



## The Book of Matthew Lesson 13 2Q 2016 Crucified and Risen

I received this email this week from a gentleman in Michigan:

*Dear Come and Reason Class,*

*I have been listening to your studies for almost four years now. I was brought up in a different faith and have been petrified my whole life of God. I studied about God up until about 12 years of age and believed that I would burn in hell for eternity. For the next 45 years, I pursued the things of this world, but the Spirit was always calling me as I knew there was a God through nature. I could see the vast sea of stars in the universe and knew there was something bigger out there.*

*A friend and I were always interested in Daniel and Revelation, trying to figure out the end times. Five years ago, I came to the Adventist church through the Revelation seminar. From that day to today, I have been blessed to learn about God's character and government. I have come under some extreme pressure within our conference when I brought up Come and Reason, but I rarely take other's opinions as fact. One time a sister sent me an article from the internet titled "What's wrong with Tim Jennings?" and the next Sabbath, I asked "What she thought of it?" and she said "I don't know, I didn't read it" I noticed that within our conference there is organizational protection and a fear to trust one's own ability to reason. I have always wanted to find out for myself, whether it be economics, science, politics or the truth about God. So I stayed with the Design Law construct and have been liberated to understand the big picture. Once we consider Design Law, all other Bible stories and prophecies seem to fit perfectly.*

*This has been a slow, almost four year, journey, but there are a few that are starting to understand Design law. It is truly beautiful to see these people grasping how God operates this Universe of Love and the liberation it has provided in their lives. It blows my mind to see how consistent Design law is with what our founders believed. I hear statements like "This makes so much sense".*

*To make a long story short, I sent you the attached request for three copies of the Remedy yesterday, but when I went to church my brother said he was interested in one copy. Then I said "would you like two copies?" He said "yes". Then I had to ask "If he wanted three copies? He said "yes" to that as well. So within a few seconds, I gave away all three copies I requested earlier in the day. Could you please send me a case so I can get to work and quit bugging you.*

*Blessings to you and the entire Come and Reason Family,*



And I received this last night from Dennis Kremenetsky (he attended with his fiancé Alina Heinanen):

*I love everything about how Tim Jennings teaches, how he makes you want to learn for yourself. He makes you eager to learn more and not afraid to question. Not afraid to reason things out, and figure out the meaning of God's word. I lived in the Collegedale community for 18 years, and I just couldn't find my way to God. I felt pushed away by the church, more then pulled in. I gave up for a long time, but then I started coming to Come and Reason and things changed. There was some hope, something pulling me in, pushing me to question and learn. Pushing me to not be afraid and just question, so I could really see God's Love. I have just moved to Finland, and I would really love to be able to spread the word here of Come and Reason to my family and friends, and to anyone else who will listen. I just wanted to say thank you to Tim Jennings and the community of Come and Reason, I had given up and you have pulled me back into Christ. Tomorrow I will be baptized for the first time, and its all thanks to God spreading his word through Tim Jennings. Thank you all and wish you the best.*

To Dennis: We celebrate today as, having come to the knowledge of God, you are baptized into the family of God! Welcome to the Family!

## SABBATH

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Read memory text: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." Mt 28:18

What does the text mean?

Is it Jesus stating that He was now reassuming the power and authority He had prior to His incarnation and for which He had limited His use during His life on earth?

Does authority connote more than power?

Doesn't authority connote the rightful use of power? Had Christ ever been in a position where He did not have the right of rulership?

Then why the need to state that authority had been given Him? Could it be that a question about Christ's legitimate place in God's universe was raised? Could it be that humans didn't realize Christ as truly equal with the Father? Do some people today still struggle with this truth and assert that Christ is a lesser being than the Father?

