

Crossway
Multinational
Church

We will begin around 10AM
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Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. *Revelation 1:4b-5a*
firstborn from the dead = the one who conquered death

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

September 27, 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

Sign up for church e-mails
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Sunday
SEPTEMBER 27 Zoom breakout sessions after today's service (plus sermon conversation with John Bonnell)

OCTOBER 4 Gathering on the Grass, 4:30pm

11 The Lord's Supper

In-person option for worship service (tentative)

Continued Zoom option

Crossway Fall Fest at the Farm. 5:00 pm
Games, Dinner, Hayrides, Bonfire.
@ Howard Tree Farm in Perry

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Prayer Chain Invitation

We are forming a "prayer chain":
**people who are willing to pray
when they receive requests via email**

People of Crossway can give requests to the "chain"
(not just people who are in the chain)

To learn more, go to:
<https://crosswaymchurch.org/members/prayer-chain/>
password: cmc-family

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Our financial gift
made it to
Naypyitaw Christian
Church in Myanmar!

The COVID crisis is
worsening there

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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 have already gone to see fall colors
- You plan to go see fall colors
- You are not looking forward to being stuck inside in bad weather!
- You are thankful to be a part of the worship service today

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You are Holy (Prince of Peace)

You are holy.	<i>You are holy.</i>
You are mighty.	<i>You are mighty.</i>
You are worthy,	<i>You are worthy,</i>
worthy of praise.	<i>worthy of praise.</i>
I will follow;	<i>I will follow;</i>
I will listen;	<i>I will listen;</i>
I will love You	<i>I will love You</i>
all of my days.	<i>all of my days</i>

8

I will sing to and worship

You are Lord of lords, You are King of kings
The King who is worthy.

You are mighty God, Lord of everything.
And I will love and adore Him,

You're Emmanuel, You're the Great I AM
And I will bow down before Him.

You're the Prince of peace who is the Lamb.

9

And I will sing to and worship

You're the living God, You're my saving grace.
The King who is worthy.

You will reign forever, You are Ancient of Days.
And I will love and adore Him

You are Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End.
And I will bow down before Him

You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer and Friend.

Alpha, Omega = first and last letters of Greek alphabet
Redeemer = Rescuer

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and I will live my life for You.

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以弗所书 1:19b-23 | **Ephesians 1:19b-23** ^{Chinese}

这大能曾运行在基督身上，使他从死人中复活，
又使他在天上坐在自己的右边，

That power [that is at work for us who believe] is
the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he
raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his
right hand in the heavenly realms,

exerted = used powerfully
seated him at his right hand = gave the position of highest authority

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远超越一切执政的、掌权的、有权能的、统治的和一切有名号的；不但是今世的，连来世的也都超越了。

far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

invoked = called to

17

神使万有服在他的脚下，又使他为了教会作万有之首；教会是他的身体，是那充满万有者所充满的。

And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

appointed him to be head = gave first authority
fullness of him = completion

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Our God Reigns

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
 who brings good news, good news;
 Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness:
 Our God reigns, our God reigns!

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Our God reigns!
 Our God reigns!
 Our God reigns!
 Our God reigns!

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He had no stately form, He had no majesty;
 that we should be drawn to Him.
 He was despised and we took no account of Him.
 Yet now He reigns with the Most High.

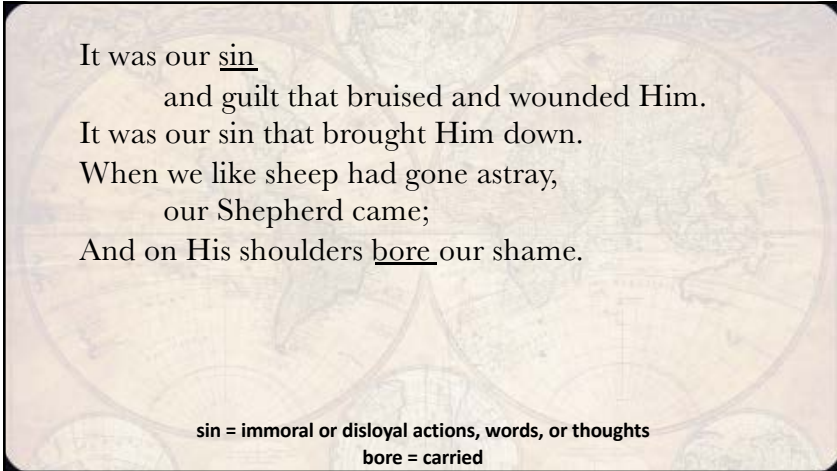
stately form = impressive or royal appearance
took no account = paid no attention

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It was our sin
and guilt that bruised and wounded Him.
It was our sin that brought Him down.
When we like sheep had gone astray,
our Shepherd came;
And on His shoulders bore our shame.

