it one way or the other
- Blasphemous [defiant lie] if not true

Jesus healed the man's paralysis

- Direct evidence that healing took place
- Jesus can only do this if God approves of Him

Therefore, God approves of Jesus, so Jesus' claim to have the authority of God to forgive sins is true

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“Everyone was [amazed/astonished/terrified] and gave praise to God. They were filled with [awe/amazement/terror] and said, “We have seen [remarkable/ unexpected/ strange/ astonishing] things today.”

**Why the intense and complex reaction?**

**Their categories based on Scripture:**

- There is only one God, and to be in His presence is to die
- Only God can forgive sins
- Jesus, standing before them, claimed His authority to forgive
- The miracle, which they personally saw, proved that Jesus, a human being, had the authority of God

**Their ideas, prompted by Scripture, caused them to reject Jesus!**

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*The Big Idea*

**Jesus alone has the full authority of God  
to judge and to forgive  
to give life and to withhold life**

**This reality is astonishing, unexpected, amazing, terrifying...**

**Jesus does not fit neatly within  
human categories and frameworks and ideas**

**Jesus has the final say on everything!**

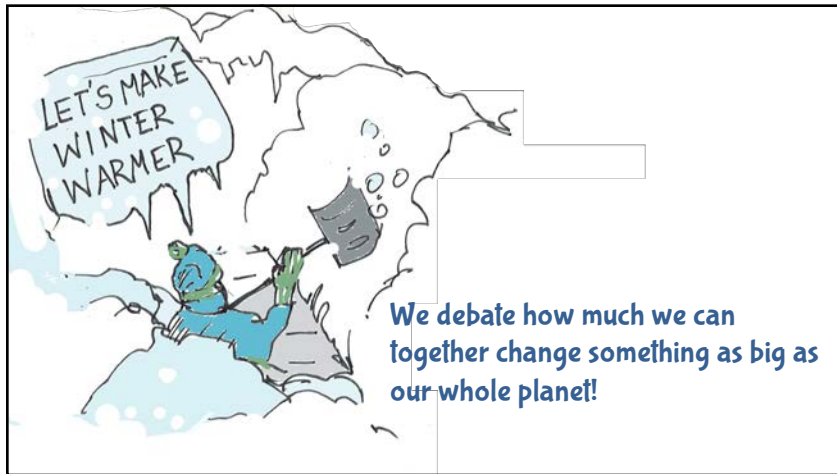
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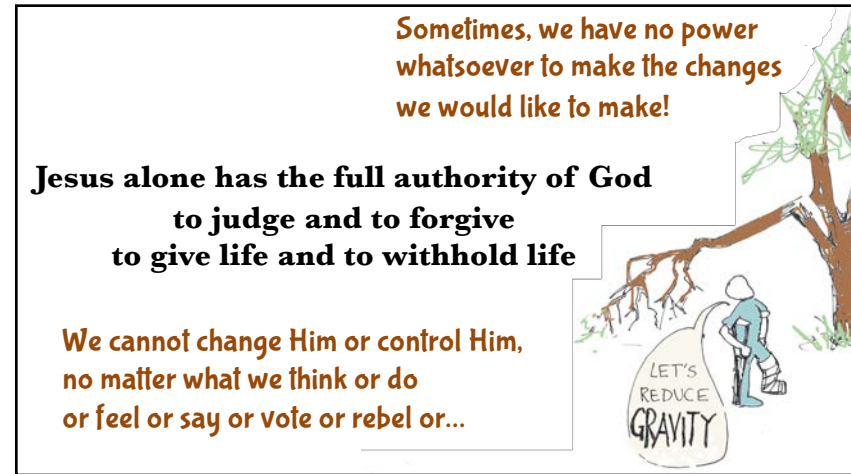
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**Jesus alone has the full authority of God  
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**We cannot change Him or control Him,  
no matter what we think or do  
or feel or say or vote or rebel or...**

**Jesus alone has the full authority of God  
to judge and to forgive  
to give life and to withhold life**

**Fear (fully submit to) Jesus alone**

- How reliable is our intuition, our sensibilities, our reasoning for economics? the coronavirus? theory of relativity? string theory? intercultural interactions? **knowing God?**
- Our intuition, our sensibilities, our reasoning mean nothing compared to the wisdom and will of Jesus
- "Who can fathom the mysteries of God?" *Job 11:7*
- "What he opens, no one can shut.  
What he shuts, no one can open." *Revelation 3:7*