In the book *Patriarchs and Prophets*, we read about such questions being raised in heaven:

Leaving his place in the immediate presence of the Father, Lucifer went forth to diffuse the spirit of discontent among the angels. He worked with mysterious secrecy, and for a time



concealed his real purpose under an appearance of reverence for God. He began to insinuate doubts concerning the laws that governed heavenly beings, intimating that though laws might be necessary for the inhabitants of the worlds, angels, being more exalted, needed no such restraint, for their own wisdom was a sufficient guide. They were not beings that could bring dishonor to God; all their thoughts were holy; it was no more possible for them than for God Himself to err. **The exaltation of the Son of God as equal with the Father was represented as an injustice to Lucifer**, who, it was claimed, was also entitled to reverence and honor. If this prince of angels could but attain to his true, exalted position, great good would accrue to the entire host of heaven; for it was his object to secure freedom for all. But now even the liberty which they had hitherto enjoyed was at an end; **for an absolute Ruler had been appointed them, and to His authority all must pay homage**. Such were the subtle deceptions that through the wiles of Lucifer were fast obtaining in the heavenly courts. {PP 37.1}

**There had been no change in the position or authority of Christ. Lucifer's envy and misrepresentation and his claims to equality with Christ had made necessary a statement of the true position of the Son of God; but this had been the same from the beginning.** Many of the angels were, however, blinded by Lucifer's deceptions. {PP 38.1}

So, Satan raised questions that undermined in the minds of intelligent beings the rightfulness of Christ's authority and rulership—but after the Cross all such questions have been answered, “worthy worthy worthy is the Lamb who was slain...” He is worthy to have all power because He has demonstrated He is trustworthy with all power!

But the lesson title is about the crucifixion and resurrection and I received a letter in the mail this week with the following question:

*A few Sabbaths back you mentioned in SS class that you do not believe that Christ died the second death. I would very much like to hear more about this. I have listened to that lesson 3 times, however, I still have questions.*

*I understand of course, that Christ is alive today—so obviously did not die forever, but I thought that was because he conquered death—that because He Himself had never sinned, that death could not hold Him. Also, I have understood that Christ's psychological experience at the time was like what it will be for those who do die the second death. He experience all of our sin upon Himself while fully comprehending how far from—well I guess I would at this point say, from Design Law, those sins took Him. They were so far from design protocol that the natural consequence would be death. Isn't this what those dying the second death will experience—the natural result of not being willing to have God change/heal us?*

*I would love for you to have an article upon the website addressing this issue specifically. Thank you again for all you are doing to dispel the lies that Satan has woven around God's character.*



There is an article in the blog section of our website entitled, “Did Christ Die the Second Death?”

If you go to our website and use the search feature at the top and type in “second death” you will find it.

But, what do you think of her question? How would you answer it?

Might it be helpful to define what we mean by the term second death?

Where would you turn to define this term? What does the Bible say about it?

The Bible uses the actual term “second death” only in the book of Revelation in 2:11, 20:6, 20:14 and 21:8.

The first two times the term is used the Bible tells us that the second death has no power over the righteous, those who arise in the first resurrection.

It is in the last two uses that the Bible gives us some definition of what the second death actually is:

- Rev 20:14 "The lake of fire is the second death"
- Rev 21:8 "their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

According to Revelation the second death occurs in the lake of fire or that dying in the lake of fire is the second death. Did Christ die in the lake of fire?

When Jesus died do we have any inspired evidence that Jesus died with fire reigning down upon Him? Or does the inspired record reveal just the opposite that darkness covered Him and He pled, “my God, my God why have you forsaken me” (Matt 27:45, 46)?

So, first point—is Christ’s death like the wicked, dying in the lake of fire, or opposite dying in darkness?

What do we understand the fire to be in which the wicked die? Heb 12:29 “Our God is a consuming fire.” EGW says that “to sin wherever it is found our God is a consuming fire.” DA 107

Where does Revelation say the fire occurs?

Then another angel, a third, followed them, crying with a loud voice, “Those who worship the beast and its image, and receive a mark on their foreheads or on their hands, they will also drink the wine of God’s wrath, poured unmixed into the cup of his anger, and **they will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of**



**the Lamb.** And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image and for anyone who receives the mark of its name.” Rev 14:9-11 NRSV

Where is this fire? In God’s presence—here is a description of this in the book *The Great Controversy*:

At last the order to advance is given, and the countless host moves on--an army such as was never summoned by earthly conquerors, such as the combined forces of all ages since war began on earth could never equal. Satan, the mightiest of warriors, leads the van, and his angels unite their forces for this final struggle. Kings and warriors are in his train, and the multitudes follow in vast companies, each under its appointed leader. With military precision the serried ranks advance over the earth's broken and uneven surface to the City of God. By command of Jesus, the gates of the New Jerusalem are closed, and the armies of Satan surround the city and make ready for the onset. {GC 664.3}

