

LESSON #88 – THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

Matt. 28:1-15; Mark 16:1-9; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-9.

Sadness filled the hearts of those who loved Jesus—sadness and fear. Jesus had been dead now for some time. They had seen Him be buried. The woman had prepared spices to anoint the body of Jesus. This was the last thing which they could do for the One whom they had loved so much. The disciples had come back together for they were afraid that the leaders of the Jews would find them and put them to death, too. They hid together in a room in Jerusalem with the door locked behind them. But soon their sadness would be turned to joy.

It was very early in the morning that the women went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. They did not know how they would roll the stone away for it was very heavy. But perhaps with all of them pushing they could move it. Perhaps they knew that Pilate had placed a guard there and thought that the soldiers would open the tomb for them. But when they came to the tomb they found the tomb already opened. What had happened? The Bible tells us that Jesus had risen from the dead. There had been a great earthquake and an angel of the Lord had come down from heaven and had rolled back the stone. The guards were so afraid that they fainted. But we should know one thing. The angel did not roll the stone away so that Jesus could come out. Jesus had already risen from the dead. All power belonged to Him. He had defeated the power of death and the devil. The angel rolled the stone away so that the world might know that Jesus had risen and was alive!

Now the women came to the tomb and went inside but, to their surprise, the body of Jesus was gone. They wondered who had taken Him away. But then two men in clothes that gleamed like lighting, two angels, stood beside them. The women were so afraid that they bowed down with their faces to the ground. But the angels said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen! Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’” Then they remembered these words of Jesus. Then they told the women to go and tell the disciples that Jesus had risen from the dead and would be with them in Galilee.

Mary Magdalene ran back all of the way to Jerusalem and told the disciples what had happened. She did not understand that Jesus had really risen from the dead. It was just too good to be true. Now the disciples were wondering what had happened to the body of Jesus. Peter and John ran to the tomb. John reached the tomb first. He bent down and looked inside but did not go in. Then Peter came and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of cloth lying there. Then John came inside and saw that the body of Jesus was not there. Then they believed that Jesus had really risen but they did not understand that they would see Him again. They must have thought that He had risen into heaven. They had not believed the woman but now they believed.

Meanwhile, the guards who had been placed at the tomb by Pilate came back to Jerusalem and told the chief priests of the Jews everything that had happened. They did not believe that Jesus had really risen from the dead. They paid the soldiers a lot of money and told them to tell everyone that His disciples had come in the night while they were asleep and had stolen His body. So the soldiers took the money and did as they were told to do. This story is believed by many of the Jews to this very day. But we know the truth. Death could not hold our Savior! Jesus has risen from the dead!

Memory Verse: “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!” – Luke 24:5-6.

Application: We cannot see Jesus today, but by faith we believe that everything which the Bible says is true. He rose again from the dead and we believe that because of His life, we shall live forever, too!

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Jesus had told His disciples that they would be filled with sadness, but he had also told them that their hearts would be filled with joy. Those who believe in Jesus will always have times of sadness in this life. They must always believe, you must always believe, that the time of eternal joy will come when Jesus returns again and takes you with Him forever. We cannot expect only good things to happen to us all of the time. God wants us to serve Him here, and we must believe that He is working all things for our good, just as He has promised. That is what it means to have faith!

The women and the disciples were filled with sadness because Jesus had died and had been buried. The disciples were afraid that they would be the next ones to be killed by the Jews. They hid together in a room in Jerusalem with the door locked behind them.

Early in the morning on the third day, the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb to put spices, which they had prepared, on the body of Jesus. They did not know how they would get the stone rolled away from the tomb. Perhaps the soldiers would help them. They came to the tomb with sad hearts, but they were not ready for what they saw there. As they came to the tomb, they found the stone already rolled away. The Bible tells us that there was a great earthquake, and God had sent an angel to roll the stone away. The soldiers had been so frightened that they fainted. The angel had not rolled the stone away to let Jesus out of the tomb. He had already risen from the dead. The angel rolled the stone away to show the followers of Jesus that He was not there any longer. He had risen!

As the women came to the tomb they went inside, but the body of Jesus was gone. They wondered who had taken Him away for they did not know, yet, that He had risen from the dead. Then two angels, who looked like men dressed in clothes, spoke to them. They said, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen! Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and on the third day be raised again?'" Then they remembered, and they believed. The angels told the women to go to the disciples and tell them that Jesus had risen from the dead and would be with them soon in Galilee.

