

## “CRUCIFIXION’S NEW CREATION” TRINITY 12 e MARK 7:31-37

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In the beginning, God created the world, and He called it “good.”  
The Father scooped up some dirt on Day 6,  
Formed a body out of it,  
Projected His own image to it,  
And last, but certainly not least, breathed the breath of life into it.  
He made man, and called him “good.”

Seeing that man was not made to be alone,  
He created woman, by taking a rib from the man,  
Fashioning it with His hands, and called the woman, “good.”

Tragically, Adam and Eve introduced sin into the world,  
Resulting in bodily and spiritual death.  
They were no longer ‘good’.

We see the fruits of death extend to us today – and it’s tragic.

Cancer.

Alzheimer’s.

Blindness.

Deafness.

Muteness.

Coronavirus.

Diabetes.

Their rebellion introduced death into the world.

As history has progressed, we’ve multiplied deaths tactics.

Now, our lives are far from our Creator’s intentions.

He can no longer call His creation ‘good’.

We know that God created us in our mother’s womb, Scripture testifies to that  
Godly work.

But we often wonder if God made a mistake in making us.

Because things are just so out of whack, how could God have let me be this way?

In the Gospel, a man is inflicted similarly.

We don’t know how long this man has been deaf,

But He couldn't hear out of His God-given ears.

Not only that, this man can't even speak!  
Due to his inability to hear, this man speaks gibberish.  
He can't communicate with anyone,  
And his survival depends on the grace of family and friends.  
God wouldn't look upon this man and call Him "good."  
Because his body is inflicted with disease,  
Not something our Creator intended at creation.

Perhaps worst of all, death is his destiny.

Though God has created us,  
Sin still inflicts us terribly - even from our birth!  
Some are born blind or deaf.  
Some newborns are born with complications and die.  
Others are placed in the NICU, where care is given,  
But they struggle for their life.

That's not we would envision from a God who created Adam and Eve "good".

But even post-birth, disease is rampant.  
Viruses are prevalent.  
Death always seems to be crouching at our door -  
Whether its deserved or undeserved.

We all know someone who has problems such as these -  
These inexplicably harsh cards they've been dealt in life.  
For whatever reason, God allowed this to happen.  
Or maybe we think these things too trivial for our Lord to deal with.

Some blame God, but we should really blame ourselves.  
Sickness doesn't occur because God made mistakes in creating us,  
Like a manufacturer does for a cheap toy.  
God made no mistake in creating you.  
But original sin's curse, which was given to Adam and Eve in Genesis 3,  
Extends to us today.  
Romans 5:18 says, "**One trespass resulted in condemnation for all people.**"  
We receive this hereditary disease called sin even in our mother's womb,  
As David testifies in Psalm 51:5 "**in sin did my mother conceive me.**"

Since we have original sin, how does that lead to diseases which inflict the body?

Think of it this way:

We are diseased with original sin.

But the symptoms of that disease pop up in all different ways –

Lying, stealing, cheating, inclinations to one sin verses another,

Or ailments of the body like being born with a defect heart,

Being born blind, deaf, etc.

These things are symptoms of the spiritual disease we all have: original sin.

It's like having the flu.

Symptoms are a runny nose, chills, fever cough, sore throat, and body aches -

Those are the things we see and experience.

But what we don't see is what causes those symptoms to appear,

Which is the disease itself: the flu.

With us, the disease is original sin.

The symptoms – what we normally think of as sin –

Manifests themselves in our daily lives.

Don't think that its fair we're born with original sin

because of Adam and Eve sinning in the Garden of Eden?

Put yourself in Adam and Eve's shoes.

Would you do it?

Would you disobey God's command to not eat the forbidden fruit?

Let me help you arrive at the right answer by challenging you to do this:

How about you stop sinning now and obey all of God's commands?

Yes, of course we would've sinned against God in the Garden of Eden.

We do it here all the time.

As a result, death, disease, heartache, pain, frustration, hate,

and any disease of the body and the soul have been rightfully charged to our

account,

which leads us to death.

Death puts us in the same position as the deaf and mute man.

But the deaf and mute man's friends heard about someone who provides healing.

Someone who makes things 'good' as in the Garden of Eden.

They had faith in this healer.  
So moved by love and desperation for the sick,  
They brought their friend to Him.

The healer brought this sick man aside privately.  
Not knowing exactly what to expect,  
the friends simply asked the healer to place His hand on their friend for the healing.

But the healer gave more than what they bargained for.  
To start, He thrust his fingers into both ears of the deaf man.  
Then, He gathered saliva into His mouth, and spit.  
Then touched the twisted tongue of this sick man with His own spit soaked finger.

He let out a large groan, almost as if He is pained in what He's doing.  
Finally, the words escaped his mouth: "Ephphatha", which means 'be opened'.  
At the word of this miracle worker,  
The curse of sin was reversed!

This man's previously clogged ears now hear the gasps of his friends as the beauty of sound reaches his virgin ears.  
This man's tongue was released from the perils of Adam's curse of original sin!  
Overcome with joy, any command this healer gave about keeping it a secret was ignored.

He testified to the one who brought about healing where sin and disease previously corrupted the body.

Who is this healer who gives hearing to the deaf?  
Who is this healer who gives voice to the voiceless?

It's the promised Messiah!  
The promised one of old!  
The promised child given to mankind through Eve's womb!  
He's come to establish His reign as Messiah on earth!  
It's been prophesied of old -

**"In that day (the day of the Messiah) the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see! The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord!"**

**"Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy."**

This Messiah has come to unstop deaf ears,

Open the eyes of the blind,  
Cure the diseased and sick!

That's what we see in the life of Jesus, whose ministry it is to bring about a new creation,

A new creation – absent of sin, death, disease, heartache, pain, and other spiritual and physical defects. A new Garden of Eden in which the Father can look at it and call it 'good'.

But only through what was accomplished on the cross,  
Can a new creation be brought to life.

Because on the cross, our Savior bore upon himself our iniquities and bore our diseases –

Namely our disease of original sin.

Though we still feel original sins lingering effects in this life –

Disease, cancer, inclinations to sin, etc. –

God gives you healing through the cross.

Because now when you die,

The Father doesn't see you in your sin.

He doesn't see the bad things you've done, or the diseases you bear.

He doesn't see any symptoms of your original sin.

He sees purity.

He sees life.

He sees innocence.

All because Christ bore your sin upon His shoulders,

And your sin was put to death on His shoulders hanging from the cross.

Through healing and new birth from Jesus' cross,

The Father can look at us – His new creation renewed by water and Spirit –

And He calls us 'good'.

That's our Father's promise to those who have life in His Son.

And God's promises are as hard as nails – as hard as the nails of the cross.

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