

Reconciliation: The *Revelation* of One Mediator

Jesus: Very God, Very Man, Very God-Man

This is the fourth message, in the series on Reconciliation:

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TEXT:

'For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and Man, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all...' (1Timothy 2:5-6a).

THE TWO-WAY MOVEMENT:

In Philippians 2:1-4 we learn that the **Lord** became **Servant**. God the humble servant.

In Mark 4:35-41 we glimpse that this **Servant** in the boat is **Lord** of *'the wind and the sea'*.

As we *glimpse* by faith, that in Jesus, God has humbly come to us in our dysfunctional earthly home, and that in Jesus, we have been crucified – and taken home to God into his peaceful heavenly home, we are *glimpsing* the Living God in action. This is gospel **revelation**: Wow!

As the centurion *glimpsed* it, he said: *'Truly this man was God's Son!'* (Mark 15:39). All that Jesus accomplished, in his earthly life, he did so as a true man. Unlike *Superman*, he didn't occasionally rush into a nearby phone box, and put on his 'God' suit. He didn't just press a 'power-button'. Or as Geoff Bingham would say: 'he never called upon his deity, in order to effect his humanity'. This must mean, that when Jesus rebuked the wind and calmed the sea, he did so as a man. What might this mean for our redeemed bodies? This must also mean that in that *'hour'* when Jesus is totally forsaken, and dies, he does so as a man, for us. When Charles Wesley unexpectedly *glimpsed* this man was actually God suffering for us, he wrote:

Never love nor sorrow was, like that my Saviour showed:
See Him stretched on yonder Cross, And crushed beneath our load!
Now discern the Deity, Now His heavenly birth declare!
Faith cries out, *'Tis He, 'Tis He, My God who suffers there!*

As we proclaim God's **finished work** of reconciliation—and live in it, daily, by faith—it helps to consider what Jesus accomplished as true God (from the *Godward* side), and what Jesus accomplished as true Man (from the *human* side, as our Champion). He is the Mediator.

Today, the thing that is taking place by the Holy Spirit's power is a mighty *revelation* of the Living Man Jesus, who is also the Living Lord-God. It is the Holy Spirit's task to convict of sin, righteousness and judgment (John 16:8), on the basis of Jesus entire *both-ways* ministry.

Prayer: Thank you Lord God, that you came, 'born of Mary' to serve your world. Thank you Lord Jesus, that as the One Mediator for our human race, you *vicariously* took us up, into the cross, as you were crucified. Thank you Lord Jesus, that as you ascended and went *home* to the Father, you also went *home* to *Our Father*, reconciling the world to God. We praise You!

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CHILDREN'S TALK:

But ***you will receive power when*** the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

(Acts 1:8)

Example: Dove indicated the unseen Holy Spirit upon Jesus at his baptism.

Story: My kids used to like us to push the "Power" button in the FORD.

- Power to see what Christ has done, and to understand what this life is about.
- Power for difficult times, suffering, trusting God in all circumstances.
- Power to share the good news of Jesus victory over death.
- Power to encourage others, to be reconciled to God.

The Holy Spirit brings the ***Revelation*** of the ***Reconciliation*** in Jesus Christ, of God and Man.