

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAR 28, 2016

SICK LIST:

HEALTHCARE CENTERS:

Ruby Harrison

HOME: Fred & Romaine Elliott, Linda Davidson, Henry McDonald, Ann Myers

PRAYER LIST: April Lazenby, Sue Hinds, Joshua Jackson, Elmer Williams, Debra Webb, Patsy Tucker, Debbie Odom, Robert Turner, Bobby Holloway, Ricky McDonald, David Brown, Kim Elliott, J.D. Dailey, James Horsley, Donna Laratta, Kathy Windham, Arthur Mason, John Pruitt, Madison Banks, Charles Crump, Martha Ann, Elesia Wright, Margie Thomasson, Micah Earnest, Vonciel Phillips, Wanda Self, Katie Griffies, Bruce Windham, Raymond Johnson, Joyce Jacobs, Patrick Parker, Gene McDonald, Sabrina Handley, Mike Miles, Terry Galloway, Jon Sanford, Patrick Atkins, Howard White, Jimmy Harrison

AM - BEN WRIGHT - "THE MOST WONDERFUL EVENT IN HISTORY"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "THE PHYSICAL TABERNACLE"

MSOP LECTURESHIP START TODAY AND WILL GO THROUGH THURSDAY

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY APR 17

BIRTHDAYS:

Mar 31: Vince Roden

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

Gene McDonald 924-4827
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Bruce Windham 221-2348

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THE MOST WONDERFUL EVENT IN HISTORY
(Luke 24:1-12)

I. _____ of the resurrection.

A. _____ 53:8-10.

1. This passage deals with the _____ Servant of God.

2. How could His days be _____ if He is in the grave?

B. _____ 3:15.

C. _____ 16:9-11 is quoted in Acts 2:25-28 as well as Acts 13:35-37.

D. _____ 2:7 is quoted in Hebrews 1:6 and applied to Jesus.

E. In the New Testament, Jesus knew that prophecies of His resurrection were to be found in the _____ (Luke 24:24-27).

F. Jesus, Himself, prophesied that He would die and be _____.

II. The _____ of the resurrection.

A. The _____ in which Jesus was buried is proof of the resurrection.

1. The tomb itself was _____ and guarded by Roman.

2. The _____ and some of the rulers of the Jews give evidence of the tomb being empty.

B. The _____ of the resurrected Savior also give proof of the resurrection.

C. Another proof of the resurrection is the _____ in the lives of many.

III. The _____ of the resurrection.

A. Our _____ depends on the resurrection of Jesus.

B. Numerous important things _____ or _____ with the resurrection:

1. The _____ of Jesus stands or falls with the resurrection.

2. The _____ of the scriptures counts on the resurrection.

3. Jesus being the _____ stands or falls on His resurrection (Romans 1:4).

4. The _____ of the apostles stands or falls on the resurrection because their preaching centered on the resurrection of Jesus.

C. It allowed Jesus to _____ at the right hand of God.

IV. The _____ of the resurrection.

A. There is no problem for one who is a _____ of God.

B. Because of the resurrection, you and I will be able to be _____ Jesus when this life is over.

C. The problem lies with those who are _____ of Christ.

1. Notice what Daniel said about those who will be resurrected who lived in _____ to God (Daniel 12:2).

2. Revelation 21:8 lets us know how _____ it will be for those who died in sin.

D. For those outside of Jesus, the resurrection is a great problem because of the _____ that awaits them.

"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 lowly birth is well-known by all, and the great hope presaged by that birth was fulfilled and realized entirely at Golgotha! Wonderful though His birth was, it would be largely unremarkable without the other "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 echoing emptiness of the tomb transfigures the tragedy of the cross into the glorious gospel of hope 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 faith 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 sepulcher for Abraham and a tomb for David the king, undisturbed to this day (Gen. 25:9 and Acts 2:29); 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 A.D. in Medina, and his body remains there in its tomb today! While thousands worship these, their disciples 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 rolled 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 2 Tim. 1:10 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 intercession for us, Heb. 7:25. Unlike us, He was not born in order to die and await judgement! Rather, 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 truly a wonderful day the first time people were told "He is not here, He is risen" (Mt. 28:6-7). The same joy those original disciples experienced should rest in our hearts also, at the knowledge that "I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; 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 "first-fruits" from the grave, 1 Cor. 15:20-23.