



The Notes

MYSTERIOUS WAYS Part 3: "It's All or Nothing"

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How much of
what the Bible
says is true?



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"We tell everyone that Christ was raised from death. So why do some of you say that people will not be raised from death? If no one will ever be raised from death, then Christ has never been raised. And if Christ has never been raised, then the message we tell is worth nothing. And your faith is worth nothing. And we will also be guilty of lying about God, because we have told people about him, saying that he raised Christ from death. And if no one is raised from death, then God never raised Christ from death. If those who have died are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised from death, then your faith is for nothing; you are still guilty of your sins."

1 Corinthians 15:12-17 (ERV)

ACCEPTING THE MYSTERY OF THE RESURRECTION...

1. ..._____ ME TO EVERYTHING

“Mary asked, ‘How can this happen?’ I have never had sex with anyone.’ Gabriel answered, ‘The Holy Spirit will come to you. The power of God who is over all will cover you like a shadow. So your child will be special to God. He will be completely good. He will be called God’s Son. Another thing! Your cousin, Elizabeth, is very old. People said that she could not have a baby. Listen! She also will have a son. The baby has grown inside her now for nearly six months. There is nothing that God cannot do.’”

Luke 1:34-37 (EASY)

“Thomas (called Didymus) was one of the twelve, but he was not with the other followers when Jesus came. They told him, ‘We saw the Lord.’ Thomas said, ‘That’s hard to believe. I will have to see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side. Only then will I believe it.’ Jesus said to him, ‘You believe because you see me. Great blessings belong to the people who believe without seeing me!’”

John 20:24-25; 29 (ERV)

“Jesus looked at him. Then he said, ‘How hard it is for rich people to enter God’s kingdom! Is it hard for a camel to go through the eye of a needle? It is even harder for someone who is rich to enter God’s kingdom!’ Those who heard

this asked, ‘Then who can be saved?’ Jesus replied, ‘Things that are impossible with people are possible with God.’”

Luke 18:24-27 (NIRV)

2. ... _____ **WHAT I** _____
WITH WHAT _____ **CAN DO.**

“‘If you can?’ said Jesus. ‘Everything is possible for the one who believes.’ Right away the boy’s father cried out, ‘I do believe! Help me overcome my unbelief!’”

Mark 9:23-24 (NIRV)

“But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.”

James 1:6-8 (NLT)

*“(The Disciples): We don’t have enough faith for this! Help our faith to grow! **Jesus** (pointing to a nearby mulberry tree): It’s not like you need a huge amount of faith. If you just had faith the size of a single, tiny mustard seed, you could say to this huge tree, ‘Pull up your roots and replant yourself in the sea,’ and it would fly through the sky and do what you said. So even a little faith can accomplish the seemingly impossible.”*

Luke 17:5-6 (TVB)

3. ... _____ ME TO THE
_____ OF OTHERS.

“Dear brothers, what’s the use of saying that you have faith and are Christians if you aren’t proving it by helping others? Will that kind of faith save anyone? If you have a friend who is in need of food and clothing, and you say to him, ‘Well, good-bye and God bless you; stay warm and eat hearty,’ and then don’t give him clothes or food, what good does that do? So you see, it isn’t enough just to have faith. You must also do good to prove that you have it. Faith that doesn’t show itself by good works is no faith at all—it is dead and useless.”

James 2:14-17 (TLB)