

## Brahms Symphony No.2 – The Scrip

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### The First Movement

The Word is Jesus. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” This is Jesus. Jesus also said, “I and the Father are One.”

John said, “Make straight the way of the Lord.” The distance between two points is a straight line. There are too many opinions today, regarding how to reach God. Jesus’ way is the truth. No side picnics along the way.

John said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” He takes it away. It’s a straight path; it’s Jesus. He doesn’t give a set pattern of how many times you should bow, to whom you should bow, how many of if any religious things you can carry around and to which you should bow, and He never gives road signs to stop or to take another route. He also said, “Many shall come and say ‘I am christ’ and shall deceive many. He did not say, “they shall deceive **you**.”

Nicodemus came to Jesus by night. Afraid, are we? As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son Of Man be lifted up. How will Jesus be lifted up? When he was nailed to the cross, they afterward lifted him up. Moses divided the sea with an outstretched arm as God instructed him, therefore saving the Israelites. Jesus saved us with two outstretched arms.

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life.” He broke the bread at the Last Supper. He divided it with his own hands. This is important. He did not say, presenting crackers or wafers to the disciples, “I am the crackers of life”. He said, “This is my body.” Anyone claiming that any cracker or a wafer is Jesus’ body is wrong. Pre-divided items, calling them the body of the Lord, is wrong. There was one loaf of bread that Jesus broke. Jesus did not say do this, repeatedly, with any type of bread in remembrance of me. I believe he said, “This that I am doing now, remember this, and when my body is given for you, remember me.” How could we create the bread of life? How could it be his body represented by something we can produce? Jesus said, “He that comes to me shall never hunger, and he that believes on me shall never thirst. All that the Father gives me shall come to me, and him that comes to me I will in no wise cast out.” Never for any reason. He also said, “Everyone which sees the Son and believes on him may have everlasting life, and I will raise him up at the last day.” Interesting, that when we die we lose all strength. If we are not propped up, we naturally fall to the ground. No matter how we would love a dead person to come back to life, if he is dead, he will not rise on his own. When He said, ‘I will raise him up at the last day.’ We don’t know what that “last day” is, but whatever it is, Jesus does the raising up. That’s the important thing.

### **Second Movement**

The calling of Lazarus from the grave: Jesus says it is for the glory of God, “that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.” I believe “glorify” means that Jesus will by this event make himself and God evident. Whatever Jesus said or did he always said that it is for glorifying God. This glorifying does not mean we are going to paint or create a godly figure with golden robes and diamonds, for why would that be necessary to God or to us to show us who God is? I truly believe this mention of glorifying means to make evident God and his great and mighty existence and Jesus his Son.

The Scribes and Pharisees did not like Jesus saying these things or demonstrating God’s power. They couldn’t do anything like that, so, why does he have it? Jesus always comforts us or those who are witnessing his power. He knows we are doubtful. We can’t do anything like that, so why can he? Because he is God’s Son.

Jesus said, “Let not your heart be troubled.” Don’t let it. If we know Jesus, we know the Father, and because he said, “let not”, it means we have the power to not let it!

### **The Third Movement**

Jesus tells Peter to “feed my sheep.” Peter “followed at a distance” when Jesus was arrested. We don’t know why. Perhaps he wanted to help or just see how things will develop. Many say that he betrayed Jesus. Judas betrayed Jesus, not Peter. Peter denied him to the guards and to the damsel who was there. There is a difference. Let us not make the mistake to condemn Peter. Many good churchgoers have used this as evidence of Peter “falling away from the Lord”. How do we know that? Let us read what it says: And Peter followed at a distance. How many times have we followed at a distance? The important thing is that Peter “followed”, not so important is “at a distance”. The church people use that to point out our failings. Their remedy is to work more and donate more. It sounds like “works” to me. Jesus says to Peter, “Feed my sheep.” Do we think he would say that to anyone who was not deeply dedicated to the him? Wait until you hear what Peter has to say later to the crowds.

### **The Fourth Movement**

Peter says, “There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” The NAME is JESUS: precious Jesus who stretched out his arms for me, let them pierce his hands with the nails for me, and all who will come to him. There was no one named, “Jesus”, before Jesus. Some “Bible” scholars want to pretend that the name, “Jesus”, was really Joshua or some other name from the Old Testament. They are mistaken! It took two angels, one to Mary, and one to Joseph, to tell about His name. No mother of Joshua got that!