

Say What? Things We Wish Jesus Didn't Say

Pastor Dave Zimmerman • April 5, 2020

LIVE from the Hub • Text: Mark 16

³³At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"). Mark 16

What do we do with Suffering?

Traditional thought

- If God is Great, he must have the power to remove evil.
- If God is Good, he must want to remove evil.
- Therefore evil must not exist. - But it does.

Bible does not shy away from acknowledging this

²³Awake, Lord! Why do you sleep? Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever. ²⁴Why do you hide your face and forget our misery and oppression? Ps 44

But we begin to see it point to the future, to answer the question.

The Bible reframes it

- If God is Great, then he can defeat evil.
- If God is Good, then he will defeat evil.
- Therefore, _____ God will defeat evil.

The Bible seems to take it further

This is the best of all possible ways to enter the best of all possible worlds.

- If God is Great, he must have the power to bring about the best world.
- If God is Good, he must want to bring about the best world in the best way.
- Therefore allowing evil now must be the best way to bring about the best world.

In order to get to the best world, God needed to allow people to freely choose to love Him.

What Does this Say?

- It's a statement of F _____ "my God" there is an expectation.
- It is a statement of Missing R _____.
- It expresses objective reality.

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole." Gal 3:13

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." 1 Peter 2:24

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. 3:18

He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:2

What Does it Mean?

I. God is a _____ God.

¹⁸No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known. 1:18

⁹Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Jn 14

Col 1:19, 2:9, Heb 1

II. The God of Jesus offers himself as the answer to our pain. that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 2 Cor 5:19

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Cor 5:21

III. The God of Jesus brings good out of evil.

In Your life - _____

What do we do in the meantime.

1. L _____.

²How long, LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? ³Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. ⁴Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted. Hab 1:2-4;

2. Continue in F _____.

⁸But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

3. Pray against it.

¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' Matt 6:13

Welcome to Church on the Couch!



We are dedicated to be and make followers of Jesus Christ in authentic community for the sake of God and the world Matthew 28

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WELCOME!

Welcome to the Bragg Creek Community Church! Thank you for taking the time join us this morning. At the back table you can find a Connection Card and helpful information about our church and the various ministries we are part of. I hope you will be able to get a sense of who we are and what we are all about.

Today, I hope you find warm and loving people just like you, enjoying themselves as they encounter God through a gathering time that doesn't talk over their head but reaches the heart in everyday practical ways.

If the church or myself can assist, support, or listen in any way please feel free to contact us at any time.

Blessings on you and your family,

Pastor Dave Zimmerman
Youth & Music Minister Timothy Harder
& Your Church Council

Zelda Bird • Ryan Elkanah • Anna Grist • Craig Maynard
Tunde Oloworaran • Blake Schroeder (Treasurer)
Dean Stuart (Chair) • Melissa Teeuwssen

Order of Service

10am • Call to Worship & Spiritual Formation (Tim)

Message: Say What?

Things We Wish Jesus Didn't Say (Pastor Dave)

Fellowship Time following the service
(on Zoom meeting)

Nursery Volunteers:

On hold until further notice

PARTNERSHIP Community: IN

- **Youth:** Events/gatherings will be suspended for the near future, please keep an eye on emails for further info as things develop. Contact Tim and/or Lindsey Harder for more info.
- **Girls' Club** is cancelled, Carol will email info when it resumes.
- Please consider joining a **POD (Point of Discipleship)** life group, for info contact Pastor Dave
- **HELP NEEDED** on Sundays (once church at centre resumes): Nursery (see Mary-Ann Kroeker), Greeters, Set Up/Screens, Sunday School, Worship Team and other ways. Contact Dave if you can help!

What's Up at THE HUB:

For info or to help out contact our Hub Organization Committee:

Anna Grist, Carol Mertens, and Mary-Ann Kroeker

Info/Contact: thehub@braggcreekchurch.ca

- **Ladies Bible Study:** *We will be postponing studies in person until further notice due to Covid-19 concerns. We are currently studying Esther with videos/guide by Beth Moore. To receive virtual meeting info and be added to email list: Anna G. annaink@gmail.com*

ADVENTURE Commission: OUT

Local Works

- In light of the global concerns, we want to be a community that defaults to preparation rather than panic, service instead of selfishness, and community engagement even in the midst of isolation. To facilitate this, Bragg Creek Community Church has set up a Facebook page called: **Bragg Creek Community Support**. Join if you are able to be open to HELPING or if you have a specific NEED you would like help with, there are two google doc forms set up within the group, join and there are further instructions within the group! Let's commit to loving and serving our community in whatever way we can!
- Please visit braggcreekchurch.ca to access/donate to the **Food Bank and Crisis Fund** during this time.
- Talk to Dave to borrow a copy of **Saturate** by Jeff Vandersteldt and **Surprise the World** by Michael Frost, both great books on being disciples and making disciples and being effective "sent ones" to the people we are called to serve
- **If you're considering volunteering with kids/youth** please see the "Volunteer Application" and "Plan to Protect Policies" on the website or talk to Zelda Bird or Carol Mertens

Cross Cultural

- Intercede: Please continue to pray for our community, for the Covid-19 crisis here and worldwide, for those whom you are sent, and for our Tsuu Tina neighbours

Global Works

- Take time to lift Racecourse in prayer and **please see Melissa for details on supporting children**

Affiliated Partners

- Andrew & Izzy Chidwick are currently serving with YWAM in Derby, England

DISCOVERY Commune: UP

- For **prayer requests / to be added to the email prayer list**, contact Megan Stuart: valleyrockranch@gmail.com
- **Tithing options:** online at braggcreekchurch.ca/give, etransfer to give@braggcreekchurch.ca, use the tithe.ly app, or cash/cheque in offering plate. For more info see slips on welcome table or talk to Blake Schroeder.

***Please submit any announcements for the bulletin
to Anna Grist at annaink@gmail.com***

Notes