

# **LET'S TAKE THE GOSPEL TO THE STREET!**

**Ser4076 Get out of the House, Pt3**

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## **(INTRO)**

Hi, my name is Dave Mattson. My wife, Frankie, and I, have been attending this church, for twenty-five years. We met at Bible college, and earned our bachelor's degrees from The King's College of Briarcliff Manor, New York.

If you know me, you know I am a Motorcyclist. I'm celebrating fifty-two years of motorcycling, and twenty-four years of getting to keep my left leg, as a result of a motorcycle accident, which took place right here in town.

I've been an active member of the Motorcycle Ministry, Riders of The Lamb, since 1999, a year after it was started under the vision and foresight of Pastor Bruce. Since 2003, I've attempted to be its champion.

Besides the motorcycles, one of the things that attracts attention, is our patch. Our patch is based on the church's logo.

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During my time on the street, handing out tracts & Bibles, and presenting the Gospel, I realized, there was a call on my life as a street evangelist. In 2018, I achieved my ordination from Prayer Ministries Clergy Fellowship (GCCC's ordinating ministry).

So you know where we're going... The title of my sermon is "**Let's Take the Gospel to the Street**". I pray, it will be an encouragement to you.

**Let's Pray!**

**(HOOK) Let's take the Gospel to the street!**

Just imagine with me for a minute, everything coming to a grinding halt. You suddenly, overnight, are under arrest! The government has placed everyone under house arrest. You are barely permitted to go out to get the necessities of life. When you do go out, you must wear a veil over your face, and must maintain a distance of two yard sticks from any other human being. The government has closed down all gathering places; Restaurants, Parks, Beaches. All closed.

If you go to work or school, you are working from home, on-line.

**You cannot go to church! All churches are closed!**

Could this really happen in The United States of America?

...Oh yeah...? This already happened!

How did you feel when churches were suddenly shut down?

I can tell you, I did not like it! Going to church is an American freedom, specifically protected by the Constitution, and clearly articulated in the first Amendment. Under the Constitution, it is something our government cannot do! By Law!

**(BOOK)**

The Scripture that immediately stood out to me was:

***Hebrews 10:25a* (MEV)**

Let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together.

Churches cannot be closed in America. Period. That is un-American.

And, just as Pastor Joey Furjanic pointed out in week one of this series,

**The Command which is not a Request. It's still The Command!**

***Mark 16:15***

... Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation

**(LOOK)**

So, I got praying and started thinking; What can I do? What could I possibly do? ...I know...

**Let's take church to the street!** Isn't that a microcosm of what *Riders of The Lamb* does anyway? You know, wherever two or three are gathered in His Name? Isn't that church!

So, let's be the Church!

It's time; **Let's take the Gospel to the street!**

Yeah... But, where can we meet? Everything's closed. I know..., we'll meet in the modern day town square.

You're all familiar with it. It's the local Super Wawa! That's the modern day town square!

So, with the plan of giving a concise gospel message, and an opportunity to Receive Jesus, I sent out invitations by text to meet up Sunday mornings. And, those texts were re-texted out to others. Saying, let's go for a ride!

We started out every other Sunday morning, during church hours. We got a pretty good turn-out.

Just prior to each ride, we gathered for a pre-ride meeting, like normal. This is where I greet everyone. Give some group riding instructions; And, where we normally have a prayer at the end, just prior to the start of the ride; This was the time to give a short talk about having that all important connection with the Almighty. And, giving everyone the chance to receive Jesus as their own personal Lord and Savior, right there on the pavement, in the Wawa parking lot.

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The chance to receive The Gift of all gifts, and the Hope of All hopes.

And, that's exactly what we did. We did it every other Sunday.

### **(THE GOSPEL)**

The message is simple. It's all about receiving the Gift offered in the ultimate verse of the Bible, **John 3:16**.

**John 3:16** (NIV) For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

The Gift is mentioned in **Romans 6:23**

**Romans 6:23** (NIV) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And **Ephesians 2:8-9**

**Ephesians 2:8-9** (NIV) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.

**(John 14:6)** Jesus, said, I Am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through Me.

It is Jesus plus nothing.

**The truth of the Gospel is this.** The Creator of the universe, humbled Himself and came to earth, as a man. He lived a human existence. He came to earth with only one main purpose. He came specifically to die, suffer the full wrath of God, the indignity of the cross, to take our place and pay the penalty for all our sin. He over-paid. He paid for the sin of The Whole World. He was the perfect sacrifice. He came to save us! And it applies to all who will just, come.

So when does a gift become yours? You know. It's when you take it, receive it; accept it.

