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Bible Class 9:30

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HE IS NOT HERE

(Luke 24:1-7)

The foretelling of the resurrection.

- A. The _____ eloquently foretold of the resurrection of Jesus (Psalm 16:9-11).
 - 1. David believed there was _____ after this life.
 - 2. We know this was a prophecy of the resurrection by the words of the apostles on _____ (Acts 2:25-31).
- B. The Psalmist also mentioned this great _____ in another psalm (22:25-27).
- C. Isaiah also referenced the resurrection in the great chapter of the _____ servant (Isaiah 53:8-10).
- D. _____ also foretold His resurrection.
 - 1. Matthew 16:21.
 - 2. Matthew 17:22-23.
 - 3. John 2:18-19.

The _____ of the resurrection.

- A. Jesus _____ to many after His resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:5-8).
- B. Notice the _____ of Acts 1:3.
 - 1. The Greek word for proof literally means, “proof by sure or _____ signs.”
 - 2. It was always used for to show something had definitely been _____.
- C. The resurrection formed the _____ of many of the sermons we read in Acts (2:32; 3:15; 10:39-40; 13:30; 17:30-31; 26:22-23).

The _____ the resurrection gives.

- A. Because of the resurrection of Jesus there is a future after this life is _____.
- B. Jesus spoke of it (_____ 5:28-29).
- C. Because Jesus rose from that grave:
 - 1. Our _____ is not vain (1 Corinthians 15:14).
 - 2. Our _____ is not in vain (15:17).
 - 3. Living a life of _____ for Christ is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58).
- D. Death will be _____.
- E. Our bodies will be _____ and made new (1 Corinthians 15:42-44).
- F. You and I will be _____ (1 Corinthians 15:57) because Jesus is not here, He is risen.

“A RISEN SAVIOR AND AN EMPTY TOMB”

Dave Rogers

No event in human history surpasses our Savior's entrance into this world. The putting on of flesh by God (Phil 2:6) is one of the incomparably beautiful events of all time. The account of His birth is well-known by all, and the great hope presaged by that birth was fulfilled and realized at Golgotha! Wonderful though His birth was, it would be largely unremarkable without the "bookend" of His life, His death and resurrection.

The miracle of the resurrection must stand forever at the heart of the Christian's faith. The empty tomb transfigures the tragedy of the cross into the glorious gospel of life and human redemption. A cross and an empty tomb are the central themes of the gospel, and it was this message which Paul "certified" in 1 Cor. 15:1-4.

What this means is profound; Jesus was no mere man, but God in human form! It means our faith is not mere wishful thinking but is well-founded in fact, and that we should utterly trust Him to fulfill His promises! The religion of this "Babe of Bethlehem" is exquisitely different from any other religion on earth because the empty tomb means Christians have a living Lord.

There are three "major" world religions in addition to Christianity: Judaism, with a cave as the shelter for Abraham and a tomb for David the king, undisturbed to this day (Gen. 25:9 and Acts 7); the earliest records of Buddhism state that the Buddha died, with no record of any resurrection; and Muhammad, who founded the religion of Islam, died at age 61 on 8. June, 632 in Medina, and his body remains there in its tomb today! While thousands worship these, their followers agree; they remain dead and gone! But an empty tomb proclaims that its' occupant lives! Jesus Himself foretold this in Jn. 2:19-21, when He said of His impending death and resurrection "...Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. ...speaking of the temple of His body." Paul records that Jesus was "declared to be the Son of God with power . . . by the resurrection from the dead" (Rom. 1:4). Unlike other religions, the hope of the Christian lies in a living Lord, not in a stone and abandoned burial garments!

Now think about the contrast between the prophets of other beliefs, and a risen Savior: An empty tomb means Jesus' body did not decay, as Peter pointed out in Acts 2:29-32. Note also that 1 Cor. 15:10 says He "abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." Unlike the "saviours" of other religions, He IS able to save us, because He is alive, and making provision for us, Heb. 7:25. Unlike us, He was not born in order to die and await judgement! Therefore, He conquered the power of death, and reigns in heaven over His people!

The empty tomb is a message of hope. It is a point well-taken that if the resurrection is not a historic fact, then the power of death over us remains unbroken; the effect of sin on us likewise remains; and we who believe are exactly where we were before we ever heard of Jesus! It was on a wonderful day the first time people were told "He is not here, He is risen" (Mt. 28:6-7). The joy those original disciples experienced should rest in our hearts also, at the knowledge that Jesus is the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, and have the keys of hell and of death" (Rev. 1:17-18). The true message of hope lies in the fact that our Savior could not be contained by the power of death, but broke its bonds as the "fruits" from the grave, 1 Cor. 15:20-23.