

# It is NOT what it is

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**Main Scripture:** Mark 8: 33- 38; Acts 3: 1-11

**Supporting Scriptures:** Psalm 110:4; 1 Samuel 1: 1-17; Psalm 145: 1; Jeremiah 30:17-19

## **Notes:**

A lot of times people say "it is what it is" when they can't deal with or change certain things. As I look at resurrection day and see the things of God unfold then I realize how powerful the mystery of God is. Jesus told his disciples that he must suffer some things and they didn't feel good about it and couldn't fathom what he was saying. And Peter evaluated the situation and rebuke Jesus. Peter thought it through that men can't do anything to him because he is God how could he be saying that he will be killed and flogged and destroyed by the enemy. Jesus then said - get thee behind me Satan - you're looking on the man's side of life but get yourself together and see the mystery of God.

In Acts 3: 1-11 I realize how powerful God is. Peter and John are going to the temple and then they realize this lame man at the gate beautiful and the lame man asked for arms begging for something and Peter said Silver and Gold we don't have but we will give you what we have. Then they unfold the healing mercies of God. In other words, they were saying we have more to give you than money to buy a cup of coffee. Your condition that you sit at the gate is not what it is when God is around. I want to declare tonight that some crippling things in your life are not what it is when Jesus comes around. You are looking at life that you can't comprehend but tonight by trusting God it is not what it is. With Jesus, it is not what it is. Jesus dies on the cross and his grace and mercy came to pull praise out of our lives. The grace and mercy are there to fill us up. So it is not what it is.

Peter said focus - put your mind at the place now. The man did so expecting to receive something natural to satisfy his natural desire. But Peter said to put your eyes in a different perspective now. Someone needs to put this word in your spirit. Denounce what people say to you that it is what it is. When Jesus' mercy comes it comes to pull you out to give God glory. When they lifted him up immediately he stood up.

Put your focus on Christ now and God can fill you up immediately. It is not what it is when Jesus is in the picture. So the bible says the man leaped up and walked into the temple. I want to show you something, that when grace and mercy reach your life it pulls out praise and glory. When it changes your life into what life should be it pulls out praise and glory. It is not what it is.

You see when the man realize what had happened and he felt virtue he started to leap and praise he did not put down his praise and he leaped and walk and praise God and give God the glory and tonight that's what we need to do. Let your life be placed in the hands of God and give Him praise and honor. This man was being thankful to God and blessing God's name.

The woman with the issue of blood - when grace and mercy came to her it was no problem to have the healing to be administered. Jesus didn't need to touch her she touched him. Jesus didn't go to the cross, buried and resurrect for bun and cheese in this time. It is a time to give glory and honor bow down and worship him. It is not what it is.

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## 1 Samuel 1: 1-17

Hannah wasn't in a good position but God has his thing planned and God is working. Hannah would go and be mocked. The bible says she went into the temple and gave God the situation how she wanted a child. From a human perspective, we would say you're barren it is what it is. Many people would have a lot to say to her in her barrens if like Hannah your life is not what you want it to be and there is fear surrounding your life then know the grace and mercy of God is there for your help. Even Elkhana (Hannah's husband) wanted to comfort her with his love, "Relax Hannah I love you it is what it is" But Hannah went to the altar and cried "God come through for me God help me you're my father I am seeking for a child God see me through people tell me it is what it is and I feel shame and guilt that I can't produce" Even the priest said you drink too much but she said I am a woman of sorrow who needs help I need the mercies of God to attend to me and the Priest then understood she wasn't drunk but had a problem he said be it unto you. Then the mercy of God entered into her and pulls out a kind of glory and praise where she dries up her tears and goes and fellowship. God then fulfills her desire. The eternal God is saying it is not what it is 0- you're sick - God is a healing

His resurrection was for our salvation and our healing and deliverance all these blessings are compact in that resurrection day. God will pull out of us praise and satisfaction that is good to him. It is time that we begin to trust God.

We will trust God with you and tell you God doesn't play games his mercy and grace is there for you. Don't say to yourself "I don't know if God..." Just trust him and he will come through for you.

Look at the Lazarus story. Learn from it that what man says in your life does not mean it is what it is. Seek God for yourself and hear what GOD has to say. Jesus Christ has the final answer.

God will come to your rescue and grace and mercy will be there to pull you out of your situation.

