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John 19:30 - When he had received the drink, Jesus said, ***"It is finished."*** With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

As we are in the season of Lent and of the celebration of who Jesus is and what He did on the cross and His victory over sin, death, darkness and destruction; I am reminded of how grateful I am for the cross. We must be mindful of His work on the cross, that it is an absolute victory over the powers of darkness.

As Paul writes in Colossians, *And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.* **Colossians 2:15.**

When Jesus said, ***"It is finished"*** it meant his work on the cross was complete, and that nothing more can be added to this work. Only our response to His work, which ought to be gratitude and love, wanting to serve the Lord for the rest of our life. This is my motive to it as we navigate Jesus In the City through these crazy times bringing Christ to the hurting, the least and the lost.

When Jesus rose from the grave on the third day, he appears to his disciples, **John 20:19 *"Peace be with you!"*** 20 After He said this, He showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21 Again Jesus said, ***"Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."*** 22 and with that He breathed on them and said, ***"Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."***

30 years of lives being changed!

I am reminded of the lives that have been touched and changed by the Gospel through the ministry of JICF. Twenty years ago, at an outreach that one of our ministry's **Hands Across the City** was hosting on Lake St., in South Minneapolis in the Kmart parking lot. As I was preaching, I did the altar call, then I went to the tent where the sound system was, a guy comes up to me and says *"Rev I need to talk to you"*, he says *"I was shop lifting in the Kmart, I heard your message and I went and returned the items."* He then prayed with me as he received Christ into his heart. It was radical the change that took place in his heart.

That is an example of how the ministry of Jesus In The City has been used to change lives in Minneapolis.

I pray that you have a blessed Resurrection Sunday 2025!

Most sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Michael Angelo Pilla, DTh

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PARTNERING WITH US THIS YEAR!

Also, please pray for the peace of the city as instructed in Jeremiah chapter 29:7, “for if it prospers so will you.” We are committed to ministering Gods love and salvation through Jesus Christ in the city of Minneapolis in spite of whatever opposition comes our way.

We are being used by the Lord to change lives in the present and for eternity.

One soul at a time...one family at a time. And bit by bit we get to witness many miracles in the lives that are being restored.

All this is done through one-on-one involvement in men’s and women’s lives. It is a demanding ministry and it takes time, devotion and love.

Thanks for your support and prayers.
May the Lord Bless you richly in 2025!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Pastor Michael Angelo Pilla, DTh
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THE MANY UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS AT JICF IN 2025

- Sunday morning, the Facebook live feed starts at 9:00am.
- Sunday services and Morning Star Church on North Broadway, Minneapolis, 11:00am
- Pastors Patio on Wednesdays with Pastor Michael Pilla, Tom Goodrich and other guests.
- Live streams at 7pm both Monday and Friday evenings.

*We rely on your prayers and support to continue this mission of bringing God’s love through Jesus Christ to the city.
I thank you in advance for your continued support.*

PASTOR NORTONS DAILY DEVOTIONS - GOOD FRIDAY

Mark 15:39 NLT: “When the Roman centurion who stood facing Jesus heard his cry and saw how he had died, he exclaimed, ‘This man truly was the Son of God!’”

We celebrate Good Friday, honoring the day our Savior was mocked, beaten and murdered. He gave it all for mankind, so our sins could be forgiven – blotted out, wiped away, as if sin had never occurred. And now sinless, we could join the heavenly multitude. Remember, God’s desire is that all would repent and return, and join Him in the hereafter.

On the cross, Jesus shouted, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Enough had gone wrong and Jesus was about to die! It’s easy to understand Jesus’ perception that God had removed His hand of protection from his Son. But God had not abandoned him.

All the sins of the world had been piled on Jesus, and He was to take sin to Sheol, the place of the dead, thereby leaving believers pure and innocent, suitable to take up residence with God Almighty! From Sheol, Jesus would be resurrected, given a life after this life, and eventually ascend into heaven. God had not abandoned His Son! Sin and death were conquered at the same time! Our job is to accept the grace of God, to accept the forgiveness, the new life, and have faith that Jesus’ promises to us are true!

I’m always amazed at the speed with which these events took place. It all started after supper on Thursday night, and ended at 3pm on Friday, not even 24 hours! It must have been a whirlwind of activity. Six trials, the beatings and mocking, then up the hill, on the cross and Jesus soon gave up His spirit.

Jesus’ body would need to be taken down quickly, as Shabbat started at sundown, and then no more work could be done. He died for you and I.

Pastor Norton Lawellin - Jesus In the City Fellowship

30 YEARS OF CHANGING LIVES IN MINNEAPOLIS.



An outreach on Lake St. in South Minneapolis, ministering to many hundreds of people.



Bashir has a powerful testimony of coming out of Islam. Praise God for working deep into Bashir's life.



The People of Hope team (part of JICF) ministering at the Union Gospel Mission in St. Paul.



Nathaniel Harris was an addict when we met him in 1999, now he leads worship in several of our ministries. He is a walking miracle.

The Lord is Risen! † Have a Blessed Easter!



You're invited to the 2025 **Jesus In The City** Fishing For Life
**15TH ANNUAL - URBAN AND SUBURBAN
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at The Depot on beautiful Lake Minnetonka

Tuesday, August 12th 7:30am – 2pm

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We rely on your financial partnership to fulfill our mission to the city. **Thank you so much!**

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