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# Its Friday.....But Sunday's Coming!

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Scripture: I Corinthians 15:12-22

Supporting Scripture: Hebrews 9:27, Mark 16:1-8; Acts 10:34-43;

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There has been many **DARK DAYS** in history.

It was a **DARK DAY** when Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden and introduced sin into this world.

It was a **DARK DAY** when God closed the door on **THE ARK** sealing the doom of every unrepentant man and woman on earth to die in a “watery grave.”

It was a **DARK DAY** when the wicked Roman Emperor Nero ordered the merciless slaughter of thousands upon thousands of innocent Christians, whom he blamed for setting **ROME** on fire.

It was a **DARK DAY** when Adolph Hitler ordered the extermination of over 6 million Jews in his attempt to create a superior race.

It was a **DARK DAY** when:

† The day **President** Lincoln and President Kennedy were assassinated.

† The day the **TITANIC** sank in the icy waters of the Atlantic.

† The day **PRAYER** was removed from our public schools.

† The day **ROE VS. WADE** cleared the way for the slaughter of millions and millions of unborn babies.

† The day the **SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER** exploded.

† That day in September of 2001 when the **TERRORIST** attacked **AMERICA**.

These were all very **DARK DAYS** in history!

But without a doubt, the darkest day in all of history was the FRIDAY we executed the innocent, sinless Son of the Almighty God.

## IT'S FRIDAY!!!

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- IT'S FRIDAY. Jesus is arrested in the garden where He was praying. **BUT SUNDAY'S COMING!**
- IT'S FRIDAY. The disciples are hiding and Peter's denying he even knows the Lord. **BUT SUNDAY'S COMING!**
- IT'S FRIDAY. Jesus is standing before the High Priest silent as a lamb before the slaughter. **BUT SUNDAY'S COMING!**
- IT'S FRIDAY. Jesus is beaten, mocked and spit upon. **BUT SUNDAY'S COMING!**
- IT'S FRIDAY. The Roman soldiers are flogging our Lord with a leather whip, ripping and tearing away His flesh. **BUT SUNDAY'S COMING!**
- IT'S FRIDAY. The Son of Man stands firm as they press the crown of thorns down into His brow. **BUT SUNDAYS COMING!**
- IT'S FRIDAY. See our Lord walking to Calvary.....the blood dripping from His body.....see the cross crashing down on His back as He stumbles beneath the load. IT'S FRIDAY **BUT SUNDAY'S COMING!**
- IT'S FRIDAY. See those ROMAN SOLDIERS driving the nails into the feet and hands of my Lord! Hear my JESUS cry, "**Father, forgive them for**

they know not what they do!" IT'S FRIDAY,  
**BUT SUNDAY'S COMING!**

IT'S FRIDAY. Jesus is hanging on the cross, bloody and dying. Hear the crowd laughing and mocking my Lord!  
**IT'S FRIDAY, BUT SUNDAY'S COMING!**

IT'S FRIDAY. The sky grows dark.....the earth begins to tremble, and He who knew NO SIN became sin for us. For six straight hours, our Lord endured all the wrath of God that we would have had to endure for all eternity.  
**THAT WAS FRIDAY, BUT SUNDAY WAS COMING!**

IT'S FRIDAY. And at the very moment of Jesus' death, the veil of the Temple that separates sinful man from Holy God was torn in two from TOP to BOTTOM.....the EARTH QUAKED.....THE GRAVES OPENED.....and the DEAD CAME FORTH OUT OF THEIR GRAVES.....Because SUNDAY WAS COMING!

IT'S FRIDAY. All of HELL is celebrating. SATAN and HIS DEMONS are a victory dance.

**That's because IT WAS FRIDAY and they didn't know yet  
that SUNDAY WAS A COMING!**

**BUT NOW IT'S SUNDAY!!!**

**BUT NOW IT'S SUNDAY.** And just about dawn on that first day of the week, there was a great earthquake.

**THE ANGEL OF THE LORD** is coming down out of heaven and rolling the stone away from the door of the tomb.



- † OUR HOPELESSNESS into HOPE
- † OUR MOURNING into CELEBRATION
- † OUR SORROW into JOY
- † OUR DEFEAT into VICTORY
- † AND OUR DEATH into LIFE

Yes, while we are here on this earth, we will all have to go through many DARK FRIDAYS, but because of Jesus Christ SUNDAY IS NEVER TOO FAR AWAY!

† Remember our FRIDAY might be a day, a month, a year or even **10 years but remember SUNDAY'S COMING! And it is Eternal.**

† You may have said GOODBYE to the most precious and dear one on earth to you .....

**but remember SUNDAY'S COMING!**

† You may be battling a SICKNESS or DISEASE that may eventually take your life.....

**but remember SUNDAY'S COMING!**

† Your marriage may lie in the RUINS OF DIVORCE.....

**but just remember SUNDAY'S COMING!**

† You may have just LOST YOUR JOB or you are facing the very real prospect of LOSING YOUR JOB sometime in the near future.....

