

Overcoming evil!

Jesus said, "I have overcome the world!" John 16:33, yet the world is still beset by sin and strife and opposition to God.

If Jesus is victor, why are His enemies still defiantly wielding their power in the world?

The following analogy was suggested by New Testament scholar Oscar Cullman.

First, after the June, 1944 invasion at Normandy, France, Hitler's Axis powers knew they were, for all practical purposes, defeated. So the question was not *if* but *when* they would be forced to lay down their arms. But they fought on anyway.

Second, for almost another year they killed hundreds of thousands of allied soldiers. In fact more British and American soldiers died *after* D-Day than before!

Third, similarly, although - through His death on the cross for the sins of the world - Jesus defeated Satan and the powers of darkness, they have done more harm to more people in history *since* that time than before. But they have been defeated nonetheless.

Fourth, the second world war was a huge demonstration of what evil can do if allowed to prosper. Similarly, before God brings modern history to its climax, He is trying to convince us of what evil will do if we don't accept Him and His remedy.

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How is Jesus the great over comer? Because He, not Satan, wins in the end.

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