

Enough!

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This Easter weekend a common question will be "How much chocolate is enough?"

It is a symptom of a larger question "What is enough?"

I don't know about you but there are times when I feel I don't have enough...

- Sleep
- Energy
- Money
- Friends
- Health
- Time
- Success

Politicians around the world change the rules because the allotted time at the top is not enough

Sportsmen and women cheat because their current success is not enough

Stealing has its basis in not enough as does adultery.

And this question of enough has been a theme of Easter from the very beginning

- Enough cried the Son no more stories no more questions "***The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified***"
- Enough said Jesus stop bickering over who is greatest "***If any man would be first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all***".
- Enough said Caiaphas "***better off to have one person die for the sake of the people***"
- Enough said Judas as took his "***thirty pieces of silver***" to betray Jesus.
- Enough said Jesus to Peter's false statements of allegiance "***his very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.***"
- Enough said Jesus to the violence in the garden "***shall I not drink the cup my father has given me***".

- Enough said Pilate ***"tell me who are you, where do you come from?"***
- Enough said the chief priests and the leaders ***"crucify him!"***
- Enough said the son as he gave up his last breath ***"It is finished."***

Enough... God has done more than enough... the life, death and resurrection of Jesus is enough for you and I to know:

- Freedom from captivity
- Abundant love from god
- Certainty of salvation
- Power to prevail
- Passion for justice
- Compassion for our neighbours

Enough to be certain that:

YOU ARE LOVED BEYOND MEASURE!!!

GOD himself came from heaven to earth to demonstrate ENOUGH

- Enough Love
- Enough compassion
- Enough power
- Enough strength
- Enough patience
- Enough gentleness

Enough... more than enough

Yet God still says to us all...

Mat 11:28-29

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.]

Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls.

God has given everything surely that's enough?

The great crime of our world indeed our own nation is we have so very much and still say not enough...