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The **T**heme: **Jesus is Alive…But Does He Care?** berita-bethel-ung.com

The **T**ext:*Lord, dost Thou not care that…?* Lk. 10:40

The **T**hots:

Intro.: Today is **R**esurrection Sunday when the Christian World **R**emembers that

 the Lord…*is* ***R****isen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.* Mt. 28:6

 However, His people today need to ask two **R**elevant questions, viz.

1. **When Jesus was Alive, did He not Care…**
2. When His **D**ear friend *was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany* and about to **D**ie? Jn. 11:1
3. He **D**elayed visiting him…*He abode two days still in the same place where He was.* 11:6
4. He let him **D**ie…*then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.* 11:14
5. **D**id Jesus care? Yes, He **D**id – *He groaned in the spirit, and…****Jesus wept.***11:21, 33-**35**
6. Later He Raised him from the **D**ead. 11:43, 44

*He cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth…*

1. **D**id He not care? – He let Lazarus **D**ie to raise Him up again to **G**ive **G**lory to **G**od! 11:4

*This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.*

1. When the **D**ame widow’s son was **D**ead and going to be buried? Lk. 7:11-18

*Now when He came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out,*

*the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.* 7:12

1. Was it too **L**ate for Jesus to care? He had no more **L**ife in him. But the **L**ord cared for the **L**iving mum!

*When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.* 7:13

1. Jesus **R**aised him up and **R**estored him to his mother, all for the **G**lory of **G**od. 7:14-16

*He…touched the bier…and He said, Young man, I say* *unto thee, Arise…and he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And He delivered him to his mother …and they* ***G****lorified* ***G****od.*

1. When there were the **S**ick, **S**tricken with **D**iseases and **D**emons? Matt. 8:14-18
2. Peter’s dear **M**other-in-law was healed of her fever. 8:14, 15

*And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever.*

*And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them.*

1. **M**any others were healed **M**iraculously - all completely healed and at one time! 8:16

*They brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils* [demons]:

*and He cast out the spirits with His word, and healed* ***all*** *that were sick:*

1. But He would **M**iss out the **M**ultitudes who were attracted by the **M**iracles!

*When Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave commandment to depart unto the other side.* 8:18

1. When the **D**roves of people and the **D**isciples who followed Him were starving?
2. He had **C**ompassion on the hungry **C**rowd, men, women and **C**hildren that followed Him. Mt. 14:15-21
*Jesus…saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them….*
3. The **C**ircumstances: *His disciples came to Him, saying, This is a desert place…send the multitude away*
4. His **C**oncern and **C**are: *But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.* 14:16, 17

 *And they say unto Him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.*

1. His **C**ommand: *He said, Bring them hither to Me.* 14:18, 19

*And He commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves,*

*and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, He blessed, and brake,*

*and gave the loaves to His disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.*

1. The **C**rowd’s **C**ontentment: 14:20, 21

*They did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.*

*And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.*

1. When His **D**isciples were **D**reading the storm they were facing, and He slept? Mk. 4:37-41
2. The **S**torm - *There arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship…* 4:37
3. But He **S**lept*: And He was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow:* 4:38
4. When Awakened, He **S**tilled the **S**torm: *And He arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.* 4:39
5. The **S**ecret:they had no faith in Him! *Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?* 4:40
6. Even the **S**ea obeyed Him*: What manner of Man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?* 4:41
7. **Today He Lives, does He not care?**  *He is risen, as He said.* Matt. 28:6
8. He is now***S****at down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.* Heb. 1:3b
9. *He is able also to* ***S****ave them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him,*

***S****eeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.* Heb. 7:25

1. Yes, He **C**ares and He **C**ares for you. So **C**ast *all your* ***C****are upon Him; for He* ***C****areth for you.* I Pet. 5:7

Let us **R**emember Him on this **R**esurrection Day wherever we may be

 and **R**evere Him, waiting for Him to **R**eturn for us soon.

