Sermon Questions for Small Groups

Sermon: Getting a Handel on Christmas (Part 3: the Final Triumph)

Texts: See below

**Part Three**

45. Soprano Air — Job 19:25, 26; 1 Corinthians 15:20  
**I know that my redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.  
For now is Christ risen from the dead, the firstfruits of them that sleep.**  
46. Chorus — 1 Corinthians 15:21, 22  
**Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**  
47. Bass Recitative — 1 Corinthians 15:51, 52  
**Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep; but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.**  
48. Bass Air — 1 Corinthians 15:52, 53  
**The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.**

49. Alto Air — 1 Corinthians 15:54b  
**Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, “Death is swallowed up in victory.”**  
50. Duetto for Alto and Tenor — 1 Corinthians 15:55, 56  
**O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.**  
51. Chorus — 1 Corinthians 15:57  
**But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**  
52. Alto Air — Romans 8:31, 33, 34  
**If God be for us, who can be against us? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us.**  
53. Chorus — Revelation 5:12, 13  
**Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by His blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. Blessing and honour, glory and power to be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Read verses aloud.

1. Seriously, should we be focusing on the subject of death and resurrection at Christmas? Really?! If so, what’s resurrection got anything to do with Advent/Christmas?

2. How have we tended towards the fallacy of “dying and going to heaven” being the blessed hope of the Christian life, instead of physical resurrection?

3. How has your Advent been enriched through immersing in Handel’s Messiah?

3. I can’t think of any other questions!! You guys think up your own. (-:

4. Blessed Christmas to the Young Adults and Tatum’s group.

Love,

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