



- Even Our Course:
    - In This World - Which May Even Result In:
      - Being Scattered & Experiencing:
      - The Shadows & Sorrows:
      - Of This World!
3. The Fourth Stage:
- Involves Living - As We Will See Tonight:
    - As “Spectacles Unto The World!”
      - Which What The Apostle Paul Even:
        - Calls Himself & The Other Apostles:
          - In 1 Corinthians 4:9!
    - Where He Writes:
      - “For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men!”
  - In This Verse - Paul Reveals:
    - What God Himself Did:
      - With His Servants, The Apostles!
        - He Made Them:
          - A “Spectacle” Unto The World!
        - Or - He Put Them:
          - On Display To The World!
      - And - Not Just The World:
        - But Even To Angels - And:
          - To Men As Well!
4. The Word Translated “Spectacle” Here:
- Is The Word From Which We Get:
    - The English Word - “Theater!”
      - And - What Is A Theater?
        - A Place Where People Put On A Show Or Some Kind Of Impressive Display!
  - Of Course - Today:
    - The Most Common Theater Are:
      - Movie Theaters!
    - But - The Most Common Theater:
      - In Paul’s Day Were Used For:
        - Live Plays & Performances:
          - By Actors & Musicians!
  - And - Some Times:
    - Those Theatrical Events:
      - Involved The Lives & Even Deaths:
        - Of Those Who Were Forced:
          - To Perform In Them!
5. And So - This Is How Paul:
- Understood His Mission:
    - As An Apostle For Jesus Christ!
      - He Was Sent Into This World:
        - To Be A Spectacle To This World:
          - In Order To Show More & More Of Jesus:
            - In This World!
  - In The Context Of 1 Corinthians 4:
    - Paul Tells Us That:
      - God’s Plan Was Not For Him Or The Other Apostles To:
        - “Reign As Kings” In This World! (4:8)
  - Instead - God’s Plan Was:
    - For Them To Be Put On The Block:
      - As Someone Appointed To Death!
        - Like Someone On Death Row!
          - Can’t Get Any Lower Than This!
6. And So - Like Paul & The Other Apostles:

- A True Follower Of Christ:
  - Will Also Be A "Spectacle!"
    - Like A Theatrical Event!
  - And - Who's Watching?
    - From Earth To Heaven - And:
      - Everything & Everyone In Between!
  - Because - We Are To Be:
    - "Spectacles Unto The World, And To Angels, And To Men!"
- **IE:** Of Course - For Many Their "Spectacle" Led To Their Death!
  - Paul Was Likely Beheaded In Rome!
  - Peter Was Probably Crucified Upside Down:
    - Also In Rome!
  - And - Many Others Were Killed:
    - In The Cruel Theaters & Coliseums / Arenas All Throughout The Roman Empire!
      - All Because They Sought To Be "Spectacles Unto The Lord!"

7. So - As A "Spectacle" Unto The World:
- What Will You Show:
    - About The Lord?
      - Look At Just 2 Things Tonight!

\* First - As A "Spectacle" Unto The World - We Need To Show:

**1. The Love Of Christ:**

- To The World!
  - And - To Show His Love:
    - The Same Way He Did!
  - One Of The Most Common Emotions:
    - Possessed By Jesus:
      - That We Find In The Gospels:
        - Is Compassion - Which Was Always A Manifestation Of:
          - His Love!
    - So - Who Did Jesus Have:
      - Compassion On?
        - Look At A Few Passages!
- Mark 1:40-42:
  - "And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. / And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. / And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed!"
    - Who Did Jesus Feel Compassion For?
      - A Leper!
    - One Who Had A Disease / Physical Problem:
      - And More!
  - Luke 7:12-15:
    - "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. / And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. / And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. 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!"
      - Who Did Jesus Feel Compassion For?
        - A Woman Who Lost Her Only Son!
      - One Who Was Experiencing:
        - Profound Sorrow!
    - Mark 8:1-3:
      - "In those days the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples unto him, and saith unto them, / I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat: / And if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way: for divers of them came from far!"
        - Who Did Jesus Feel Compassion For?