One of the women, Mary Magdalene, ran back all the way to Jerusalem and told the disciples what had happened. She did not understand that Jesus had risen from the dead and was alive on the earth. She thought that He had probably gone to heaven. Now the disciples wondered what had happened. Peter and John took off running for the tomb. John reached the tomb first and bent down to look inside. Then Peter came and went into the tomb, and John went in with him. The body of Jesus was not there, only the strips of cloth He had been wrapped in. They believed that Jesus had risen, but they still did not understand why all of these things had happened. We will learn more about that in the lessons to come.

Meanwhile, the guards had run back to Jerusalem. They told the chief priests what had happened. They did not believe that Jesus had risen. They did not want anyone else to believe it either. They paid the soldiers a lot of money to lie to everyone and say that the followers of Jesus came in the night and stole His body. So that is what they said. There are many Jews who still believe that story today!

Do you believe the truth? Do you believe that Jesus really did rise from the dead? If you want Jesus as your Savior, you must believe it! All power is His. He is the Son of God! He is the King of God's people. He died and rose again for you. Believe, and you, too, shall live forever!

The Resurrection of Jesus (Continued)

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MEMORY VERSE

“Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.” – I Corinthians 15:20

APPLICATION

Remember the words of Jesus that He would rise again? He had said that the temple where God dwelt would be destroyed, and He would raise it up again in three days. Jesus was and is God. All power over all things belongs to Him. By rising again, Jesus has taken away any need for fear of anything for those who trust in Him. Because He lives, we know that we will never die. We will simply go from earth to heaven, and we shall always be with God. What a very great privilege to be called the “children of God!”

QUESTIONS

Fill in the blanks with the words at the bottom.

1. Faith in Jesus means that God will always turn our sadness into _____.
2. The disciples were _____ because they were afraid that the Jews would want to kill them since they had killed Jesus.
3. When the women came to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus with the spices which they had prepared, they found the _____ already rolled away from the entrance to the tomb.
4. Some angels appeared to the women to tell them that Jesus was not there, He had _____!
5. The angels reminded the women of the things which _____ had spoken before He had died.
6. The angels told the women to tell the _____ that Jesus had risen and would see them soon.
7. The women _____ that Jesus had risen, but they did not understand what this meant and that they would see Jesus again.
8. When Mary told the disciples what had happened, _____ and John ran to the tomb.
9. The soldiers had returned to Jerusalem, and when they had told the chief priests what had happened, the Jews paid them a lot of money to say that the followers of Jesus had _____ His body.
10. The _____ about what happened to Jesus is found in God’s Word and those who believe that Jesus is the Savior will believe everything which the Bible says about Him, and what His death and resurrection mean to believers.

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LESSON #88 – PETER’S DENIAL AND THE DEATH OF JUDAS

Read Matt. 26:69-27:10; Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-27

Everything which Jesus had predicted came true. Judas betrayed Him and all of the disciples left Him and Peter denied Him three times. Peter’s fall was an awful one because he had been so sure that he was strong enough to stand by Jesus no matter what happened. Here was a man who had been with Jesus and had seen Him heal the sick and cast out demons and do many more wonderful things. But one thing Peter did not have which He needed so much in order to resist the temptations of the devil and to fight against his own weak and sinful nature. He needed the Spirit of God to give him strength. The fall of Judas and the fall of Peter are lessons for all of us to remember. The Bible says that we must depend upon God every moment, lest we, too, fall. As long as we depend on God and seek His grace He will hold us in His hand.

QUESTIONS

1. Where did Peter end up after following Jesus from a distance? _____
2. Who was the first to ask Peter if he was one of the disciples of Jesus? _____
3. How did Peter answer? _____
4. A little later another girl saw Peter and said that he had been with Jesus of Nazareth. How did Peter respond this time? _____
5. What made those around the fire believe that Peter must be one of the disciples of Jesus? _____
6. How did Peter try to convince them that he really was not one of Jesus’ disciples? _____
7. What happened after Peter had denied that he knew Jesus the third time? _____
8. What did Peter do when he heard the rooster crow? _____
9. It was now early morning. How did Judas feel when he found out that the Jews had decided to put Jesus to death? _____
10. What did he try to do to make up for his great sin? _____
11. What did the chief priests and elders tell Judas? _____
12. What did Judas do with the money? _____
13. Then what did he do? _____
14. What did the chief priests do with the money? _____

QUESTION TO THINK ABOUT

Read 2 Corinthians 7:9-10. What was the difference between the sorrow of Peter and the sorrow of Judas?