

The Gospel According to John “Reopening the Way to Paradise”

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Main Point

Having fully accomplished our atonement and having fulfilled the Scriptures concerning His death, Jesus willingly died and was buried to reopen the way to Paradise.

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Among other things, Jesus' baptism was washing for *entry* into priestly service.

Exodus 29:4

Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the doorway of the tent of meeting and wash them with water.

It was likely also the ritual washing of the sacrificial Lamb.

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Romans 5:19

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Jesus' life of active obedience is a necessary component of our salvation.

As the new Adam, Jesus fulfilled the righteous requirements of God on behalf of all who are His.

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He was made to be sin for us.

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Jesus died *because* He was made to be sin,
“For the wages of sin is death.”

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Jesus' death proved that He had taken the sins of His people upon Himself and suffered the full wrath of God in their stead.

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He *willingly* died for us.

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John 10:17

“I lay down My life so that I may take it again.”

Jesus was not killed for you;
He willingly died for you!
It was pure love that drove Him
to the cross for you!

Reopening the Way to Paradise

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Background

Psalm 69:20-21

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And I looked for sympathy, but there was none,
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Even in the throes of agony,
Jesus was in full control and knowing
that this Scripture spoke of Him said,
“I am thirsty.”

“...**to fulfill the Scripture**, [Jesus] said,
‘I am thirsty.’”

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John 19:31-33 and 36

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Likely Context

Exodus 12:46

[The Passover lamb] is to be eaten in a single house; you are not to bring forth any of the flesh outside of the house, **nor are you to break any bone of it.**

Jesus is the unblemished,
unbroken Lamb of God who takes
away the sins of the world.

Additional Context

Psalm 34:19-20

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
But the LORD delivers him out of them all.

He keeps all his bones,
Not one of them is broken.

Christ bore our afflictions as the
Righteous Lamb while the Father
watched over Him to preserve
His body intact and to deliver
Him from all His enemies.

Jesus fulfilled the Scriptures

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Luke 23:27

And following Him was a large crowd of the people, and of women who were mourning and lamenting Him.

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He was with a rich man in His death.

Isaiah 53:9

His grave was assigned with wicked men,
Yet He was with a rich man in His death.

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Matthew 27:57

When it was evening,
there came **a rich man from Arimathea**,
named Joseph, who himself had also
become a disciple of Jesus.

As one executed for insurrection,
Jesus should have been assigned
a grave among the criminals;
but in fulfilment of the Scriptures,
He was delivered from this disgrace
by a rich man.

All these things stand together as a compelling witness to the identity of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, the Savior of the world.

Reopening the Way to Paradise

Jesus fully accomplished our atonement.

Jesus fulfilled the Scriptures concerning His death.

Jesus reopened the way to Paradise.



Background

Genesis 3:24

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Jesus reopened the way to Paradise

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the garden to die;
Christ died and returned
to a garden to live.

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This is no mere coincidence!

Adam was expelled from the garden
and was kept out so as to die.

Jesus, the new and perfect Adam, died
and returned to a garden so as to live.

He reopened the way to Paradise

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Adam was barred from the garden,
but Christ reopened the way to us.

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But Jesus, the new Adam, went into a garden by death and removed this barrier to the tree of life.

John 19:41-42

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Luke 23:43

*And Jesus said to the repentant man crucified next to Him,
“Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me **in Paradise.***

Revelation 2:7

He who has an ear,
let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.
To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life
which is in the Paradise of God.

Revelation 22:14

Blessed are those who wash their robes,
so that they may have the right to the tree of life,
and may enter by the gates into the city.

If you have believed on Christ,
your robes have been washed white;
and the way into Paradise and to
the tree of life is now open to you.

Conclusion

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life;
and the only way back to the Father.

Have you entrusted yourself to Him?

Are you fixing your hope on Him and
the Paradise He has promised you?