## John 11: 1-25

We look at Christians today and ask them do they believe in his resurrection and they are not so convicted with his resurrection. Jesus says I am the resurrection.

When Jesus said to roll the stone away they said don't trouble him Master it is what it is we have cried over it already it is what it is. But Jesus said show me where you laid him and commanded mercy and grace and called Lazarus forth.

That the power that resides in us and we have to exercise the fullness of the power of God. Grace and mercy are clothed in us when we see someone in trouble or sick- we should pull out the grace and mercy we have received from the Lord.

When we look at the lifestyle of Jesus, people think that this is a myth, some people the reality of healing and deliverance some people can not see these things but we who are believers in Christ need to look at these situations and say it is not what it is.

Sometimes I refer back to my personal life as an example of what Jesus can do.

In 2012 to 2020 I was in the hospital 5 times with conditions that could take my life. And I didn't cry over these things, but I sat in these periods and look to heaven because no one else can help me. I credit my wife for what she has done and my children thank God for them but when I sit by myself and view the power of God view the risen savior and What he can do, it is only God in his mercy could have pulled me out of these conditions. It is no one else. I appreciate the help and the doctors but I have to give God the glory because his grace and mercy came to m. That's why I can't stop praising Him. I take pleasure in going to the physical church to do what I need to do. I remember the first time I had been sick they were to administer radiation treatment for my back and my wife asked if there was anyone in this condition that comes out alright and the doctor turned a side. God allowed me to go to the radiation 4 times and they were surprised how we came out victorious. It is God working through the material to bring about his glory. When the doc saw how I was progressing over the others she looked at me and said it must be the scriptures you're reading why we can't understand how you are progressing so fast. When Jesus says it is what it is tell them Jesus said NO it is not what it is.

I remember telling the doctor I couldn't sleep at night and the doctor said to me don't read any comics or horror movies or war stuff, read your bible when you're going to bed. Read your bible and that doctor was not a Christian. I am telling you mercy re-wrote my life and I want you to know that whatever you are going through and facing people telling you you won't amount to anything. Tell them it is not what it is. Get yourself in Christ because God is able to change the whole thing around. It is not what people said it is. I hear doctors giving timelines to live. How could they be doing that when God has the final say. I am just building your faith.

I remember going to the doctor and he said we can not explain what happened in your life. As far as they know it was a miracle and we can not tell you where we should start or where to end all we know you are progressing fine. They can not say the medication works because they are confused about a child of God. It is not what it is in your life. If you are sick call for the Elders of the church.

The first time I was sick and had cancer I said tell everybody I don't know who they can touch heaven on my behalf. My friend, don't let anyone spoil your attention on God. You will experience deliverance and victories, the lame can walk the blind can see, deaf and dumb can be restored, the barren womb can give birth. Look at Sarah who was very old and the eternal God made her have a child. God is able to deliver you in what circumstances you find yourself. Look at Hezekiah who was to die at a certain time and Hezekiah prayed and confessed before God and God sent back the prophet and told him he added `5 years to his days. I am excited God does addition to man's life. God has time to tell you live. 15 years Hezekiah received after he put his petition to God and God said I have to help you. Maybe you should be dead and gone but God did an addition to your life and God is saying Seek me now. Worship me now and I will change your whole life and bring it a new one. God is saying I will restore your life. What men say and think and say "it is what it is." God is saying NO it is not what it is.

God is saying I will heal your wounds - Jeremiah 30:17-19

People may look at us that we have no value but God is in the midst of us.

God has help to give us but you have to get yourself in order to be helped by God. In every area of our life God is willing to walk in and bless us and when people say it is what it is and our surrounding looks dark all God is saying is my grace and mercy will pull you out of it.

God is saying I am willing to help someone and fill someone and take up your cross and make you my child.

Hannah Sarah and Elizabeth God blessed them with children when they were barren.

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Can God be the same as he has been with those people of old? Yes God is restoring someone even now.

I am well again I am feeling the presence of God Don't be fooled. Someone is telling you "it is what it is" but you need to say God's grace and mercy tell me it is NOT what it is. I will not accept that it is what it is. Tell the doctor to give me a chance because I know someone who will pray. Life is not hopeless. God bless you and keep you and make his face shine on you and give you peace that will show you directly that it is not what it is. With Christ in my vessel, I can smile at the storm.

My life does not relate to the statistics I want to hear what my creator has to say. God is able to do what he said he will do. He is able.