Now Christ again appears to the view of His enemies. Far above the city, upon a foundation of burnished gold, is a throne, high and lifted up. Upon this throne sits the Son of God, and around Him are the subjects of His kingdom. The power and majesty of Christ no language can describe, no pen portray. **The glory of the Eternal Father is enshrouding His Son. The brightness of His presence fills the City of God, and flows out beyond the gates, flooding the whole earth with its radiance...** {GC 665.1}

As soon as the books of record are opened, and the eye of Jesus looks upon the wicked, **they are conscious of every sin which they have ever committed.** They see just where their feet diverged from the path of purity and holiness, just how far pride and rebellion have carried them in the violation of the law of God. The seductive temptations which they encouraged by indulgence in sin, the blessings perverted, the messengers of God despised, the warnings rejected, the waves of mercy beaten back by the stubborn, unrepentant heart--**all appear as if written in letters of fire.** {GC 666.2}

**Had He appeared with the glory that was His with the Father before the world was, we could not have endured the light of His presence. That we might behold it and not be destroyed,** the manifestation of His glory was shrouded. His divinity was veiled with humanity,--the invisible glory in the visible human form. {DA 23.1}

Did Christ die a death in the unveiled splendor and glory of God? Or again, did Christ die when God’s presence was hidden from Him?

And remember just before His crucifixion Jesus was transfigured—Jesus was bathed in the unveiled glory of God and what happened? No harm to Jesus! But, the wicked in that same fiery glory are consumed and it is described as the lake of fire or the second death.



Some Bible commentators add further clarification between the first and second death noting that the first death is the death from which a resurrection occurs but the second death is the death from which there is no resurrection. There is sound Biblical evidence for this conclusion (1Cor 15:12-21, 42-49, 1Thes 4:16, Rev 2:11, 20:5,6,14, 21:8). If we accept this additional demarcation then we must ask, Did Christ die a death from which there was no resurrection or did Christ rise again? "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith" (1Cor 15:13). On two counts the Biblical evidence suggests Christ did not die the second death. Is there more evidence?

While the Bible doesn't use "second death" language in any other place, Jesus actually described the two deaths (first and second) in Matthew 10:28 when He said:

"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell."

Christ makes a distinction between two types of death. The first in which only the body is destroyed and the second in which the body and soul is destroyed.

The Greek word translated "soul" is "psyche" which means "mind, identity, individuality." So, when Jesus died on the cross, did He have His mind, identity, individuality destroyed or did He rise again as the "same Jesus" (Acts 1:11) who died?

If we use the Bible as our guide we have three demarcating features of the second death:

- lake of fire
- death without resurrection
- death which destroys both body and soul (psyche, individuality, mind)

When Jesus died were any of these identifiers met? No! The Bible seems to be making a strong case that Jesus did not "die" the second death. If He didn't die the second death then what was the significance of His death?

Jesus death was the means of actually destroying death!

Christ confronted the second death and conquered it, He did not "pay" the legal death penalty so many falsely believe was necessary.

2 Timothy 1:10 states, Christ "destroyed death and brought life and immortality to life." Christ destroyed the elements of Satan's government that bring death "by his death he destroyed him who holds the power of death that is the devil" Hebrews 2:14. The law of God is the law of love (Deuteronomy 6:5, Psalms 19:7, Matthew 22:37, Romans 13:10, 1 Cor 13, Galatians 5:14, James 2:8), which is the law that all life is created to operate upon. Sin is lawlessness (1John 3:4), which is trying to live outside the law of love. In other words, sin is violating the very principle that life is created to



operate upon. **Death results where selfishness rules and death is destroyed where love reigns supreme!**

Christ died when love overcame selfishness, when He gave His life freely, when He chose to lay down His life voluntarily. In Christ the law of love, the law of life, was fully lived out when Christ refused to use His power to save self, but rather gave His life freely in love. **In Christ, giving destroyed taking, love destroyed selfishness, life destroyed death!** Thus Christ's death destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light! Christ's experience on the cross stands in sharp contrast to that of those who die in the lake of fire where they are overcome by selfishness.

