

inflate • Lord of Life

April 4, 2010 (Easter Sunday)

Week 8 of 8

INTRO • SERIES

GOD IS MY AIR: In every aspect of my life, God comes first. His Word is my only authority. His Son is my only Salvation. His glory is my greatest desire. I give him the first of my every opportunity.

PRAY • NO ONE KILLED JESUS • I'LL COME BACK TO THAT • LUCY VANDEWETERING
DEATH IS WRONG • EASTER :: DEATH IS BEATEN

No one killed Jesus.

No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.

John 10:18

Jesus: Lord of Life

1. JESUS CLAIMED TO HAVE total AUTHORITY OVER

HIS OWN life AND death.

ROY WALFORD TRIED TO CONTROL HIS LIFE • CALORIE RESTRICTION • ALS (LOU GEHRIG'S)

- He chose when to die.

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 19:30

CRUCIFIXION OFTEN TOOK DAYS!

- When the time came, he got up!

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Matthew 28:2-10

HERE IS WHERE THE DEBATE LIES • DID HE REALLY COME BACK TO LIFE?

THE CASE FOR CHRIST • TALK TO ME

<http://jeff.mikels.cc/posts/the-resurrection-of-jesus-easter-2005/>

If Jesus returned to life...

WRITE IT DOWN... THE RESURRECTION PROVES IT

TR: HE RULES HIS OWN LIFE but what about mine?

2. JESUS CLAIMED TO HAVE AUTHORITY OVER

THE life AND death OF others.

"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

John 11:21-27

SHE CAN'T ACCEPT THE PRESENT REALITY OF JESUS' CLAIM • IT'S ALL THEORY

Raising Lazarus proved it!

LAZARUS CAME BACK HEALTHY

TEASE THE PROMISE OF FUTURE RESURRECTION / BRYNN BIRMAN'S DAUGHTER SAM

3. JESUS CLAIMS AUTHORITY TO give you life.

Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

John 10:7-13

A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.

John 10:10 MSG

Do you believe it?

THE RESURRECTION PROVES THAT JESUS CONTROLS LIFE AND DEATH.

Take it home

NEED TWO GUESTS FROM AUDIENCE • BALLOON COMPETITION • CHURCH IS YOUR NECK

LCC AIMS TO BE THE CONDUIT FOR YOU TO RECEIVE "FULL LIFE"

- Sunday Gatherings

- Elements Class

- Life Groups

- Service Teams

HOMEWARD BOUND • NOTHING WILL WORK UNTIL YOUR SIN IS CLEANSED :: COMMUNION