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Viewpoints

Observing events in our modern world from the viewpoint of our ascended Savior.

Handling the Unknown - September 5, 2014

The Lord promises that there's no reason to fear the Unknown.

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Have you seen the video feed from Poland of the gigantic spider? A monster-sized arachnid is captured on surveillance-type video as it surprises people, sending them running away in terror.

It's not an actual spider, though. "Chica the DogSpider is the work of Polish prankster Sylwester Wardega, who dressed up his pooch in the fur-covered costume before releasing her on an unsuspecting public... A hilarious video, which has had more than three million views on YouTube in just one day, shows the hairy creature lurking behind doorways, ready to pounce on its victims."

Someone who viewed the video posted this online comment: "Not funny. Stuff nightmares are made of!" And someone else posted this: "Just look at Chica the 'innocent' dog looking up while dressed up in the [costume], and how can anyone run away from that cutesy." I guess it all depends on what you know. If you believe it's a real spider, it's a "nightmare." But if you know it's only a little, cute dog in a costume, then there's nothing to fear and it's something you can pet.

Chica the DogSpider has a lot in common with the Unknown. Like when the doctor runs a lot of tests, and you're anxiously waiting for the results. That Unknown. Or when you're taking a new course in school, or a new position at work, and uncertainty gnaws on your gut. That Unknown. Or like in that peculiar, quiet moment when you think about dying.

Like Chica the DogSpider, the Unknown isn't what we first think it is. Because we daily sin against God, our conscience afflicts us with guilt, shame and fear. This pollutes our vision of the Unknown, allowing it to terrorize us. And well it should, if we're looking ourselves or other humans to protect us from the Unknown.

But you and I, we're different. Because God has recreated us through faith in Jesus Christ, we're different. Because we know that our Lord promised and delivered on that promise to carry away all our sins at the cross, we've learned that we can trust the Lord when he says he has a handle on the Unknown. "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11). Do you see what God just did with the Unknown? He just walked up to it, knelt down, brushed back

its fur-covered costume and started petting it like a little dog! Now watch as the Lord teaches it to roll over and play dead. So why are we worrying about the Unknown?

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[Spider-dog sends unsuspecting victims fleeing](#) @ U.K. Mail Online

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Blessings to you and your loved ones, Pastor Mike Nitz