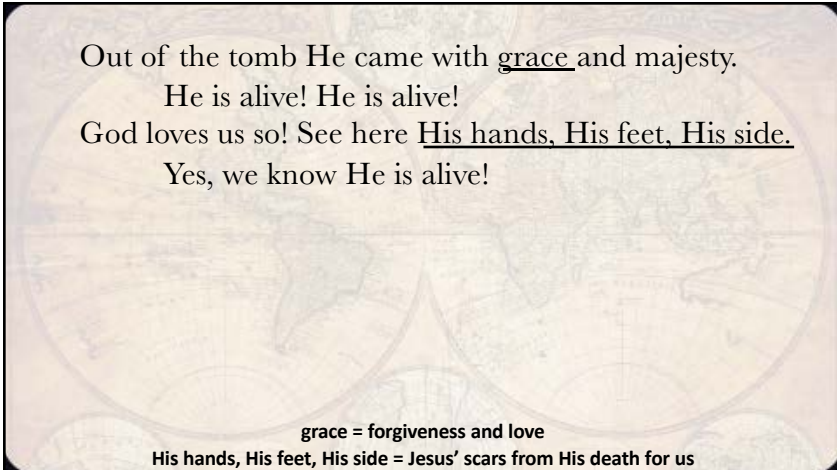
sin = immoral or disloyal actions, words, or thoughts
bore = carried

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Out of the tomb He came with grace and majesty.
He is alive! He is alive!
God loves us so! See here His hands, His feet, His side.
Yes, we know He is alive!

grace = forgiveness and love
His hands, His feet, His side = Jesus' scars from His death for us

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NaraIgbo
from southeastern Nigeria

You've done so much for me
 I cannot tell it all
 Narekele mo *Oh, accept my praise*
 If I had ten thousand tongues
 It still wouldn't be enough
 Narekele mo *Oh, accept my praise*

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Chukwu na gwom'oria le

The God who heals my diseases

When You heal, You heal completely

Narekele mo *Oh, accept my praise*Chukwumar'obinmo *The God who knows my heart*Isi ikendu le *The giver of life*Narekele mo *Oh, accept my praise*

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What shall I render to Jehovah?
 For He has done so very much for me
 What shall I render to Jehovah?
 For He has done so very much for me

render = give as a gift
 Jehovah = God

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Imela

Igbo
 from southeastern Nigeria

Imela, Imela,
 Thank You, Thank You,
 Imela, Okaka
 Thank You, the Great and Mighty God
 Imela, Chineke
 Thank You, God the Creator
 Imela, Onye'oma
 Thank You, the God who is Good

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Prayer of Confession

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,
 whose sins are covered.
 Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them
 and in whose spirit is no deceit.
 When I kept silent,
 my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
 For day and night your hand was heavy on me;
 my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.
 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.
 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
 And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Psalms 32:1-5

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Chinese

All the Days of My Life

Qīn ài Yēsū, nǐ zhēn ài wǒ,
亲爱耶稣, 你真爱我,

My Jesus, how You love me

Háo wú bǎo liú, wǒ jìng bài nǐ,
毫无保留, 我敬拜你,

By Your grace, I can worship You,

grace = forgiveness through Jesus

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Yīn nǐ shě mìng, wǒ huí dào fù shén miàn qián,
因你舍命, 我回到父神面前,

You gave Your life to make a way for me,

Zài ēn diǎn hé yìng xǔ zhōng jìng bài,
在恩典和应许中敬拜,

So I can come to the house of the Lord.

house of the Lord = God's presence

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Ō Yēsū ō Yēsū Nǐ xǐyuè wǒ xiàng nǐ gēsòng
喔耶稣喔耶稣你喜悦我向你歌颂

