

Evening Service, 15 May 2011, Dave Gobbett

Series: Far from home in a hostile world

(10) Why did Jesus die?

1 Peter 3:13-22

- Context: 'Suffering for doing good' (vv13, 17, cf 2:18-21)

1. If Jesus is Lord, then share the gospel! (vv13-17)

- Who will you fear? (vv14-15)
- What will you say? (v15)
- How will you say it? (v16)

2. If Jesus is Lord, then treasure the gospel! (vv18-22)

Be clear on the history: what happened to Jesus?

- suffering (v18)
- death (v18)
- resurrection (v19, 21)
- victory (v19)
- ascension (v22)
- rule (v22)

Be clear on the theology: why did it happen to Jesus?

- sufficiency ('Christ suffered once', v18)
- payment ('for sins', v18)
- substitution ('the righteous for the unrighteous', v18)
- reconciliation ('to bring you to God', v18)
- triumph over evil ('preached to spirits in prison', vv19-20)
- inner cleansing ('pledge of a good conscience', v21)
- reigning over all ('in submission to him', v22)