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**INTRODUCTION:** *Martin Luther? 500 years ago? Does it really matter today?*

- I. AT FIRST GLANCE, THE REFORMATION DOES NOT MATTER TODAY
  - A. People today aren't concerned about being right with God & certainty of heaven
  - B. "Boredom" and entertainment seems to be the big concern
  - C. We aren't asking the same questions Martin Luther asked
  - D. There seems to be a "happy optimism" even about death [*Note: the famous newspaper drawing after the '911' terrorist attacks*]
  
- II. BUT – SIN & DEATH & ETERNITY ARE REAL... & THE REFORMATION TRUTHS STILL MATTER
  - A. So says St. Paul in Romans 3:23
  - B. So says *Damian's* need for Baptism today
  - C. This is also true due to the bad choices being made today in the modern church [*Note: three examples in our lives here today...*]
  - D. In the face of real people facing real death, the Reformation still matters (Rom. 3:21-24)
  - E. The Reformation continues to ask: "But what does God's Word say?!"

**CONCLUSION:** *At second glance, the '911' drawing had it right: the nail pierced hands of Jesus makes it clear: **The Reformation still matters!***