

MESSAGE SUMMARY

You live in a world that is not the way it should be. Injustice crushes the innocent, disease steals life, war tears nations apart, and evil often seems to go unpunished. Underneath your outrage and questions is a deeper cry: *Where is God, and why doesn't He do something?* Scripture teaches that hell, evil, and suffering are not reasons to abandon faith, but reasons you desperately need Christ. Hell reveals God's justice, evil reveals your need for redemption, and suffering reveals God's willingness to enter your pain. Jesus does not ignore your broken world—He overcomes it. At the cross, justice and love meet, sin is judged, suffering is embraced, mercy is offered, and resurrection begins restoration. The empty tomb assures you that evil will not win, suffering will not last, and hell will not have the final word...Praise the Lord Jesus Christ !

MAIN POINTS

Big Idea: Jesus doesn't ignore your broken world—Jesus overcomes it.

1. Hell is real, eternal and taught by Jesus. Hell shows you the seriousness of sin and the goodness of God's justice (Matthew 8:11–12, 13:41–43, 25:41, 46; Mark 9:43, 47–48). Hell is conscious, eternal separation from God. Hell tells the full story of sin and human freedom. God's judgment is necessary if He is truly good. Victims of injustice long for justice, not moral neutrality. Love requires opposition to what destroys what is loved. Until you see what you deserve, you cannot fully grasp the wonder of the cross!

2. Evil describes our desire for justice and moral standards. Your outrage over evil points to God's moral order written on your heart (Romans 1:18–25, 3:23; 2 Peter 3:9). Evil entered the world through human rebellion (Genesis 3). Evil does not disprove God; it actually exposes the need for Him. Without God, evil is reduced to meaningless events. God allows moral freedom, even though it can be abused. God's patience is meant to lead you to repentance, not denial.

3. Suffering is tough, transformative and temporary. God uses suffering to shape you and promises future restoration (Romans 8:18; Hebrews 4:15; Romans 5:3–5; James 1:2–4; 1 Peter 1:6–7; Revelation 21:4). Christianity is the only worldview with a God who bears scars. God does not waste suffering; He redeems it. Hope is found not in full explanations now, but in future glory. Jesus entered your suffering so you would never suffer alone. Your pain is real, but it is not permanent...Hallelujah !

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does human evil point toward God rather than away from Him? *Possible Answer:* Your instinctive sense that evil is wrong reveals a moral standard that comes from God, not from chance or culture (Romans 1:18–19).

2. When you see injustice in the world, how do you usually respond, anger, despair, apathy, or trust? Why? *Possible Answer:* Many people feel anger or despair, but Scripture invites you to trust that God sees, cares, and will act in perfect justice (2 Peter 3:9).

3. How has suffering shaped your faith for better or worse and where do you sense God meeting you in it right now? *Possible Answer:* Suffering can deepen endurance and hope when you rely on God instead of withdrawing from Him (Romans 5:3–5).

GOSPEL CONNECTION

Hell, evil, and suffering all meet at the cross. Jesus took sin seriously enough to die for it, loved sinners deeply enough to rescue them, and entered suffering fully enough to redeem it. If you are not yet a believer, the call is clear: repent of sin and believe in Jesus, who absorbed judgment so you could receive mercy (2 Corinthians 5:21). If you are a believer, repentance is ongoing, turn again from self-reliance and trust Christ again in your doubts, pain, and questions. The gospel reminds you that God is not distant, silent, or indifferent. He stepped into history, bore your sin, defeated death, and promises new creation. Because of Jesus, evil is not ultimate, suffering is not meaningless, and hell does not win.

It is okay for you to wrestle with hard questions about hell, evil, and suffering. Struggle does not disqualify you; it often deepens faith. Your hope does not rest in having every answer, but in knowing the One who entered your pain and overcame it. The cross proves God's love, the resurrection guarantees victory, and the future promises restoration. What feels tragic today can become triumphant tomorrow because Jesus lives.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Monday – When the World Is Not the Way It Should Be

Key Verse: *“The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.”* (Psalm 103:8)

Reflection: You live in a world filled with injustice, loss, and pain, and it is right for your heart to ache over what is broken. God is not indifferent to suffering your grief reflects His heart for justice and restoration. Your questions do not push God away; they invite you closer.