Oh Jesus, Oh Jesus, You delight in the song that I sing

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喔耶稣喔耶稣高举双手全心敬拜你

Oh Jesus, Oh Jesus, lift my hands in everlasting praise

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我要一生一生敬拜你

For all the days of my life, I will worship You

Zài nǐ diàn zhōng zhān yǎng nǐ róng měi
在你殿中瞻仰你荣美

I will worship and seek Your face

44

Zài nǐ fēng shèng ēn diǎn zhōng wǒ huān xīn gē sòng
在你丰盛恩典中我欢心歌颂

I will gaze on the beauty of the lord, my king

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For all the days of my life

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在你殿中瞻仰你荣美
I will worship and seek Your face

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在你救恩盼望中
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Chinese

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Prayer of Intercession

Psalm 46

*For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah.
According to alamoth. A song.*

Korah = a worship leader in Israel
alamoth = unknown Hebrew word

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God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

refuge = place of safety and protection
surging = rising of the waters

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There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

city of God = where God's people gather (the Church)
uproar = noisy confusion
melts = becomes insignificant

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Come and see what the Lord has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

desolations = emptiness, silence

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He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."

The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

exalted = praised highly

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Being a Fanatic

What is a fanatic?

•Someone who cannot change their mind
and will not change the subject

What might people be fanatical about?

What might a church be fanatical about?

What might be a problem with being fanatical
about a good thing?

The big idea: Jesus alone is God.

Everything we have and care about must be put at His feet

Pray for God's work in our hearts this morning

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Lord Over All Luke 6:1-11

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Last week...

God loves first
to lead us
to joyful repentance

What might
being led to joyful repentance
look like?

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Sabbath Rest

Sabbath: a day of rest and not work

- For the Jewish people: Saturday
- For most Christians: Sunday (day of Jesus' resurrection)

Ongoing question: What is 'rest' and what is 'work'?

- Is it okay to go shopping on Sundays?
- Is it okay to go to work in that store on Sundays?
- Is it okay to cut the grass or clean your room on Sundays?
- Is it okay to study for school on Sundays?

Feels to me like "making a mountain out of a molehill"

- Making a huge deal over something very unimportant

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10 Commandments

You shall have **no other gods** before me.

You shall **not** make for yourself an **image [idol]** ... You shall not bow down to them or worship them.

You shall **not** misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall **not** murder.

You shall **not** commit adultery.

You shall **not** steal.

You shall **not** give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall **not** covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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Punishable by Death!

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the Lord, who makes you holy.'

'Observe the Sabbath, because it is holy to you. Anyone who desecrates it is to be **put to death**; those who **do any work** on that day must be **cut off from their people**. For six days work is to be done, but the seventh day is a day of sabbath rest, holy to the Lord. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day is to be **put to death**. The Israelites are to observe the Sabbath, celebrating it for the generations to come **as a lasting covenant**. It will be a sign between me and the Israelites forever, for in six days the **Lord made the heavens and the earth**, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.'"

Exodus 31:12-17

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Even during days of urgent work: planting and harvest

"Six days you shall labor, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during the **plowing season and harvest** you must rest."

Exodus 34:21

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Promised Blessing if they “kept the Sabbath”

“**If** you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath
and from doing as you please on my holy day,
if you call the Sabbath a delight
and the Lord’s holy day honorable,
and **if** you honor it by not going your own way
and not doing as you please or speaking idle words,
then you will **find your joy in the Lord**,
and I will cause you to **ride in triumph**
on the heights of the land
and to **feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob.**”
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” *Isaiah 58:13-14*

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Reasoning of the Jewish Leaders about the Sabbath

1. Resting (not working) on the Sabbath
is one of the top 10 requirements of God
➤ breaking this law is like murder and adultery
2. It is rooted in creation (It is not because of sin)
3. It is punishable by death
4. God promises country-wide blessing for keeping it

They were right to take it seriously!

So they wrestled with this question:

- What is “work” that we shouldn’t do?
- ➔ It is better to do too little than too much

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Luke 6:1-5

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and his disciples began to pick some heads of grain, rub them in their hands and eat the kernels. Some of the Pharisees asked, “Why are you doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?”

Jesus answered them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God, and taking the consecrated bread, he ate what is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.”

