

The Great Yard Sale (The Church Reemerged)

📖 **The Lord's Prayer: Matthew 6:9-10 (ESV)** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. "Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

🎵 *The cross has the final word, The cross has the final word
Evil may put up its strongest fight, But the cross has the final word*

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The Savior has come with the morning light But the cross has the final word* 🎵

- **Dr. Melinda Joy Mingo, "Your pain has a mission attached to it."**

📖 **Matthew 11:1-12 (GW)** After Jesus finished giving his twelve disciples these instructions, he moved on from there to teach his message in their cities. When John was in prison, he heard about the things Christ had done. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the one who is coming, or should we look for someone else?" Jesus answered John's disciples, "Go back, and tell John what you hear and see: Blind people see again, lame people are walking, those with skin diseases are made clean, deaf people hear again, dead people are brought back to life, and poor people hear the Good News. Whoever doesn't lose his faith in me is indeed blessed." As they were leaving, Jesus spoke to the crowds about John. "What did you go into the desert to see? Tall grass swaying in the wind? Really, what did you go to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? Those who wear fine clothes are in royal palaces "Really, what did you go to see? A prophet? Let me tell you that he is far more than a prophet. John is the one about whom Scripture says, 'I'm sending my messenger ahead of you to prepare the way in front of you.' "I can guarantee this truth: Of all the people ever born, no one is greater than John the Baptizer. Yet, the least important person in the kingdom of heaven is greater than John. From the time of John the Baptizer until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful people have been seizing it.

- **Church faces a major crisis about every 500 years: The Giant Yard Sale**

- **First major shakeup: 30 A.D. – The Great Commission**
- **The next shakeup: 476 A.D. – The Great Fall**
- **A little over 500 years later: 1054 A.D. – The Great Schism**
- **The fourth crisis: 1517 A.D. – The Great Reformation**
- **Now 500 years from the Great Reformation: 2000ish A.D. – The Great...**

📖 **Matthew 11:12 (GW)** “From the time of John the Baptizer until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful people have been seizing it.”

📖 **Micah 2:12-13 (ESV)** “I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob; I will gather the remnant of Israel; I will set them together like sheep in a fold, like a flock in its pasture, a noisy multitude of men. He who opens the breach goes up before them; they break through and pass the gate, going out by it. Their king passes on before them, the Lord at their head.”

📖 **Isaiah 43:19 (MSG)** “be alert, be present. I’m doing something brand-new. It’s bursting out! Don’t you see it?”

📖 **John 16:33 (GW)** “In the world you will have trouble. But cheer up! I have overcome the world.”

📖 **2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (MSG)** “So we’re not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us. There’s far more here than meets the eye”

We indeed know how the story ends:

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🎵 *To reveal the kingdom coming. And to reconcile the lost. To redeem the whole creation. You did not despise the cross. For even in Your suffering. You saw to the other side. Knowing this was our salvation. Jesus for our sake You died*

And the Church of Christ was born. Then the Spirit lit the flame. Now this gospel truth of old. Shall not kneel shall not faint. By His blood and in His Name. In His freedom I am free. For the love of Jesus Christ. Who has resurrected me

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one
God of glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings* 🎵