

The Necessity of Evangelism pt 3

Matthew 28:18–20

Introduction

Palu, Indonesia is facing a long and painful recovery from the devastating earthquake and tsunami on Sept 28, nearly two weeks ago,

A 7.5-magnitude earthquake and tsunami lashed the coastal city with waves up to 36 ft. tall.

Today, Oct 10, 2018, Indonesia ends search for earthquake, tsunami victims as death toll soars over 2,045.

Authorities say possibly 5,000 people are buried in obliterated parts of the city and its surroundings where the force of the quake liquefied the soil and sucked houses into the earth. Miles of coastline were trashed by the tsunami

Earthquakes and tsunamis have proven particularly deadly, claiming nearly 750,000 lives over the past 20 years, more than other extreme

weather events, according to a forthcoming report from the U.N. Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Much of that mortality came in 2004 after a 9.1-magnitude earthquake in the southern Indian Ocean generated a devastating tsunami that killed an estimated 230,000 people in 12 countries, the majority in Indonesia.

These are tragic events that have taken the lives of thousands of people. Horrific Catastrophic, natural disasters that kill men, women, and children.

But this is not the real tragedy.

In fact, the death of thousands by a natural disaster pales in comparison to the real issue They are very small in importance in comparison to the the most important issues

The Real issue is, most of these people were lost and are in hell.

	Percentage share (of total population)	Absolute numbers (in millions)
Muslim	87.2	207.2
Protestant	6.9	16.5
Catholic	2.9	6.9

Hindu	1.7	4.0
Buddhist	0.7	1.7
Confucian	0.05	0.1

The predominate religions are pagan.

Jesus makes the issue very clear in Luke 13

Luke 13:1–5 (NKJV)

13 There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² And Jesus answered and said to them, “**Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all *other* Galileans, because they suffered such things? ³ I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all *other* men who dwelt in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”**

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Matthew 28:18–20 (NKJV)

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even to the end of the age.*” Amen.

Mark 16:15–16 (NKJV)

¹⁵ And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Luke 24:46–48 (NKJV)

⁴⁶ Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ And you are witnesses of these things.

Acts 1:6–8 (NKJV)

⁶ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸ But you shall receive power

when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

B. The Necessity of the Command

1. Men are Already Guilty

Romans 1:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

Romans 3:19–20 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. ²⁰ Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

John 3:18–20 (NKJV)

¹⁸ “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

2. Religion and Morality does not Save

Romans 10:1–4 (NKJV)

10 Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. ² For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³ For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. ⁴ For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

3. God is full of Compassion and Mercy and Desires to Save.

Jonah 1:1–3 (NKJV)

1 Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ² “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me.” ³ But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.

After a while of a time with a Fish

Jonah 3:1–5 (NKJV)

3 Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, ² “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you.” ³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three-day journey in extent. ⁴ And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day’s walk. Then he cried out and said, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

⁵ So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them.

Jonah 3:10–4:2 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.

4 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry. ² So he prayed to the Lord, and said, “Ah, Lord, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; **for I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm.**”

Jonah gets angry

has a pity party.

God creates a plant to shade him

God creates a worm to eat the plant

Jonah is angry and sad about the plant

Jonah 4:10–11 (NKJV)

¹⁰ But the Lord said, “You have had pity on the plant for which you have not labored, nor made it grow, which came up in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons

who cannot discern between their right hand and their left—and much livestock?

We are just like Jonah

We get upset about all the things that matter, and have compassion on things that won't last.

But cry for judgement on the Lost and hardly every share the gospel.

We should be ashamed.

1 Timothy 2:3–4 (NKJV)

³ For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Ezekiel 18:23 (NKJV)

²³ Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?" says the Lord God, "*and* not that he should turn from his ways and live?"

Ezekiel 18:32 (NKJV)

³² For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord God. "Therefore turn and live!"

Isaiah 45:22 (NKJV)

²² "Look to Me, and be saved,

All you ends of the earth!
For I *am* God, and *there is* no other.

Matthew 9:35–38 (NKJV)

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. ³⁶ But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. ³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly *is* plentiful, but the laborers *are* few. ³⁸ Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

4. Must Hear to believe and Repent

Romans 10:14–15 (NKJV)

¹⁴ How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ And how shall they preach unless they are sent?

*“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace,
Who bring glad tidings of good things!”*

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Protected in the Will of God and Evangelism

2 Timothy 4:9–18 (NKJV)

⁹ Be diligent to come to me quickly;

¹⁰ for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica— Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia.

¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.

¹² And Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.

¹³ Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas when you come—and the books, especially the parchments.

¹⁴ Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works.

¹⁵ You also must beware of him, for he has greatly resisted our words.

¹⁶ At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them.

¹⁷ But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and *that* all the Gentiles might hear. Also I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

¹⁸ And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve *me* for His heavenly kingdom. To Him *be* glory forever and ever. Amen!