

19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

- When we have faith in who Jesus really is, we will understand His mission and learn to live from His **power**.

Jesus replied, "Now the time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory." John 12:23

31 The time for judging this world has come, when Satan, the ruler of this world, will be cast out. 32 And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” 33 He said this to indicate how he was going to die. John 12:31-33

Quick recap:

- Jesus had to die to display God’s Glory.
- Jesus had to die to carry out the Holiness of God.
- Jesus had to die to show the love of God.
- Jesus had to die on the cross to fulfill God’s prophetic plan.
- Jesus had to die on the cross so the Holy Spirit could come and live in us.
- Jesus had to die on the cross to defeat the power of sin.

The reason Jesus had to die on the cross was:

- Jesus died to destroy the **power** that the **Law** has over you.

14 Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God’s grace. 15 Well then, since God’s grace has set us free from the law, does that mean we can go on sinning? Of course not! Romans 6:14-15

13 Christ paid the price to free us from the curse that the laws in Moses’ Teachings bring by becoming cursed instead of us. Galatians 3:13 (GWT)

13 But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. Galatians 3:13 (NLT)

23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Romans 3:23

20 For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. Romans 3:20

10 For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God’s laws. James 2:10

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1

Action step:

- When guilt tries to dominate your thinking, remind yourself that Jesus paid your **debt** and took your **guilt**.

- Jesus died to destroy the **fear** and finality of **death** within you.

14 Because God’s children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the

power of death. 15 Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying. Hebrews 2:14–15

21 For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better. 22 But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ. So I really don’t know which is better. 23 I’m torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me. Philippians 1:21-23

Action Step:

- Speak **truth** when fear **whispers**.

8 Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8

25 Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. John 11:25

- Walk closely with the **Holy Spirit**.

- Jesus died to destroy **Satan’s** authority over you.

7 God didn’t give us a cowardly spirit but a spirit of power, love, and good judgment. 2 Timothy 1:7

31 The time for judging this world has come, when Satan, the ruler of this world, will be cast out. John 12:31

19 I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy. Luke 10:19

...greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. 1 John 4:4

Resist the devil and he will flee from you. James 4:7

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” Ephesians 6:10-11

Action Step:

- Fact-check your thoughts with **scripture**.



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Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

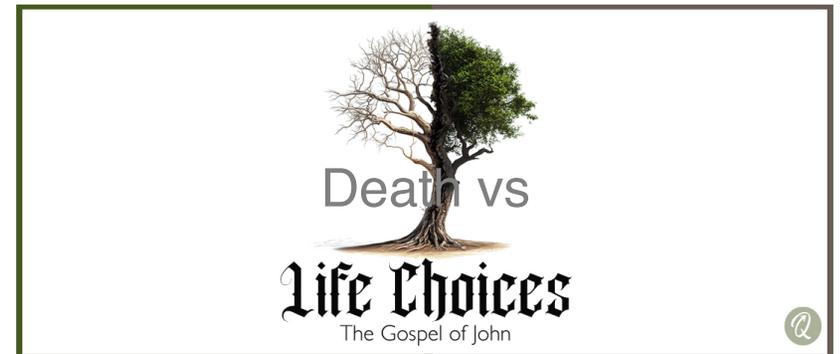
- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- How does your understanding of who Jesus really is affect the way you live day to day? Where do you see His power active in your life—and where do you struggle to rely on it?
- What does it practically mean that Jesus died to destroy the power of the Law over you? How should that truth change the way you deal with guilt and shame?
- When guilt tries to dominate your thoughts, what specific truths about Jesus’ finished work can you remind yourself of?
- Why do you think fear—especially fear of death or loss—still grips believers even though Jesus conquered death? How does the gospel speak directly to that fear?
- What does it look like in real life to “speak truth when fear whispers” and to walk closely with the Holy Spirit?
- In what ways does Satan try to influence believers’ thoughts, and why is Scripture such a powerful weapon for exposing those lies?
- Which of these truths do you most need to apply right now: freedom from guilt, freedom from fear, or freedom from the enemy’s lies—and what is one concrete step you will take this week to walk in that freedom?

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