Jesus died for you. Why wouldn't you want to receive the gift of Salvation, Who is Jesus! You may be sitting here right now, uncertain of your future. You can be renewed into Jesus right now, and know you are born anew.

**Around here we say, it's as simple as A, B, C**

**A** – Admit the truth about yourself – you are a sinner, and your sin separates you from a Holy, Almighty God

**B** – Believe that Jesus did something about it, He came as a man, the perfect sacrifice. He suffered, bled and died, and was raised from the dead to prove He has conquered death and the grave

**C** – Commit yourself to Him

And We always add a D

**D** – Why not Do it today?

On the street, I might add; You may just have to apply the Nike Method. **Just Do It!**

A good place to start is to pray a prayer that goes something like this...

Out on the street, I say, I don't want you to say the prayer until after you've heard it first. It goes like this:

**Father in Heaven, Almighty God, thank You for loving me. Thank You for sending Jesus to die in my place, Jesus, I receive You as my personal Lord and Savior, make Yourself really real to me. Holy Spirit, I receive You too, as my internal Counselor and Guide. Thank You. In the Almighty Name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

And then I ask the all-important question. How would you like to say that prayer? I explain, that when I ask that question, I get 4 answers. And I know, you know two of them. The **first** is: You told me not to say the prayer until after I heard it first. But, I actually already said it to myself as I heard it the first time.

The **second** answer is: Yes, I would like to say that prayer.

The **third** answer is: NO. I'm not ready to say that prayer, but it rarely is a verbal answer. Many times, it's more like a walk away.

And then, the **fourth** answer is: I can't remember all those words... And, that's when I say, I'm going to repeat the prayer, a phrase at a time. How 'bout it? Are you ready? Here we go...

And many times one on one, and even in a group setting, during a pre-ride meeting, right there in

the Wawa parking lot, people will bow their head and pray to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

### **(INVITATION)**

All across the auditorium, please bow your heads and close your eyes. If you are here, and you know you need Jesus, say the following prayer with me as I say it again one phrase at a time.

**Father in Heaven, Almighty God, thank You for loving me. Thank You for sending Jesus to die in my place, Jesus, I receive You as my personal Lord and Savior, make Yourself really real to me. Holy Spirit, I receive You too, as my internal Counselor and Guide. Thank You. In the Almighty Name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

### **(TOOK)**

For all of you, who are in Jesus, it's time!

Time to pay attention to God's call on your life, and be a witness for Him. After all, it is a command!

When you go out of the house, ask the Lord to lead you to who He's prepared in advance for you to talk to. Pray their hearts are ready to receive what the Holy Spirit gives you to say.

Then, as you go out... Pay attention! Pay close attention, to who the Lord directs you to, or who He directs to you!

It can be as simple as offering a Word for You Today, and pointing out that the true Gift is offered on page 53. **Do not miss page 53!** What page was that? Page 53

They almost always go straight to it. You're putting the Word of God into someone's hands, and you know His Word, the seed planted, **will not return void!**

So, my hope is you have a sense of **URGENCY**. That you use scripture, that's where the power is.

We each only have so much time... don't wait 'til it's too late and you're out of time...

**It's time to be intentional!**

**It's time to take the Gospel to the Street!**

What can you bring with you to Heaven?

You can only bring people.

God wants to use you to bring people to heaven! The Holy Spirit does the actual convicting and the work. Count on Him showing up! Know this, we, you and me, we are plan A!

## **So, Let's get going, and take the Gospel to the Street!**

Oh Yeah,

When churches finally opened up, we changed the ride day to Saturday mornings, every other Saturday. And, we continue to do it every other Saturday. If you ride a motorcycle, and want to join us, or know someone who does, our next ride is next Saturday. We meet by 8:45 AM at the Super Wawa on the Corner of Rte 322 and Lambs Road, just off Rte 55's Exit number #50B. The ride starts at nine o'clock.

If you would like to be included in the text invite, that typically goes out on Thursdays, you can call or text me at 609-230-2645.

**(Dave Mattson 609-230-2645)**

By summer of last year, parks were open. On the opposite Saturday's, encouraged by a group of people I met in Washington Lake Park, I started holding a little Bible Study, right in the park. We meet every other week at 9 AM. Our last meeting

was yesterday. You are all welcome to come.  
Again, you can contact me at the number on the  
screen 609-230-2645.

**(Dave Mattson 609-230-2645)**

Thank You

**In closing:**

**Let's sing *The Lord's Prayer* (Can we do it  
without instruments & with no interlude?)**

**(Words to *The Lord's Prayer* up on screen)**

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