Then Jesus said to them,
“The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”

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Luke 6:6-9

On another Sabbath he went into the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was shriveled. The Pharisees and the teachers of the law were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. But Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Get up and stand in front of everyone.” So he got up and stood there.

Then Jesus said to them, “I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?”

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Luke 6:10-11

He looked around at them all, and then said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He did so, and his hand was completely restored. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law were furious and began to discuss with one another what they might do to Jesus.

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Luke 6:12-16

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.

When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

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The Consecrated Bread

The consecrated bread:

“It **belongs to Aaron and his sons [priests]**, who are to eat it **in the sanctuary area**, because it is **a most holy part** of their perpetual share of the food offerings presented to the Lord.” *Leviticus 24:9*

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David and the Consecrated Bread 1 Samuel 21:1-6

David fled from the king who was unjustly trying to kill him

David went to the priest and lied

(“The king sent me on a mission...”)

David asked the priest for food for him and his men

“But the priest answered David, ‘I don’t have any ordinary bread on hand; however, there is some **consecrated bread** here—provided the men have kept themselves from women.’ ”

“...So the priest gave him the consecrated bread, since there was no bread there except the bread of the Presence that had been removed from before the Lord and replaced by hot bread on the day it was taken away.”

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Luke 6:1-11bib.ly/Lu6.NIV

1-5: Pharisees upset that disciples *harvested* on the Sabbath

- Legal to eat neighbor’s grain, but not harvest it
- “Have you not read...”
 - Perhaps: “Have you not been willing to see this?”
 - Direct attack on their pride: knowing Scriptures
- David broke a religious law to obey a higher law
 - Food when he was fleeing for his life
 - Pharisees knew of this and approved of David
- Jesus’ point: Jesus (“Son of Man”) has higher

6-11: authority than Moses or David or priest or Pharisees

12-16: **→ Jesus has the authority of God over this most important command**

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Luke 6:6-11

On another Sabbath he went into the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was shriveled. The Pharisees and the teachers of the law were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. But Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Get up and stand in front of everyone.” So he got up and stood there.

Then Jesus said to them, “I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?”

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Luke 6:6-11

He looked around at them all, and then said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He did so, and his hand was completely restored. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law were furious and began to discuss with one another what they might do to Jesus.

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Luke 6:1-11

1-5: Pharisees upset that disciples *harvested* on the Sabbath

6-11: Pharisees furious that Jesus healed on the Sabbath

- Pharisees: “Hostile observation”
 - Okay to help people on the Sabbath, but only if waiting until the next day would mean their death
- Jesus knew (knows) what was in the heart of people
 - Silent confrontation of each person
- Jesus’ skill: neither He nor the man did any “work”
- Miracle proved Jesus’ authority → He is God!

12-16:

- Jesus proved His authority over the Sabbath!
- Jesus led them to repent, in public, & they refused

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Luke 6:12-16

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.

When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

apostles = one who is sent with authority

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- Whom would the Messiah choose?
 - Certainly the most religious and highly trained
 - Certainly those who had already earned key positions
 - Jesus knew there would be a battle with powerful religious people: who could handle that?
- Prayed...all night!
- 12 “nobodies” in the religious establishment
 - And worse: tax collector, perhaps political zealot
- Those who would not repent lost out

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The Big Idea

**Jesus, being God,
alone has absolute authority over the Kingdom:
right and wrong
and priorities
and people
and life**

Jesus called the religious leaders to repent: their view
of the Sabbath prevented them from seeing God in front of them

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What is our highest value?

What do we sacrifice the most for?
What do we get most angry about?
What do we fear the most?
What takes up our time when we have a choice?
What can we not stop doing or thinking about?
What do we dream and daydream about most?

Jesus, as God, must be higher still

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Jesus calls us to repent:
to turn FROM other things and turn TO Him

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Give up our lives daily while still living

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple **must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me**. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but **whoever loses their life for me will save it**. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?"

Luke 9:23-25

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Only aim: do the task given by the Lord Jesus

Paul said, “And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, **I consider my life worth nothing to me**; my only aim is **to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me**—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.

