



Romans 8:28 "That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good." (Message)

1. The _____

Ecclesiastes 3:11 "He has also set eternity in the hearts of men..." (NIV)

Mark 8:36 "What gain, then, is it for anyone to win the whole world and forfeit his life?" (NJB)

1 Peter 1:4 "...born again to a living hope...to obtain an inheritance... reserved in heaven for you," (NASB)

John 3:36 "That is why whoever accepts and trusts the Son gets in on everything, life complete and forever! And that is also why the person who avoids and distrusts the Son is in the dark and doesn't see life. All he experiences of God is darkness, and an angry darkness at that." (Message)

2. The _____

Matthew 27:54 "The soldiers at the crucifixion and their sergeant were terribly frightened by the earthquake and all that happened. They exclaimed, 'Surely this was God's Son.'" (TLB)

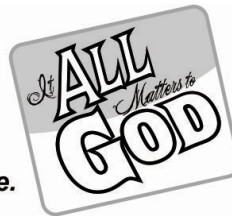
1 Corinthians 2:9 "But as Scripture says: 'No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined the things that God has prepared for those who love him.'" (GW)

1-truth
2-experience
3-dash


3. The _____

Colossians 4:5 "Make the most of your chances to tell others the Good News. Be wise in all your contacts with them." (TLB)





WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND? *Field any related Q's to the sermon or reading.*

 **GROUP WARM UP** **John 11** [Lazarus] Would it not have been awesome to get a written testimony from Lazarus? 4 days dead! (our time). His testimony, if you think about it, and from the evidence, was NOT what the Pharisees or the Caesars wanted being spread around. He became as wanted a man as Jesus because of what he represented and what he had to say. He also became a huge draw for the multitudes because he was the ultimate attesting miracle and reason for many to believe that Jesus was the Son of God. This is most likely why his story is only found in John's gospel. *John* was written after the last of the three synoptic gospels (Lazarus story not included in those 3), after Lazarus had died *again*, for his safety. **John 12:9-11,17-19**

 **SPIN OFF Q&A'S** (questions and applications)

From the "On Topic, But Not the Same Guy" file, read **Luke 16:19-31**

Why do you think this story was included in Luke's gospel?

Or is it a parable or an accounting of a real event? Why or why not?

What things do we learn from this passage that we couldn't have otherwise known? What can we take from this to help order our lives?

How do you define *destiny*? Or if someone is *destined* to do something or another...what does that mean? What about *predestined*? The same or different?

 **RELATED SCRIPTURES**

How do the following Scriptures apply to our understanding of destiny?


1 Thessalonians 3:3 (3:1-5) **5:9** (4:13-5:11);

Romans 8:29 (8:28-30)

 **RABBIT TRAILS** (*Mine & or yours*)

Share any experiences that you have had with people who have had "happy exits" from this world or the opposite.

What about personally knowing any, "been on the other side and come back" encounters...

 **SPARKS** *What does this spark for you? Here's a chance for you to put into words what you want your destiny to be. What 3 sentences (among the other things said), would you want said at your funeral about you? What would you definitely NOT WANT SAID?*

If you died today, and those things would not be said now, what are you going to start doing differently now to ensure that your destiny ends up the way you want it to?

FURTHER READING (*Scripture for Daily Reading*)

Day 1 Genesis 40,41 **Day 2 Genesis 42,43** **Day 3 Mark 9**

Day 4 Psalm 11,12 **Day 5 Genesis 44** **Day 6 Genesis 45**

Next week the **Marked** sermon series begins.