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to give life and to withhold life**

**Fear (fully submit to) Jesus alone**

**How foolish it is...**

- to think that we can disagree with Jesus and be right!
- to think that our reasoning determines what makes sense from His perspective

**He is God, and we are not**

**So the only wise and good action is to bow before Him!**

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Jesus alone has the full authority of God  
to judge and **to forgive**  
**to give life** and to withhold life

#### Hope in Jesus alone

- Other people's judgments of us mean nothing compared to the will of Jesus to forgive and to give life
- Other people's racism or injustice or deception or evil intent mean nothing compared to the will of Jesus to forgive and to give life
- "If God is for us, who can be against us?" *Romans 8:31*
- There is no other source of life (spiritual and otherwise)
- Pray with great faith and submission: "If you are willing..."

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Jesus **alone** has the full authority of God  
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to give life and to withhold life

#### Sit UNDER Jesus

- Jesus said: "**Do not judge**, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." *Matthew 7:1-2*
  - Think carefully & critically in truth, and confront evil
  - But **do not judge**
- **It is impossible to look down on people and up at Jesus at the same time**

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Jesus alone has the **full authority of God**  
to judge and to forgive  
to give life and to withhold life

#### Submit every thought to Jesus

- Every human framework is a mixture of good and bad, and at best a partial expression of what is true and good  
**Joshua met an angel of God: "Are you for us or for our enemies?" "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come."** *Joshua 5:13-14*
- Good human frameworks, prompted by Scripture, sincerely held, have often stopped people from hearing God
  - **Religious leaders honored Scripture and missed Jesus!**

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#### Submit every thought to Jesus

- We also ask Jesus: "Are you for us or for our enemies?"
  - Jesus' reply: Neither!
    - He asks: Are you submitting to me as God?
  - This includes political parties, theological parties, denominations, nations, people groups, and more
- Jesus worked so that people in each group would know that He is God

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**Submit every thought to Jesus**

- Grow in **God's** thoughts & be shaped in **God's** agenda
- Some human frameworks are better than others
- It is not wrong to associate with good human frameworks
- Yet good human frameworks, prompted by Scripture, sincerely held, have often stopped people from hearing God
  - We misunderstand or fail to hear the Spirit
  - We misread the Bible or skip parts
  - We lead others astray and we are led astray
- **Never stop being transformed by God Himself!**

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Jesus wants each of us to know Him fully  
In **profound humility**, realize...

- Only God sees everything clearly and truly
- Every human view is imperfect and incomplete

**Be a student of His Word. Listen to His Spirit. Be eager to be corrected by Him and His people. Obey boldly as He leads.**

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*For the Cause*

For the cause of Christ the King  
we give our lives, an offering  
'til all the earth resounds  
with ceaseless praise  
to the Son.

cause = purposes, authority  
'til = until  
resounds = is filled with, echoes with

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For the cause of Christ we go  
with joy to reap, with faith to sow  
as many see  
and many put their trust in the Son.

reap = people trusting in Jesus Christ  
sow = telling people about Jesus Christ

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Christ we proclaim,  
 the Name above every name;  
 For all creation,  
 Every nation,  
 God's salvation  
 Through the Son!

**proclaim = make known boldly and convincingly**  
**Name = authority, glory**  
**salvation = rescue**

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For the King once lifted high  
 to cries of rage, of 'crucify!'  
 Endured the cross  
 as every sin was laid,  
 on the Son.

**cries of rage = when people demanded that Jesus die**  
**sin was laid = Jesus was judged for our wrongdoing**

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To the King who conquered death,  
 To free the poor and the oppressed,  
 for lasting peace,  
 for life and liberty  
 in the Son.

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Let it be my life's refrain;  
To live is Christ, to die is gain;  
Deny myself, take up my cross  
 and follow the Son.

**refrain = ongoing purpose**  
**To live is Christ = submit fully and joyfully to Christ**  
**gain = be with God in heaven**  
**Deny myself = love Christ with everything I have and am**

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