The differences between Christ's death and that of those who die the second death are stark:

- Christ died trusting the Father – Luke 23:46  
The wicked die distrusting the Father – Revelation 6:16
- Christ died longing to see the Father – Mark 15:34  
The wicked die hiding from the Father – Revelation 6:16
- Christ died when the Father's presence was hidden – Mark 15:34  
The wicked die when the Father is fully revealed – 2 Thes 2:8
- Christ died less than 72 hours – Luke 24:1-8  
The wicked die eternally – Malachi 4:1-3, Romans 6:23, James 1:15, 2Pet 3:10-12
- Christ died when love overcame selfishness – John 3:16, 10:17,18, 1John 3:16  
The wicked die overcome by selfishness – Revelation 21:8

If the Scriptures so plainly teaches that Christ did not die the second death, but rather destroyed death, then why do so many insist that He did? Because many have accepted the imposed law construct and therefore misdiagnosed the problem of sin. Rather than realizing sin destroys the sinner, that we are in a terminal state of sinfulness, that without Christ's victory we would die, many have innocently, but wrongly, concluded that our problem is actually God Himself. Many believe that God, in order to be just and uphold the imposed law, must kill, must inflict eternal death.

Therefore it is believed that in order to avoid God killing us that God needs to be appeased or our legal penalty needs to be paid. The natural conclusion of this misdiagnosis is to believe that Christ must have died the second death lest our penalty remain unpaid. But when we return to design law we realize that Christ didn't die the second death, He destroyed death, He destroyed the infection of selfishness, He destroyed the deviation from God's law, He destroyed the lies about God and established a new humanity in perfect harmony with God's law.

Ephesians 2:14-18 from the NIV and then from *The Remedy*:

NIV:

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,<sup>15</sup> by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making



peace,<sup>16</sup> and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.<sup>17</sup> He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.<sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

*The Remedy:*

For Christ himself is the Remedy that heals the species and brings peace. He has removed fear and selfishness that cause division, mistrust, prejudice, and hostility.<sup>15</sup> He did this by partaking of our human condition, and—via the exercise of his human brain—he loved perfectly, thereby destroying in his flesh (in the humanity he partook) the selfish survival-of-the-fittest drive along with the lies of Satan. In this way, he destroyed the need for the law (with all its regulations) to expose Satan’s lies and methods. His purpose was to be the template of a new humanity born out of the unification of the two—our selfish, infected condition merged with his sinless state—thereby purging selfishness from the human heart, and transforming, healing, renewing, regenerating and recreating humanity back to God’s original ideal;<sup>16</sup> and in this new being, to reconcile the human race—regardless of ethnic background—into loving unity with God and each other through the revelation of truth at the cross, by which he destroyed the lies of Satan, reestablished trust, and removed fear, selfishness, and hostility.<sup>17</sup> He came and demonstrated the truth of God’s character and the offer of peace available to all humanity—to those far away in darkness and those blessed with the truth of God’s word.<sup>18</sup> For Jesus reveals the truth about God to all, and—through what Jesus has done—all have access to the Father by one Spirit.

What about the Father’s activity or actions toward Jesus on the Cross and the wicked in the end? Does the Father act differently to either? Or does God the Father surrender both to reap what they choose? The wicked choose to be eternally separated from the Father, Christ chose to go through the Cross to complete His mission of eliminating the infection of fear and selfishness and restoring God’s law of love into the species human. In both places, God sets free, God stops intervening, stops interceding, and surrenders them to reap what they have chosen. But Christ chose something completely different than the wicked. Christ chose to trust His Father, Christ chose to love perfectly, the wicked choose to reject the Father and cling to selfishness!

## **MONDAY**

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This is when Christ cried, “my God, my God, why have you forsaken me.” read first paragraph, “Matthew records what...”

What is God’s wrath according to Scripture? It is when God lets go, and at the Cross God let go of Jesus and allowed Jesus to reap what Jesus chose, which was to be our Remedy!