- An Entire Crowd! "The Multitude!"
- For Their Lack Of Food!
- And As We Have Seen:
  - "His Compassion Fulfilled Itself In The Outward Act!" (Warfield)
    - Jesus Was In The Unique Position To Be Able To Act Whenever He Felt Compassion!
  - Jesus' Heart Was Stirred By The Physical Needs Of People!
    - But Why?
      - Why Were These Physical Needs There In The First Place?
        - Why Was There Disease & Death & Hunger?
          - Because Of Sin!
    - Physical Needs Are The Result:
      - Both Directly & Indirectly - Of Spiritual Need!
  - "These ills were rather looked upon by him as themselves rooted in spiritual destitution. And it was this spiritual destitution which most deeply moved his pity!" (Warfield)
    - And We Also See The Lord's Compassion:
      - Directly For The Spiritual Need Of Others!
- Matthew 9:35-38:
  - "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. / But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. / Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; / Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest!"
    - Who Did Jesus Feel Compassion For?
      - Again - "The Multitudes" - But Why?
        - Their Spiritual Need Of A Shepherd!
          - Of Him!
    - Whenever Jesus Felt Compassion:
      - For Physical And / Or Spiritual Needs:
        - "His Compassion Was Translated From Feelings To Actions!" (Hansen)
  - And Now - As "Spectacles" Unto The World:
    - We Need To Show Forth:
      - Christ's Love - In The Same Way:
        - As Christ Did!
      - With Deep Compassion:
        - For The Physical & Spiritual Needs Of Others!
    - Now, Can We Do This Perfectly?
      - Of Course Not!
        - But - The More We See Jesus' Love:
          - For Ourselves - The More We Will Be Able To Show Jesus Love:
            - As A Spectacle Unto This World!

\* A Second Way We Can Be "Spectacles" Unto The World - Is To Show:

**2. The Labor Of Christ:**

- To The World!
  - And - To Show / Manifest His Work:
    - The Same Way He Did!
  - One Of The Ways:
    - We Can See The Labor Of Jesus:
      - In The Gospels Is To:
        - Look At What He Does:
          - With His Hands!
    - And So - Let's Look At:
      - Some More Passages Together!
        - Where We See Jesus' Labor & Work:
  - Of Rescue:
    - With His Hands!
      - Which Is What We Find In:

- Matthew 14:22-33!

- His Work Of Rescue!

- “And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. / And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. / But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. / And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. / And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. / But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. / And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. / And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. / But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. / **And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him**, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? / And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. / Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God!”

- Where Do We See The Hand Of Jesus’ Labor?

- 14:31 - Jesus Rescued Peter With His Hand!

- What Does This Teach Us About Jesus?

- He Has The Ability:

- To Save & To Rescue:

- Those Who Are In Danger!

- After All - Where Was Jesus When He:

- “Stretched Forth His Hand?”

- Still On The Water Himself!

- Hebrews 7:25 - “Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them!”

- He Has The Willingness:

- To Save & To Rescue Those Who Are In Danger!

- Not Just Peter!

- But All Those Who Call Out To Him!

- 1 Timothy 2:4 - “Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth!”

- We Can Also See Jesus' Labor & Work:

- Of Reassurance:

- With His Hands!

- Which Is What We Find In:

- Matthew 17:1-8!

- His Work Of Reassurance!

- “And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, / And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. / And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. / Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. / While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. / and when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. / **And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.** / And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only!”

- Where Do We See The Hands Of Jesus’ Reassurance?

- 17:7 - And Why Did Jesus Touch Them?

- To Calm Their Fears!

- And To Reassure Peter & James & John & To Give Them Rest!

- We Can Also See Jesus’ Labor & Work:

- Of Restoration:

- With His Hands!

- Which Is What We Find In:

- Matthew 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!”
- The Problem - Peter’s Mother-In-Law Had A Fever!
    - Where Do We See The Hands Of Jesus?
      - 8:15 - “He Touched Her Hand!”
      - And She Was Healed!
  - What Was The Response?
    - 8:15 - She “Ministered Unto Them!” (Served)
  - And Now - As “Spectacles” Unto The World:
    - We Need To Show Forth:
      - Christ’s Labor & Work - In The Same Way:
        - As Christ Did!
      - Reaching Out - And:
        - Touching Them:
          - So That They Feel:
            - The Hands Of Christ!
      - Hands That Are Open To Them:
        - To Rescue & To Reassure & To Restore Them:
          - Unto God!

**Conclusion:**

1. To Be A Spectacle Unto The World:
  - Means That:
    - You Will Show Them:
      - Jesus Christ!
  - And - You Will Do So:
    - In Your Words!
    - In Your Work!
    - In Your Every Day Way Of Life!
      - Even If This Means That:
        - The People Of This World Reject Jesus’ Love & Labor For Them:
          - As Displayed By You!
2. So - To Resist:
  - The World - Let Us Remember:
    - To Live As:
      - “Spectacles” Unto It!
        - For God’s Glory - And:
          - For Their Good!

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