

Joe White at 2006 LifeLight

(There is a DVD – available through LifeLight - that accompanies this study.)

Joe White talks about a lot of different things in his testimony that he gave at the 2006 LifeLight Festival. Here is a rough outline of some of the things that he talked about.

Jesus' Words: Matthew 5: 1-12. This scripture is called "The Beatitudes:".

Blessed are those who are poor, etc.

Read A "Blessed" Life – on page 1032.

God's ways are different than the world's ways!

Have you thought about living your life His way?

The Passover week (Exodus 12) refers to a time in Israel's history when Moses was sent to free them from Egypt. But, the Pharaoh's heart was hardened and he refused to let them go. So, God sent 10 plagues against Egypt. On Page 74 Read about the 10 plagues. Exodus 12 talks about the first passover, and the importance of the "passover lamb". Read "Substitute" on page 78.

Jesus talked about being the human lamb of God. Read Romans 5:8-11.

The Roman cross – it was painful, slow, and sure death. According to Roman law two Roman coroner's will examine His lifeless body, after being taken down off of His cross. They will sign His death certificate. And if He is not dead, they will be crucified for their mistake! In other words – they would be hung on a cross to die, if they make a mistake! They probably didn't make mistakes!

The Romans were the ones who made a crown of thorns and pressed it on Jesus' head. They stripped and humiliated Him. They tortured Him and "Flogged" Him. Then they drove the spikes in His hands and feet.

"Jesus claimed He would be alive on Sunday, in 3 days. If it's not true, and He is a fraud – like all the rest, then no one would hear His story again. But – if it is true – if He is Who He claims to be, you will never hear the end of this story!" Many were around on Sunday, to see with their own eyes, that Jesus arose from the dead.

For over 2000 years people have tried to bury Jesus and His story, and His followers. According to historians throughout the world, they say that Jesus was the most significant man in history, and His death and resurrection the most significant event in all of human history.

"Jesus' death and resurrection was the beginning of the most important movement in all of human history. The Pharisees couldn't stand Him, but they found they couldn't stop Him.

Pilot couldn't find any fault in Him.

Herod couldn't kill Him.

Death couldn't handle Him and the Grave couldn't hold Him!"

"It was my sin that held Him on the cross! Why should I gain from His reward – I cannot give an answer! His wounds have paid my ransom!"

When Jesus was on the cross His heart was breaking for His lost children. He considered their souls and their eternal damnation and He cried out to His Dad and said – "Father, forgive these men, for they know not what they do." Read Luke 23:34. Then, read "an offer of Forgiveness" on page 1141.

The thief who wanted to be adopted by God – placed his tiny seed of faith in Jesus. Jesus claimed that seed of faith! Luke 23:39-43, then "Not too late" on page 1141.

Isaiah 52:6, 13-15; 53. This was written almost 700 years BEFORE Jesus was born! “Every sin is placed on His shoulder!”

Galatians 3:12-14. Jesus becomes a “curse” for us.

God had to turn His back on Jesus, because Jesus became sin, and God is Holy. Think of how awful it feels when your dad, or someone you love, turns their back on you. Especially, when you need them the most! It’s horrible!!! That’s what happened to Jesus....He died completely alone!

But, before Jesus died, He took our “certificate of debt” and nailed it to the cross. Read Colossians 2:13-14. It is “Paid in Full”!!!

The “dad” video: God wants us to love Him as our “Daddy”. With all of our hearts, He wants us to completely trust in Him. He loves us, even though He knows us better than anyone else. Even with all of our faults and shortcomings. He loves us and wants to help us run the “marathon of life”. Remember the dad in the video...He did all the work. He pushed and pulled and carried. Yet he was gentle and careful with his son. That’s how God wants to be with us. But, we have to be willing to let Him be in control. “God the Father is proud of us when we take our debt to the cross.”

A “Bond Servant” – is a person who has been set free, but comes back to the Master voluntarily to be His servant. Jesus’ love for us kept Him on that cross.

Chain link – represents being “chained in obedience to Christ”. It is a reminder to live for Jesus, in a way that will end with Him saying to you...“Well done, good and faithful servant”!

When your SAVED:

Jesus is your Savior
He’s in the front seat.
You’ve got a Bible
You sing those hymns in church.
It’s a Sunday morning deal.
He’s your Father.

But, when your CHAINED to Jesus:

He’s your Lord!
He’s in the drivers seat.
You’ve got a love letter from God.
You live those hymns outside of church.
It’s a “24 – 7 – 365” deal!
He’s your Dad!

Prayer: Only pray this if you really mean it! This must be “gut level”!

“Jesus, today I give you my sin. (name them) I leave my sin at the foot of Your cross. Jesus, I walk free of my sins, by Your blood, today I will be a bond servant of You. Please forgive me for my sins and lead me in Your ways.”

If you truly give yourself to Jesus, as His bond servant – your life will never be the same!

As a bond servant you give all of your life, with all of your heart!

And you will not regret it! God has an awesome adventure waiting for you!