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Be Infectious - Matt 5:13-16

He is Risen. He is Risen Indeed! C.S. Lewis “The Good Infection”

And so if He is? What is the rest of the story?

Covid: Imagine if there was found a vaccine, antibodies that keep sickness from taking hold.

Praise God In Deed: where do I get it?

What if you Can't get it, don't trust it, don't want it, don't need it (I have antibodies)

Now What?

You have to believe there is a sickness, trust this is the answer.

This determines what kind of host you are.

Easter proclaims the reality that humanity if infected with spiritual illness

At one level we know and groan, at another we anesthetize and make minor changes to get by the best we can

People are looking for the antibody

Wise men, Herod,

John 1:40ff Disciples, Andrew to Peter, Philip to Nathaniel
crowds brought their sick, he fed the hungry, healed the possessed,
raised the dead.

They wanted to make him their kind of King not His kind of Lord.

They were seeking food and satisfaction that spoils not which endures

“I am the spiritual bread that sustains your spiritual life

Don't accept imitations:

Hoaxes and scams google banned over 1 million products over false claims.

Mt 6:21 Where your treasure is so will your heart be, 24 can't serve both God and money

Mt 24:4 Watch out that no one deceives you, many will come in my name and deceive you

2 Cor 11:12-15 false apostles, deceitful workers masquerading as angels of light

Living because of the cure – or stuck in the curse

1 Peter 3:18 Christ suffered to bring you to God, put to death in the body alive in the spirit

Ps 103:1-5 ...He forgives all my sin and heals all my diseases, redeems my life from the pit

The disease is not like the cure easy infection costly cure

Lk 9:23 “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. ²⁵ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?

Romans 8:13 Live according to the flesh death,
according to the spirit life

What kind of host are you? Breeding ground for virus or the cure

Col 3:1, 5, 8-10 Life due to the virus

Life due to the antibody

Or the fruit of the spirit. Gal 5:22-23 love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control.

We are the aroma of Christ: 2 Cor 2:14-16

How is the world trying to re-infect you?

Our Response - Not Fear but Faith

Be an Antibody, Be Salt and Light