Acts 20:22-24

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I no longer live...Christ lives in me

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

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**Jesus challenged the people He met at their highest value
and demanded to be higher than that**

*** Money * Pleasures of life * Approval/welcome from people
* Worries of life * Moral values * Relationships * Identity
Because He alone is God**

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Sabbath for Christians Today

A wide range of views for acceptable practices on which days
Rhythms of life are important

Stopping work is an acceptance that we are limited
and the value of our work is limited [we are not God!]

It is good to do good on the Sabbath!

Most important → Jesus is our Sabbath rest

- God did the work of creation then stopped that work
 - We don’t work to bring creation
 - We live out that creation, with rest
- Jesus did the work of salvation then sat down
 - In Jesus, we don’t work to bring salvation
 - We live out our salvation, with rest

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Application

Worship Jesus as Lord over all

- “You shall have no other gods before me.” *Exodus 20:3*
- Jesus leads us to joyful repentance by helping us see what “gods” are coming before God for each of us
 - Values, even super important values
 - People, even super important people
 - Identity, fulfillment, a future, my past, ...
 - The question is not **If** but **Where is this true in me?**
- Anything that is more important to us than Jesus, has become a god to us in place of Jesus
- **So why is it “joyful” to face this reality??**

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What do we put our hope in?

- **Everything** else will fail us
- **Everyone** else will fail us
- **It is an amazingly good thing to give up a lesser god!**
- The other things may not be bad things, and may be so good, and even godly things
- **But they can never do what only God can do**



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Jesus is God. He is also entirely good and all powerful!

- **There is nothing or no one better we could trust!**
- **There is no other purpose or place or person where we could put our time, our money, our hearts, or our lives that would give us a better 'return'**
- **The best thing we could ever do is to entrust to Jesus all that we are!**

Joyful repentance = To turn to Jesus completely, with all that we have and are, with full confidence in His overwhelming goodness
In His love, Jesus leads us to this joyful repentance!
So... in joy, put Jesus above everything else in our lives

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Application

When called by Jesus, **leave everything** and follow Jesus

- Leave everything
 - Sometimes: Get rid of what we have
 - “What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ.” *Philippians 3:8*
 - Jesus told a man who was exceptionally good: “You still lack one thing. **Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven.** Then come, follow me.” *Luke 18:22*

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 - Sometimes: Get rid of what we have
 - Always: Changed relationship with what we have
 - “Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? **You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.**” *1 Corinthians 6:19-20*
 - Similar to the ideal of marriage: everything you have is shared with someone who fully loves you
 - Yet with God, we were purchased, so **our lives belong to the One who loved us enough to die for us**

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Application

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- Follow Jesus with determination and courage
 - **Head:** make the thoughts of God be our thoughts
 - Listen, watch, read God’s Word and the Holy Spirit
 - With an open, eager, and humble mind

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 - **Heart:** make the heart of God be our heart
 - “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, **set your hearts on things above, where Christ is**, seated at the right hand of God.” *Colossians 3:1*
 - “...clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another” *Colossians 3:12-13*
 - What moves the heart of Jesus?
 - What is His purpose in the world?

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 - Head: make the thoughts of God be our thoughts
 - Heart: make the heart of God be our heart
 - **Hands:** make the work of God be our work
 - When defending His actions to His critics, Jesus said: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because **whatever the Father does the Son also does.**” *John 5:19*
 - What did Jesus do? What is God doing?

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of all that we are and have
What is it in your life and my life that does not want to give up
that place of first importance?
In love, Jesus leads us to joyfully **turn to Him instead**

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Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone. Christ alone
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong

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Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ in which we stand

apart from His command = no good comes unless He sends it

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O, sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal
O, sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ, our hope in life and death

hallelujah! = Praise to God!
springs eternal = never ends
confess = declare boldly

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What truth can calm the troubled soul?
 God is good God is good
 Where is His grace and goodness known?
 In our great Redeemer's blood

Redeemer's blood = Jesus' death

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Who holds our faith when fears arise?
 Who stands above the stormy trial?
 Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
 unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

**nigh = near
 shore = safety
 rock = security**

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Unto the grave, what will we sing?
 Christ, He lives! Christ, He lives!
 And what reward will heaven bring?
 Everlasting life with Him

Unto the grave = When we are close to death

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There we will rise to meet the Lord
 Then sin and death will be destroyed
 And we will feast in endless joy
 when Christ is ours forevermore

sever = cut off

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