

# Through the Valley of Death

By - Max Lucado



It seems most people think death is to be avoided or postponed and ignored. But God promises that death will be swallowed up in victory! (1 Corinthians 15:54)

Jesus rose not just to power, but through the Recently I possible to message tombstone. this may be hear:

*“Thanks by. Sorry me, but*

*I’m home. Finally home! At some point my King will call, and this grave will be shown for the temporary tomb it is. You might want to step to the side in case that happens while you are here. Hope you’ve made plans for your own departure.” All the best, Max.*

Yeah, I know it needs some work! But while the wording might change, the promise never will.

*“Death has been swallowed up in victory!”*



from the dead, show us his also to lead us valley of death. discovered it’s record a for my And if I do, what you’ll

*for coming you missed I’m not here.*

## Responsive Reading: Psalm 145:1-7

**ALL:** Great is the LORD, and worthy to be praised!

North: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

South: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

**ALL:** Great is the LORD, and worthy to be praised!

North: One generation shall laud your works to another, and all shall declare your mighty acts.

South: The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.

**ALL:** Great is the LORD, and worthy to be praised!

North: They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness to the end of time.

South: The glorious splendor of your majesty and your wondrous works, I will announce forever.

**ALL:** Great is the LORD, and worthy to be praised!

**Lesson:** Philippians 1:21 -- For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.

**Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus shared this parable:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

"When the owner went out [again] about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So, they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. At about five o'clock, he went out and still found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

"When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

"Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. When they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

# SALEM FAMILY EVENTS

Watch for a list of resources for families with small children on our website and/or in future bulletins...coming soon!



- watch for a newsletter with updates about the fall Sunday services, gatherings, and activities

Worship the next two Sundays (the 27th and the 4th) will be outside and at 10:30am. After that, they will be held inside for those who want to gather (at 9:30). Watch for further details in the newsletter.

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birthday  
Evie

# UPCOMING EVENTS



Prayer List – Updates – please send name to either Pr. Rob [robkrajewski72@gmail.com](mailto:robkrajewski72@gmail.com) or, Jerry Youngquist [jerry.youngquist@gmail.com](mailto:jerry.youngquist@gmail.com)

The women's bible study and men's group will be starting soon. More information to follow - watch for it!

Options For Women (pregnancy and family resource organization) is having their annual Fundraiser Meal and Silent Auction (w/ Covid precautions). Two events, both at Access Church, North Branch: 10/1 at 6:30 and 10/3 at 12:30. For additional information and/or to RSVP, call 651.674.2121 or go to [www.optionsforwomenhelp.org](http://www.optionsforwomenhelp.org).



Confirmation Class/process for adults (confirmed or refresher), will be on Tuesday nights 7-8:30pm Starting mid-September!! – more info ... see Pastor Rob!



- How do you prevent a Summer cold? Catch it in the Winter!
- Q: What do you call a month's worth of rain? A: England
- Q: What do you call a snowman that tells tall tales? A: A snow-fake!
- Q: What do snowmen eat for lunch? A: Icebergers
- Q: What do you get from sitting on the snow too long? A: Polaroids!



Last Week