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## Fwd: The "odd" Gospel

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*Clark and Ann... building bridges!*



May-June 2025

Dear Friends,

To echo Charles Dickens: **"It was the best of times"**

**The "odd" Gospel**

The next steps on **the Gospel of John** project are very concrete. I want to put everything together for a podcast series and study guide for this unique Gospel

that is so different from its three companions in the New Testament. It is simple on the surface but there are deep mysteries and questions in its depths. For instance, in my judgment **it is - even more than the Gospel of Matthew - the most "Jewish" of the gospels.**

Now that I have the complete notes finished, I want to divide the material into "bite-size" portions with practical applications.

**Ann** has finished the first draft of her "ABC's of Worship". She is working on a new project on "Aging Positively with Purpose". (There's a practical theme!) She is also enjoying reaching out to different communities.

### **"Berlin! Berlin!" Looking forward to Berlin and "Haus Nazareth"**

The transfer of the "Hausparent" role in Haus Nazareth is progressing well: Pastor Brian and Denise's hearts beat very much on the same rhythm as ours and they are supporting and mentoring the students in a way that brings us a lot of joy.

I regularly spend a chunk of time with "Zoom" meetings and FaceTime and WhatsApp calls as we learn this new rhythm of ministry.

Ann and I are aiming at being in Berlin from mid-September to mid-November to continue helping with the leadership transition in the Haus.

We found a very good ticket sale with British Airways but do not have ministry funds to cover that cost. (We would really be grateful if you could consider an extra contribution this month to help us pay for airline tickets to Berlin.)

### **DICKENS (again): "It was the worst of times"**

I've started to take a new drug that helps with several of the symptoms of the blood cancer (nausea and loss of appetite). Ann and I are very grateful that right now the myelofibrosis is just "parking" in my system, but it is frustrating for me to be on a short "leash".

The oncologist wants to see me every two months or so, which limits our time in Berlin.

On the other hand, God has introduced several other initiatives for us in biblical teaching and writing and other "legacy" projects that we trust will strengthen the "International Bridge" for communicating the message of Christ.

### **Whose timing?**

Our timing is not always God's timing, though. We always want things to happen right after breakfast!

### **The Lord's perspective is often different from ours, though.**

In C.S. Lewis's second book of the "Narnia Chronicles" Aslan, the Lion and mighty Lord of Narnia (a Christ-figure) does not always reveal Himself directly in the story, and the children must ultimately return to their own world.

Lucy is heartbroken and Aslan says to her: "'Do not look so sad. We shall meet soon again.' 'Please, Aslan', said Lucy, 'What do you call soon?' 'I call all times soon,' said Aslan; and instantly he was vanished away... (It's always like that, you can't keep him; it's not as if he were a tame lion.)" (Voyage of the Dawn Treader, Chapter 11)

### **Would you...**

- Please pray that we will have peace in our hearts to accept God's perfect timing - even when His "soon" is sometimes much different than ours.
- Would you also please consider helping us pay for the airline tickets to Berlin?

We are praying for you to be blessed with the Blessing of Luke 6:38!

**Yours because His,  
Clark + Ann**

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