

Jesus, The Overcomer, Part 3

Am I too familiar, too comfortable with Jesus?

If we see Him only as a friend and helper, we are left with a Jesus who is little more than a therapist. For so many of us, Jesus has become a mere coping mechanism.

If that is all of the Jesus we see in the Bible, we have missed all of what Scripture says about Him. What we see here is one who is strong and exalted and mighty, and it is chiefly because he is so strong and exalted, and mighty, that when he says, "Do not be afraid," we are comforted.

Only when we see Christ as one, like a Son of Man, eyes of flame, feet of fire, mouth as a sword, voice like many waters, face like the sun. Only then will we be able to overcome and say, with the apostle John, *I'm a companion to the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance, that are ours in Jesus.*

Do not make him just like us. If He is mighty to save, He must be strong and radiant and glorious for that is our comfort. It's the glory of Jesus that makes the way for the grace of Jesus. It is John's vision of a glorified Christ, that makes the words of Christ, so reassuring. He has to be strong to assure us that He has overcome the world, sin, and Satan for us.

Final Descriptors

1. The first thing he says is, *Fear not.*

Notice that in both the Daniel 10 and the Matthew 17 transfiguration passage, the Lord says the same thing.

-Daniel 10:12 *Do not be afraid, Daniel.*

-Matthew 17:7 Jesus came and touch them to get up. He said, *Do not be afraid.*

-The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, not because God is terrifying to us, but because God is terrifying and he is for us.

He's strong and mighty and glorious, and he's on our side.

I'm not just a good listener. I'm the creator. I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you by my righteous right hand; Don't be afraid.

2. And then he says, *I am the first and the last*—that is He sees all things; He knows all things, because He is before all things. He directs all things. Nothing catches him by surprise.

3. He says, *I am the living one.* The devil is wants you to believe that God will make your life miserable. "God has all of these laws, all of these commands. He demands your worship and allegiance. What will that do for You?"

But the devil is the real destroyer.

Jesus is the living one. He means to give you life, even in the midst of suffering, if you will trust him. If you will do things God's way.

Why did God give the Israelites the Ten Commandments? Because He wanted His people to be free; free from the destructive lifestyle that ensnared them.

But what God did here is opposite of what we have come to believe about the law. The law was given *after* the Isrealites had already been delivered out of Egypt. In other words grace led to keeping the law.

What most of us understand, especially from the New Testament, is that law leads to gospel in the sense that the law convicts us of sin, and then the gospel gives us the good news that we can be saved from sin and the penalty of sin in Christ, but it's also true to say gospel leads to law.

God saved them, He set them free so they could worship Him and not themselves. Worshiping themselves would destroy them.

Jesus is the living one. There's fullness of life in him. There is no fullness of life in yourself or in Satan. He reassures you, *I was dead and behold, I am alive forevermore. His ways give life. Faith in Him gives life.*

4. And finally, he says, *I hold the keys of death and Hades, which means I'm sovereign over your suffering, even over your death, but death will not hold you, because I have the keys to unlock death's door. You shall live even after you die.*



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COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing Site Opening in Fond du Lac, Oct. 22nd

FOND DU LAC, WI – A free COVID-19 community testing site will be available at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds located at 520 Fond du Lac Ave., Fond du Lac starting Thursday, October 22nd.

“Data for our county consistently indicates a high COVID-19 activity level and positive case rate, and testing capacity in the area has been increasingly strained,” said Kim Mueller, Fond du Lac County Health Officer. “By partnering with the Wisconsin National Guard, we are now able to offer additional testing to help all those that need a test to get one.”

Testing Hours and Dates:

The testing site will be open Thursdays from 11 AM to 7 PM through December 10th.

- October 22, 29
- November 5, 12, 19
- December 3, 10
- The testing site will be closed on November 26th due to the holiday.
- If the testing site reaches the daily testing capacity, it may close early.

Testing Site Details:

- The site is located at Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds, 520 Fond du Lac Ave., Fond du Lac.
- Drive-thru testing; public should remain in their vehicles throughout the entire process.
- If you don't have a vehicle, testing is still available to you on-site.
- Masks required.
- No appointment necessary. It is highly recommended to pre-register 24 hours in advance to the test date by visiting register.covidconnect.wi.gov. If you do not register online, you may still be tested. Staff will register you on-site but it will take more time.
- Please come prepared for long wait times, have a full tank of gas and use restrooms before arriving. Restroom facilities are not available to the public.

Who should get tested?

Anyone who is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive is encouraged to get tested. Symptoms of COVID-19 can include fever, cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, chills, muscle aches or loss of taste or smell. The community testing site is available to any Wisconsin resident, five years of age and older. Contact a pediatrician or healthcare provider for children under five years of age.

Additional Information:

- Members of the WI National Guard will be doing the testing.
- Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who can consent to the testing.
- No identification is necessary. You will be asked to provide your name, birth date, address, phone number, race, ethnicity and gender.
- Negative results will be e-mailed via a secure link to view and print results. For positive results, you will be called by contract tracing staff. Test results should be received via email and/or phone call within three to seven business days.

This testing site was made possible through a collaboration between the Wisconsin National Guard, Fond du Lac County Health Department, and Fond du Lac County Emergency Management.

For more information, visit the Fond du Lac County COVID-19 webpage at www.fdlco.wi.gov

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