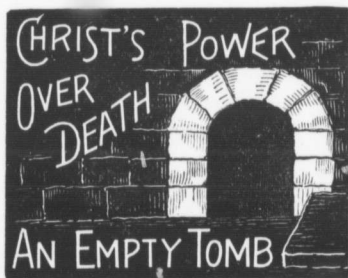


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THE CROWNING MIRACLE.

JESUS'S WONDERFUL	
WORDS.	WORKS.
"I AM THE	"LAZARUS,
RESURRECTION,	COME FORTH."
AND	[AND
THE LIFE."	HE CAME FORTH.

THE POWER OF DEATH BROKEN.

"Then many . . . believed on him."

A GREATER MARVEL.

THE SPIRITUALLY DEAD
RAISED

FROM

DARKNESS TO LIGHT.
DEATH TO LIFE.

VICTORY THROUGH CHRIST.

"Death is Swallowed up in Victory."

ONLY BELIEVE.

"He that believeth on him is not condemned."

By Way of Illustration.

BY JENNIE M. BINGHAM.

Verses 30-36. Sympathy means "to suffer with." If you go into a piano warehouse and strike a note on an instrument there, every other piano in tune will vibrate its corresponding note. Such is sympathy when some master hand has tuned our hearts into harmony. Zechariah says: "Thus saith the Lord . . . he that toucheth you, toucheth the apple of his eye." Always the Christ heart "suffers with" the sorrowing heart.

Verses 37. I heard yesterday of some one who had suffered greatly, and when she was spoken to about God, she said, "I do not want to hear anything about him. If he is a God of love, why am I suffering as I am?" Poor woman, without knowing it, she is suffering because he is a God of love. I shall never forget the first time that one of my boys went away to school. He was young and did not want to leave me. As he left I saw a look in his face which said to me, "Mother, mother, how can you send me away from you?" After he was educated he thanked me for that very thing. And we shall thank God for his disciplining after we are educated.—*Margaret Bottoms.*

Verses 39. "Take ye away the stone." If a thousand rocks and mountains had been piled upon dead Lazarus, Christ by his word could still have lifted him up. He hesitates before a single stone to convince us; as Bishop Hall says, "Until our hands do their utmost, his do not move." Until God sees us in "dead earnest," bending our backs, and taking a two-handed grip of all manner of obstructions, he will not move. "Lack of effort," says Dr. Cuyler, "is the stone that stops the blessing, because it shows unbelief." Martha expressed it, "Lord, you have come too late." Jesus saith, "Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldst believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?" Why will you work out your calculations for saving man and leave out this tremendous factor, "I am the resurrection and the life."—*Rev. John McNeil.*

Verses 41-45. "All things are yours . . . or death . . . all are yours." Note that Paul's conception of death completely reverses the average view. "Death is yours," not "You are death's." This would seem to be a difficult position to maintain, for do not men, the most gifted and the bravest and strongest, go down before his blasts? Do we not succumb to his power? Therefore are we not his? No, not according to the Christian philosophy. Our Lord "led captivity captive"—captured death. It was not the custom of ancient conquerors, from whom this figure was borrowed, to immediately destroy their captives. Prisoners were put to service about the court of the conqueror, as Daniel and Nehemiah were. Death