This is like a parent who lets go of their healthy child who is donating a kidney to save their child in renal failure—they know the healthy child is going to suffer through a painful ordeal, but they are pleased to allow it because it will result in saving the other child. This is why God was pleased that



Christ be bruised as it says in Isaiah, because it was through this process that Christ could provide the cure to sinfulness and save us.

Jesus Christ “destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light” 2 Timothy 1:9,10.

## SUNDAY

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Read first paragraph:

“It was Barabbas the murderer who was supposed to be crucified on the middle cross. The criminals on either side were possibly his associates. Barabbas was not a first name but a last one. Bar means ‘son of,’ just as Simon bar Jonah meant ‘son of Jonah’ or Bartholomew meant ‘son of Tolomeo.’ Barabbas means ‘son of abbas’—meaning ‘son of the father.’ Many early manuscripts record Barabbas’s first name as Yeshua (Jesus). Yeshua was a common name at the time, meaning ‘Yahweh saves.’ So, Barabbas’s name was along the lines of ‘Yahweh saves, son of the father.’

Is it surprising Satan had a counterfeit for Jesus?

Do you see in history that Satan frequently counterfeits what God is doing?

- Sacrifices to teach God’s selfless love and how sin severs the circle of love—counterfeited into an appeasement myth
- Elijah the true prophet of God—counterfeited by false prophets (and many more in the OT times)
- Galatians Paul speaks of a counterfeit gospel focused on legalities and rituals and behavior
- Jesus said many false Messiah’s would come
- In the 19<sup>th</sup> century during the Great Awakening, there was a counterfeit awakening of spiritualism
- And the greatest counterfeit of all? Why Christ had to die—the purpose of the Cross! The penal legal appeasement of God which teaches God is the source of inflicted death and puts God in the role of killing Jesus.

Last paragraph states, “Unless under the conviction of the Holy Spirit, people will inevitably make the wrong spiritual choice, as did the mob here.” thoughts?

Can people be under the conviction of the Holy Spirit and still make the wrong spiritual choice?

I think it could be more accurately stated, “unless *following* the conviction of the Holy Spirit...” thoughts?

There are many quotations of people who have also seen it this way, here is one from the book, *The Desire of Ages*



**At this council Christ's enemies had been deeply convicted. The Holy Spirit had impressed their minds.** But Satan strove to gain control of them. He urged upon their notice the grievances they had suffered on account of Christ. How little He had honored their righteousness. He presented a righteousness far greater, which all who would be children of God must possess. Taking no notice of their forms and ceremonies, He had encouraged sinners to go directly to God as a merciful Father, and make known their wants. Thus, in their opinion, He had set aside the priesthood. He had refused to acknowledge the theology of the rabbinical schools. He had exposed the evil practices of the priests, and had irreparably hurt their influence. He had injured the effect of their maxims and traditions, declaring that though they strictly enforced the ritual law, they made void the law of God. **All this Satan now brought to their minds.** {DA 540.3}

**Satan told them that in order to maintain their authority, they must put Jesus to death. This counsel they followed.** The fact that they might lose the power they then exercised, was, they thought, sufficient reason for coming to some decision. With the exception of a few who dared not speak their minds, the Sanhedrin received the words of Caiaphas as the words of God. Relief came to the council; the discord ceased. They resolved to put Christ to death at the first favorable opportunity. **In rejecting the proof of the divinity of Jesus, these priests and rulers had locked themselves in impenetrable darkness.** They had come wholly under the sway of Satan, to be hurried by him over the brink of eternal ruin. **Yet such was their deception that they were well pleased with themselves. They regarded themselves as patriots, who were seeking the nation's salvation.** {DA 541.1}

## TUESDAY

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The Torn Veil—what is being represented here? What does it mean? What did the veil in the temple functionally do, and symbolically what did that represent?

What law lens do you view the symbols through? What do you believe is happening in the little theater drama?

Is this a system of appeasement and legal payment, or is this a model of healing and restoration?

If a model of healing and restoration, what would need to be eliminated to heal and restore? In other words, what is the barrier that prevents us from being reconciled to God? What would God need to destroy in order to open a way back into unity with Himself?

Would God need to destroy Jesus? Is Jesus the barrier that keeps us from being reconciled to God? Absolutely not! But that is what it means if we say the curtain represents Jesus or Jesus' body and that is what most Christians teach—that Jesus was struck down by His Father to pay the legal price and that the obstruction to coming to the Father was the law.



