

“The Resurrection and the Conveyor Belt Life”

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INTRO... The Conveyor Belt Life

... we stop interacting with ‘Significant Things’ for very long or in meaningful ways—because the next thing is coming!!

... the “Great Conveyor Belt of Life” just keeps coming and serving up more and more stuff that you have to quickly decide how to interact with it!

? — What Does the Resurrection Do for Us, That Nothing Else Can/Will Do? ...What Does the Resurrection Touch in Our Lives That Really Matters, Everyday?

Lk 24:1-12 ...The Sunday Morning Event!

The Everyday Significance!

Hebrews 1:1-2 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

...There are many ways that God has revealed Himself and What We Need to Know about Life—But THE Most Critical Life Insights Come Through Jesus Christ!

Hebrews 2:1, 3-4 Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ...³ how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴ while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

... God Has Spoken to us by His Son ...Pay Careful Attention! — Listen, Easter is Speaking!

Hebrews 2:9, 14-15 But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ...¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

...This Verse is going to help us "SEE" a couple of critical things: (1) SEE JESUS (2) SEE DEATH ...these 2 Things will Help us "SEE EASTER"

"SEE Jesus"

v. 9 ... "we see Him—Jesus, crowned with glory and honor"

RIGHT NOW: Crowned with Glory and Honor (The Scene in Heaven is that Jesus Christ Sits on the Throne of Heaven) ...but... 2000 yrs ago He was NOT on That Throne, He was Living as a Man

What Do You 'See' When You See Jesus? ... "Hippy-Jesus"?? ... "Ultimate-Example-Jesus"??

...This Verse Introduces us to "STRATEGIC JESUS"

v. 9 ... "for a little while was made lower than the angels" ... "so that He might taste death for everyone." —there's the reason for the earthly life of Jesus! ...not to just teach or inspire or provide an example—but to enter into DEATH!!

v. 9 ... "to taste death for everyone" —Jesus is Relevant to Everyone because Death is Relevant to Everyone!

v. 14 ... the Strategy: to become a Man, to Enter Into Death, then to Destroy Death's Power with the Resurrection

“SEE Death”

DEATH in 2 Dimensions ...Death Touches Our Lives in 2 Ways — (1) Death is an Event ...and... (2) Death is a Shadow

- **The EVENT of Death** ...No One Gets Out of This Alive!

Psalms 103:11-17

- ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- ¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.
- ¹⁴ For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.
- ¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;
- ¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.
- ¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,

- **The SHADOW of Death**

...v. 15 describes a common human experience— “Lifelong slavery to the fear of death”... death will only come once, in one sense, yet it is present daily in Shadow Form!

Psalms 23:4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

The Everyday 'Shadow'—and the Everyday Disconnect

...in the Bible, living people are described as “dead” and are daily experiencing an aspect of death

Genesis 2:17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Ephesians 2:1-3 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Ephesians 2:4-6 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

1 Peter 1:3-6 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,

...THE Answer to this “Everyday Disconnect” (this Living Death)—is to receive a New Life that comes “through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead”

CONCLUSION ...“What Have I Done with 'Strategic Jesus'?”