St James Church: Thought for the Day – Tuesday 28th April 2020

Let's talk about Jesus

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Hello everybody
Let me talk to you about my favourite person,
Someone you know a lot about already.
Someone you must have encountered and experienced in private or in public;
Someone Special;
You talk to Him and talk about Him regularly;
You think about Him always and seek out ways to please Him;
People have rejoiced with you because of this person
And even now He is waiting for all your attention.
Yes, you know this person,
His name is Jesus, and yes, you love Him too.

But first, Who is this Jesus you talk about every day? What did He do differently?

Wait a minute..
One person says Jesus is the Son of God
Another says Jesus is the Son of Man
And the third says He is both.
Some say that He is before the world began.

As for me,
Jesus is my saviour, He set me free,
He gave His life for me and made me new
I am free from condemnation
I am free to love and serve Him
I am free to worship Him
I am free to be me, to be myself, my real self;

I will tell you this also --Jesus is alive; He lives forever
Because of Him I can face tomorrow
And whatever it may bring

Jesus is always with me
He is within me and He is by my side
He feels me with His love
And calls me His own

And you know what?
He has promised me life everlasting
A place at His side in glory!
So, He will never leave me
Never leave me

Is he different or is he different? Hasn't He done well for me?

Amazingly
His friends and followers still argue about Him
Just like His enemies and detractors.
They talk and talk and talk
Among themselves
And forget to turn to His Spirit for counsel.

Why is it that His friends do not know him fully?

Son of God and Son of Man - are they not the two sides of the same person?

He died and rose from the dead - are they not the two sides of reality?

He went up to heaven and will come back again - are they not the two sides of existence?

Of course they are one entity – the physical and spiritual; human and divine Listen to what Brother John says:

'to all those who receive him, to those who believe him, he gave power to become the children of God'. John 1:12. Oh, yes ... I am a child of God

Now, this is the real deal...
To experience His love,
His saving grace and His peace
Is to own up to our limitations,
Open the door of our heart
And let Him in .. yes, let Jesus in..
Yes, let the risen Lord into your life and home and ...

Oops, I almost forgot that I am talking to His friends.

Amen

Bible verse:

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. – Revelation 3:20

Song: Over the mountains and the sea (I could sing of your love forever) – you can listen to it here - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ChsHo4KLUJ4

Over the mountains and the sea, Your river runs with love for me, And I will open up my heart And let the healer set me free. I'm happy to be in the truth, And I will daily lift my hands: For I will always sing of when Your love came down. I could sing of your love forever, I could sing of your love forever, I could sing of your love forever, I could sing of your love forever. I could sing of your love forever. Oh, I feel like dancing It's foolishness I know; But when the world has seen the light, They will dance with joy, Like we're dancing now.