Maybe it would help to decode the surrounding symbols:

Who was able to see the veil between the Holy and Most Holy place? The High Priest and the priests in white robes—who do the priests in white robes represent? The saved—then who do the rest of the tribes of Israel represent? The people of the world who need to hear the gospel. They don't see the veil, they don't understand the issues in the plan of salvation.

What does the Holy Place represent? The church—with the lamp—the living and written Word of God which is a lamp unto our feet, the showbread and wine, which represents the truth about God revealed by Jesus and the perfect character of Christ that believers internalize and are strengthened and nurtured spiritually.

Each Sabbath the priests would enter the Holy Place and eat the bread with the High Priest, symbolically the believers in God join together on Sabbath with Jesus their High Priest to worship God, partake of the truth and assimilate the character of Christ.

The golden altar represents the hearts of the believers, where Christ works via the Holy Spirit to transform and from which true praise and prayers ascend before God like sweet incense.

The daily priests long to see God more fully, and they look toward the Most Holy Place, but something obstructs their view. A veil and what is sewn on the veil? Angels—now, in this controversy between good and evil has there ever been any angels working to obstruct our view of God? Is this really that hard to understand?

This veil must be destroyed so no barrier obstructs our reconciliation with God. And this veil was destroyed. The veil was the only element of that symbolic system that God destroyed when Christ died upon the Cross.

What does the Bible say was destroyed by Christ's death?

- “by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death that is the devil.” (Heb 2:14)
- Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel 1Tim 1:10

What does this mean? What was destroyed by Christ's death?

- The lies of Satan which separate us from God
- Our own carnal nature which separate us from God, which is the infection of fear and selfishness which is the cause of death—which Jesus took upon Himself at His incarnation and overcame with love

By destroying the lies of Satan, and the carnal nature we inherit from Adam's fall, Christ opens a new and living way through the veil.



“We have, then, my brothers and sisters, complete freedom to go into the Most Holy Place by means of the death of Jesus. He opened for us a new way, a living way, through the curtain—that is, through his own body.” (Heb 10,19,20)

“And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.” (2 Cor 2:3,4)

Christ’s death destroys that veil and now the light of the glory of God again shines into our hearts!

## WEDNESDAY

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The Risen Christ—why is this so important? Read fourth paragraph, “Yet, without this belief...” His resurrection is the evidence, the proof that His Remedy works; His cure works; He has conquered death. He has restored God’s law of love, the design for life back into humanity!

Is it reasonable to believe in the resurrection of the dead?

Do we understand the tripartite nature of humanity?

- Body—soma—hardware
- Soul—psyche—software
- Spirit-pneuma—energy source

With a computer, if it runs out of power what state does it go into? It sleeps—what language does the Bible use to describe those who die? They sleep.

If your computer is in sleep mode, is it dead?

What happens if you back your computer up on a cloud and someone destroys your computer? Is it gone forever, or can it be restored to you? How?

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Mt 10:28

Don’t be afraid of one who can destroy your hardware, be afraid of the one who can destroy both hardware and software, your backup on the cloud.

But if someone destroys your hardware, and you get new hardware and download the backup from the cloud what have you just done? You have just resurrected your computer!

Notice the Bible description:



<sup>13</sup> Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe **that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.** <sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and **the dead in Christ will rise first.** <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage each other with these words. 1Thes 4:13-18

## THURSDAY

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The Great Commission—what is the Great Commission? What is the message that is to be taken to the world? How would you state it?

Has that message gone to the world?

What can we do to present it more effectively?

Do we have a purpose in God's plan? What is it?

## FRIDAY

Discuss the questions



## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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**Thursday, June 9 at 1:30 PM Eastern Time** Dr. Jennings will appear on the *Lifestyle Magazine* show, “Healing The Mind” that he recorded previously. It is scheduled to air on the Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN). Keep in mind that TBN can preempt the show at their discretion.

**October 14-16:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking at the Drakensville, South Africa Campmeeting.

**October 19, 20:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking in Ladismith South Africa (venue to be determined)

**October 21, 22:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking in Cape Town, South Africa