Application Question: Where do you feel the brokenness of the world most deeply right now? Possible Answer: You may feel it through personal loss, injustice you witness, or fear for the future, but Scripture reminds you that God sees, cares, and is already at work (Psalm 34:18).

Prayer Response: “Lord, You see the pain I carry and the brokenness around me. Help me trust that You are present and compassionate even when the world feels overwhelming. Draw me closer to You today, in Jesus’ Name, Amen.” (Psalm 103:8; Psalm 34:18)

Tuesday – Hell and the Justice Our Hearts Long For

Key Verse: *“These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”* (Matthew 25:46)

Reflection: Hell is not an uncomfortable doctrine; it is a necessary one if God is truly just. Your longing for evil to be addressed and wrongs to be made right reflects God’s own holiness. Hell shows that God takes sin seriously and love deeply.

Application Question: How does believing in God’s justice change the way you view evil and wrongdoing? Possible Answer: It reminds you that no injustice is overlooked and that God will ultimately judge sin fairly and completely (Matthew 25:46).

Prayer Response: “Holy God, thank You that You are just and good. Help me trust Your judgment even when I don’t understand it, and let Your justice lead me to humility and gratitude for grace, in Jesus’ Name, Amen.” (Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:48; Alistair Begg quote referenced in sermon).

Wednesday – Evil and Your Need for Redemption

Key Verse: *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”* (Romans 3:23)

Reflection: Evil in the world is not just something you observe; it is something Scripture says lives in every human heart. Your moral outrage points to God’s truth written within you, but it also exposes your need for redemption. You are not just a victim of evil; you are someone Jesus came to rescue.

Application Question: Why is it important to admit your own sin when talking about evil in the world? Possible Answer: Recognizing your own sin keeps you humble and helps you see your need for grace rather than self-righteousness (Romans 3:23).

Prayer Response: “God, I confess that I fall short of Your glory. Thank You for revealing truth and offering mercy instead of condemnation. Lead me to repentance and deeper faith today, in Jesus’ Name, Amen.” (Romans 1:18–25; Romans 3:23; Genesis 3)

Thursday – Suffering and the God Who Has Scars

Key Verse: *“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses.”* (Hebrews 4:15)

Reflection: Suffering does not mean God has abandoned you. In Jesus, God entered suffering, carried wounds, and understands your pain from the inside. Your suffering may feel overwhelming, but it is not wasted or unseen.

Application Question: How does knowing Jesus suffered change the way you bring your pain to God? Possible Answer: It gives you confidence to approach God honestly, knowing He understands and walks with you through hardship (Hebrews 4:15).

Prayer Response: “Jesus, thank You for entering my pain and understanding my weakness. Help me trust You in suffering and believe that You are shaping me even now, in Jesus’ Name, Amen.” (Hebrews 4:15; Romans 5:3–5; James 1:2–4)

Friday – The Cross: Where Everything Converges

Key Verse: *“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”* (2 Corinthians 5:21)

Reflection: Hell, evil, and suffering all meet at the cross. Jesus absorbed judgment, exposed evil, embraced suffering, and opened the door to redemption and new creation. Because of the resurrection, what feels tragic today can become triumphant tomorrow.

Application Question: What does it look like for you to trust Jesus with both your sin and your suffering? Possible Answer: It means repenting of self-reliance, believing in Christ’s finished work, and resting in the hope of resurrection and restoration (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Prayer Response: “Jesus, thank You for the cross and the empty tomb. I turn from my sin and place my hope fully in You. Help me live today in the confidence of Your victory, in Jesus’ Name, Amen.” (2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 8:18; Revelation 21:4)