

What are we supposed to do with all the Good News about Christ? Jesus gives His followers a clear and compelling answer.

On this side of the Cross of Christ, we can see that human history begins in the book of Genesis with creation week, climaxes in the Gospels with Christ's passion week, and will be consummated in the future when Christ returns in final fulfillment of all God's promises.

In the garden of Eden, mankind was created in God's image to be His representatives on earth, and steward His creation. But as Adam and Eve decided to rebel against the Creator, they told Him "my will be done." In the garden of Gethsemane, Christ wrestled with submission to God and as the "last Adam" and perfect representative of the human race, said to God "Thy will be done."

The great Christian apologist C.S. Lewis wrote, "There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, in the end, 'Thy will be done.' All that are in Hell, choose it." But because Christ has conquered sin and death, all who believe in Him are saying to God with Him and through Him, "Thy will be done."

And all who choose to believe in Christ appear at the end of the Bible story in another garden, where they live eternally with Jesus – because of His obedience in paying the penalty for our sins, through His perfect life, death and resurrection.

When Christ gave His life on the cross, he uttered the incredible word that climaxes history: "tetelestai." The Greek word means "paid in full" and "it is finished." His one sacrifice accomplished salvation for all who believe in Him, past, present, and future.

When Christ rose from the dead, He appeared to His disciples to give them a great commission: **to go and proclaim the good news** to the whole creation. When we put our trust in Him for salvation, He transforms us! The Sent One becomes the Sending One – sending US in His place, to speak for Him and proclaim Good News to everyone around us.

And what Good News we have to proclaim! "It is finished!" Salvation is accomplished through Christ, as He has come to save us (Palm Sunday) and announces the New Covenant (Maundy Thursday) as His body and blood is given to pay for the sins of the world, and accomplishes redemption on the cross (Good Friday) and rises from the dead victorious over sin and death (Easter Sunday).

Because of Christ, all who believe in Him become spiritually alive, so that we can say "I am crucified with Christ" – He paid for all my sin, and "I am risen with Christ" – the life I now live, He lives through Me – and I want everyone to know!

So what are we do do with all this Good News that Jesus gives us? 1) Believe it - Christ alone saves you!; 2) Receive it - make it your own!, 3) Proclaim it - tell others about it and let the good news overflow from your life to all those around you!