



The Devil Never Saw It Coming

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Colossians 2:13-15

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The believer looks and is saved, sees love.

What do you see?



NOTES

Spoiler Alert – The hero comes back to life.

“So what?”

The long-awaited Savior of the world has come!

“Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name!”

Luke 10:17

“The greatest trick the devil ever pulled was to convince the world he didn’t exist.”

The Usual Suspects movie

What does Easter mean to the devil?

“You believe there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that – and shudder.”

James 2:19

“The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.”

1 John 3:8



God allowed us to see the satanic world in its fullness only in the presence of Jesus Christ.

With Jesus Christ present, the power of Satan to entice, enchant and deceive is diminished.

Satan's evil exists...

- In reality outside the will of human beings, Genesis 3:1
- In personal expression through the devil and his agents, Mark 3:22
- And tempted Jesus in the wilderness, Matthew 4:1
- And hell is being prepared for the devil and his angels, Matthew 25:41
- And is able to inflict disease, Matthew 17:15-19, Luke 13:16
- And entered Judas Iscariot, betraying Jesus, Luke 22:3

“...The prince of this world will be driven out.”
John 12:31

“...The whole world is under the control of the evil one.”
1 John 5:19

“So what?”



“The god of this age...” 2 Corinthians 4:4

“The commander of the spiritual powers of the air...”

Eph 2:2 NEB

Who “leads the superhuman forces of evil in the heavens...”

Eph 6:12 NEB

“And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he (Jesus) made a spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.”

Colossians 2:15

To the human eye, Jesus was crucified as a despicable criminal, an enemy of the state. Yet God was at work beyond what was seen.

The devil never saw it coming.

He thought he had Jesus right where he wanted him.

“No death was more excruciating, more contemptible, than crucifixion. To be hung naked, ‘long in agony, swelling with ugly weals on shoulders and chest,’



helpless to beat away the clamorous birds: such a fate, Roman intellectuals agreed, was the worst imaginable.”
Dominion, by Tom Holland

“How is it that a cult inspired by the execution of an obscure criminal in a long-vanished empire came to exercise such a transformative and enduring influence on the world?”

Tom Holland

“Jesus Christ went about doing good, healing all who were under the power of the devil.”

Acts 10:38

Jesus Christ was on that cross taking our place.

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

2 Corinthians 5:21

“He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; ‘by his wounds you have been healed’”.

1 Peter 2:24



“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

John 1:29

In the transfer of our sins to the perfect Lamb of God, the devil's claim on our lives and on this planet was destroyed.

“Now judgment is upon this world. Now the prince of this world is hurled outside.”

John 12:31, Aramaic Bible

“So what?”

We can receive forgiveness for the penalty of our sins in Jesus' blood.

We can receive freedom from the power of sin in Christ's death.

“...Knowing this, that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.”

Romans 6:6



The Jaws of Life help rescue personnel free trapped people.

The cross and resurrection are the spiritual Jaws of Life severing Satan's root in our soul.

“So what?”

We can start growing in truth.

“The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ...”

2 Corinthians 4:4

But Jesus said one stronger than the strong man is in the house opening blind eyes and freeing captives.

Look with the eyes of faith and God will help you see beyond the veil.

Look at Christ on the cross and ask God, show me what you see and let the scales fall from my eyes.



Look at Christ who rose triumphant “...spoiling principalities and powers, making a show of them, openly triumphing over them in himself.”

Colossians 2:15

Satan could not keep Jesus in the tomb.

- The soldiers guarding the tomb were hurled back.
- The seal of the Roman Empire on the tomb was broken.
- The massive stone was rolled away.
- The great hierarchy of the prince of darkness was shattered.

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The cross/resurrection of Jesus Christ is spiritual D-Day for the devil.

When Christ returns, we will celebrate V-Day, the final victory.

All who believe will be “...rescued from the dominion of darkness and brought in to the kingdom of Christ.”

Colossians 1:13



“So what?”

So what about you?

Do you know the peace and joy of God's forgiveness for your sin?

Are there hurts or habits in your life holding you captive?

You don't have to clean up before coming to him.

Has your spiritual vision has been blinded?

The devil never saw his defeat coming - and he doesn't want you to.

Don't let him keep you from the victory God has for you in Jesus Christ!



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