*For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come.* I Cor. 11:26

 *O yes, He cares, I know He cares, His heart is touched with my grief;*

 *When the days are weary, The long night dreary, I know my Savior cares.* Frank E. Graeff

**Reflections for the Week. R. 793**

1. On this Resurrection Sunday, when all Christian thoughts are focused on the Resurrection of Christ, and with it, that He is Alive today, the challenge to some comes:

Does the Risen and Living Lord care in the light of what is happening today…

with the pandemic of COVID-19,

with more than over 80,000 all over the world having died, and over a million infected,

with multitudes more with the potential to die in the days to come,

with the millions of ordinary folks locked down in their own community, isolated and

quarantined, others being treated in hospitals and intensive care units not sure if they can ever walk away from the wards or have to leave their bodies behind while their spirits and souls depart to meet their Creator? What is happening?

 **Does the Living Lord Care? Is the Creator God in Control**?

When our Lord was alive He had **C**ompassion and He **C**ared for…

Those who had died and their **C**lose relatives to **C**omfort them;

Those who were **S**ick to heal them;

Those who were **S**tarving to feed them;

Those who were **S**orrowful to weep with them;

Those who faced **S**torms of Fear and Dread to Calm and assure them;

And many others in various **S**ituations. He was there for them!

Do not these Remind you of what is happening today?

Today, COVID-19 has caused almost the same circumstances, not only among Christian Circles but also among the other people in the world with each one crying out for a flattening of the curve to the uptrend of disasters, diseases and deaths. Prayer gatherings from various religious groups, prayer chains from Christian cells and churches, concerned individuals in the front line and in the back yards are all praying intensely and fervently for this pandemic to cease and come to a stop.

It knows no national barriers or bounds, no colour of skin, no gender or generation, no age,

no hierarchy or ranks – everyone is at its mercy; it shows no discrimination.

**Does God Care? Is Christ alive?**

Or is this His judgment on an atheistic and rebellious humanity for rejecting Him in their societies, communities, institutions, organisations, etc. etc.

For those who are His, remember in spite of what others or you yourself may think,

**JESUS IS ALIVE and GOD IS IN CONTROL TODAY.**

He will have His Sovereign ways and, in the end, it will still be the best for all mankind.

In time like these, learn to ***C****ast your burdens on Him, for He* ***C****ares for you*. **REFLECT**.

1. On this Resurrection Day, I shall leave you with this **P**salm to face the **P**estilence and the **P**lague of the **P**andemic Covid\_19 and to know that you are always under His **P**rotection.

Do **READ**, **REFLECT** and **RUMINATE**:

**Psalm 91:1-16 (HCSB)**

*1  The one who lives under the****protection*** *of the Most High dwells in the shadow of the Almighty.
2  I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”
3  He Himself will deliver you from the hunter’s net, from the destructive* ***plague****.
4  He will cover you with His feathers; you will take refuge under His wings.*

*His faithfulness will be a****protective****shield.
5  You will not fear the terror of the night, the arrow that flies by day,
6  the* ***plague*** *that stalks in darkness, or the* ***pestilence*** *that ravages at noon.
7  Though a thousand fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, the* ***pestilence*** *will not reach you.
8  You will only see it with your eyes and witness the punishment of the wicked.
9  Because you have made the LORD—my refuge, the Most High—your dwelling place,
10  no harm will come to you; no* ***plague*** *will come near your tent.
11  For He will give His angels orders concerning you, to* ***protect*** *you in all your ways.
12  They will support you with their hands so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
13  You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the young lion and the serpent.
14  Because he is lovingly devoted to Me, I will deliver him;*

*I will* ***protect*** *him because he knows My name.
15  When he calls out to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble.*

*I will rescue him and give him honor.
16  I will satisfy him with a long life and show him My salvation.*

**Points to Ponder:**

*Be it* ***P****estilence or* ***P****lague or* ***P****andemic, the* ***L****iving* ***L****ord is* ***A****live and* ***A****ble to* ***P****rotect.*