

JOE #4 – HEBREWS 2:10-15 “CRISTUS VICTOR”

K1 In 2010, **33 miners were trapped 2,300 feet underground** in Chile for 69 days. They were alive—but entombed. No food. No light. No way out. Engineers tried everything *from above*. Machines failed. Plans collapsed. Eventually, the only solution wasn't sending instructions - it was **sending a man**. A rescue capsule called *Phoenix* was lowered into the earth. But the key moment wasn't the capsule. It was this: **A rescuer had to go down first**. He entered the darkness. He felt the heat, the pressure, the confinement. He became, for a moment, what the miners were. Only then could the miners come up—**one by one—into the light. THOSE MINERS HAD NO HOPE - THEY WOULD HAVE DIED** **SD**

- People feel hopeless like those miners. No light. No air. No food. **EVERY DAY**
 - o Question: Will someone Rescue? Jesus will rescue. He came to fight for you

Christianity is not the story of God shouting instructions from heaven. It's the story of God entering the mine. Jesus didn't lower a rope. He climbed into the pit.

K2 MP: Jesus became like us in the incarnation, so that He could fight for us through the crucifixion, and lead us to victory through the resurrection. SD

IT TOOK THE INCARNATION

JESUS SHOWED UP FOR YOU....

PARTOOK of the same things – flesh and blood. **GOD WITH US. GOD IN THE FLESH**

- Necessity not sentimentality – armed himself with flesh and blood

Jesus didn't help us from a distance. He helped us by entering our condition. Became one of us.

K3 Philippians 2:6-8 Who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. **SD**

FOR HIM TO FIGHT THROUGH THE CRUCIFIXION

PERFECTED though suffering: The pathway to His victory was through His suffering

K4 **Jesus fought the battle that led to victory through the paradox of the cross.**

- **WHAT SOLDIER WINS A WAR BY DYING?** **SD**

Patton: No soldier ever won a war by dying for his country. He wins the war by making the other soldier die for his country.

- o **NOT WITH JESUS. WINNING THE WAR MEANT DYING FOR OUR SINS**
- o **THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD. NO ONE TALKS ABOUT THE BLOOD**

W/O blood. There's no hope, no forgiveness. Victory. Rescue. Joy. Peace. Life

K5 **The blood absorbed your death and gives you life.**

Colossians 2:14 This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He **disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.** **SD**

DESTROYED THE POWER OF THE DEVIL

MOVIES: Normalizing of Gore, demon possession. Angry. Real. I have seen it

- **DESENSITIZED NOW IT'S ENTERTAINMENT. NOT FUNNY. FOR THRILL**
 - o **SUBTLE DECEPTION THAT LED A HOSTILE TAKEOVER IN EDEN**

1 John 5:19 We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

- **K6** Devil working constantly TAKE U OVER. Pull u back darkness **TEMPT**

Pastoral concern: Some of us have been rescued—but we're still living like we're buried. Faith that questions but never follows. Hearts hardened by resentment. Minds ruled by anxiety. Desires caught in repeating cycles. Lives measured by comparison. Souls stalled by fear. **SD**

- IDENTIFY THE ENEMY (call the devil out) – TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

K7 James 1:13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. **NO MORE (confession) I CAN'T. POWER HAS BEEN SUPPLIED** **SD**

LIVE THROUGH THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION

Like the man who led miners to safety: **JESUS CAME DOWN TO LIFT YOU UP.**

K8 Jesus didn't come to give you better advice for surviving the pit, He came to get you out.

Jesus is your champion not your mascot. Don't reduce Him to a therapist, or a life coach.

You are not fighting for victory. You are living *from* victory. **SD**

K9 1 Corinthians 15: 54 "Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

JESUS IS THE FOUNDER OF OUR SALVATION – emph OUR. AWAKEN LAS VEGAS **SD**

OUR CHAMPION LEADS MANY SONS DAUGHTERS TO GLORY (starting now. stop wait)

- *Archegos* architect. The hero of a city who founded it and became its protector.

- THAT'S OUR SAVIOR: Not ashamed of you. **HOW MANY WANTED BACK**

ARE YOU STRUGGLING? MERCIFUL FAITHFUL HIGH PRIEST (HP EXPLAIN)

- Jesus didn't just go behind the veil to offer sacrifice. He was sacrifice. Tore veil

- HE REACHES HIS HAND OUT TO YOU EVERY DAY. U IMAGINE HAND.

K10 LIVE RESCUED. THAT IS THE WORD FOR THIS CHURCH. The rescue has been made. Choose to live to it.