**but remember SUNDAY'S COMING!**

There are many things that “knock” us down in this life, but BECAUSE CHRIST LIVES NOTHING CAN KEEP US DOWN!

For we are more than conquerors through Christ Jesus! Our life journey is not about rules and regulations. It is a sense of living with another world on the in-side of us. It is then that we can truly soar above the weight of this world. Will you join me on this journey?

Would you choose that road? I guarantee you, He will lift you up. I guarantee you, He will bless you. I guarantee you, you will not be destroyed. I guarantee you, it is grace and blessing and a wonderful journey ahead. This is His promise. Though we experience Fridays in this life **but remember SUNDAY'S COMING!**

We spend a great deal of our lives “getting ready” for something.

An hour or two ago, most all of us was “getting ready for Church.”

**Getting ready for Church means:**

taking your shower or bath.....shaving....brushing your teeth.....getting on your good Sunday clothes.....getting your offering check written and finding your Bible and Sunday School book. **Now we are ready for Church! Wrong! Is your heart Humble? Is your mind open? Only you can answer this question!**

**At this time of year we're also getting ready for Christmas...**

Getting ready for Christmas means:

- † Getting your house decorated...
- † Getting your shopping done...
- † Getting the groceries to make your favorite holiday recipes...
- † Getting your gifts wrapped.....
- † Getting your house all cleaned up for company to come in.
  
- † We “get ready” to go to town.
- † We “get ready” to go out to eat.
- † We “get ready” to go on vacation.
- † We “get ready” to go hunting or fishing.
- † We “get ready” for work.
- † We “get ready” for school.

**WE'RE ALWAYS “GETTING READY” FOR SOMETHING**  
**My Question Are you getting ready for JESUS**

What are you doing to get ready? We know how to get ready for worldly events BUT when it comes to getting ready for Jesus, We put our fences up, busy sign up and do not disturb sign up.

## ARE YOU READY

We say

- † Other people may have **more money** than you. So what
- † Other people may **wear nicer clothes** than you. So what
- † Other people may **live in nicer homes** than you. So what
- † Other people may **drive nicer vehicles** than you. So what

And what is this has to do with it?

It is absolutely impossible for someone who is outside of **JESUS CHRIST** to have a life as **FULL** and **ABUNDANT** as the life you and I have in Christ.

- † **We** have **GOD'S WORD** to guide us.
- † **We** have **GOD'S SON** to strengthen us.
- † **We** have **GOD'S SPIRIT** to empower us.
- † **We** have **GOD'S LOVE** to sustain us.
- † **We** have **GOD'S GRACE** to save us.
- † **We** have **GOD'S RICHES** to bless us.
- † **We** have **GOD'S PROMISES** to anchor us.
- † **And** we have **GOD'S HEAVENLY HOME** awaiting us.

**You say I am limited as human**

- † Though YOUR **EYES** be **blinded**, you can still **SEE** God's love.
- † Though YOUR **EARS** be **deafened**, you can still **HEAR** God's still small voice.
- † Though YOUR **LEGS** be **crippled**, you can still **WALK** with CHRIST.
- † Though YOUR **TONGUE** be **silenced**, your life can still **SPEAK** of God's glory.
- † Though YOUR **LIFE** be **ended**, yet you shall **LIVE** with GOD forever.

# INVITATION

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As I close this morning, I want to talk just a moment to those of you who don't know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Right now eternity may be the farthest thing from your mind.

Right now raising your family might seem like the most important thing in the world. OK, one day your family will be raised, **THEN WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?**

"Well I'll work until I retire." OK, **THEN WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?**

"Well then I'll enjoy my retirement, I'll take it easy, and maybe do some traveling, and enjoy my grandkids and great grandkids. **OK, THEN WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?**

"Well then I guess I'll grow old and one day I will die." **OK, THEN WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?**

My friend, your eternity is much closer than you think:

Do you realize right at this very moment you are just one heart beat.....one breath .....one heart attack.....one stroke.....one accident.....one blink of an eye away from your eternity!

The question is: Are you ready? Are you ready to meet your Maker should you leave this world today?

**HEBREWS 9:27** It is appointed unto man once to die and then to face the judgment.

† There is only ONE who can SAVE your SOUL.

† There is only ONE who can turn your HOPELESSNESS into HOPE.

† there is only ONE who can turn your DEFEAT into VICTORY

† there is only ONE who can turn your ETERNAL DEATH into ETERNAL LIFE.....**and that is Jesus Christ,**

The one who loved you so much He was willing to die for you before you were ever born.

This same JESUS invites you today to come to Him by FAITH:

- † BELIEVING He alone can save your soul
- † REPENTING of your sinful ways
- † CONFESSING HIM as your Lord and Savior
- † AND TO BE BAPTIZED in the waters of Christian baptism

My friend, it may be FRIDAY in your soul today, **BUT REMEMBER SUNDAY'S COMING!**

Won't you come to JESUS TODAY?

Won't you come and give your ALL to the ONE who gave HIS ALL for you on the OLD RUGGED CROSS! ...MUSIC...PRAY