

Precepts That Preach

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AND THEY REMEMBERED LUKE 24:1-12

<>This morning we have come to celebrate. There is no doubt that Easter has a variety of meanings to different people...new clothes, egg hunts, Easter baskets, family gatherings, time off from work, etc. But to the Christian, Easter is the very central fact and foundation of our faith!

- Christianity does not rest upon...fables, fiction or myths.
- Christianity's foundation is built upon FACTS...
 1. It does not deal with mere ideas
 2. It deals with events...confirmed, concrete and verifiable events
 3. It is not founded upon the thinking of men, but upon the deeds of God!

<>God, Himself actually invaded human history- at a certain time, in a certain place, under certain conditions, and became involved in certain experiences and events. These are CONFIRMED and CONCRETE facts, and our faith stands on these facts. The heart and soul of Christianity is the death and

resurrection of Jesus Christ!

<>The fact of the resurrection is of such importance that the...

- The FOUNDATION of Christianity rests upon it
- The FACT of Christ relies upon it
- The FUTURE of the Christian finds refuge in it

<>The fact of the resurrection is so significant that Paul stated in I Corinthians 15

- If there is no resurrection, our preaching is vain...v. 14
- If there is no resurrection, our faith is vain...v.14
- If there is no resurrection, we are false witnesses...v. 15
- If there is no resurrection we are still in our sins...v. 17
- If there is no resurrection, those who have died perished...v. 18
- If there is no resurrection, we are miserable and hopeless...v. 19

<>BUT, THANK GOD THERE WAS A RESURRECTION...JESUS CHRIST AROSE...ACTUALLY, LITERALLY, BODILY FROM THE GRAVE ON THE THIRD DAY JUST AS HE AHD SAID!

And they remembered His words...

<>I want to preach for a few moments this morning about these ladies that came to the tomb to prepare the body of Jesus. They are so like us, today...**THEY REMEMBERED THEIR PROBLEM...BUT FORGOT HIS PROMISES!**

...On this Easter Sunday Morning, I do not know what kind of problem, storm, and trail, sorrow, test that you have walked into this building carrying this morning!

- Defeated, Depressed, Distress, Disgust, Doubt, Discouragement

...I do not know the situation, but I know the fruit that it is bearing in your life.

<>Notice something's about these ladies with me this morning.

I. Their Problem...v. 1

<>They came seeking the living among the dead. When the body of their Master had been laid in the tomb, their hope and expectation was laid there too!

II. Their Perplexity...vs. 2-4

A. Stone Removed...8' diameter, 1; thick, rolled in groove 4 tons

B. Seal Repealed...Power, Prestige, Pride Roman Empire

C. Savior Risen

➤ They should have rejoiced...puzzled

➤ They should have praised...perplexed

...The darkness of their situation had blinded them to the declaration of their Savior...On the first Easter morning, the sun was shining, the birds were singing (Resurrection, resurrection, resurrection) but forgetfulness had placed a shutter over the windows of their eyes, ears, and heart!

III. The Pronouncement...vs. 5-7

IV. The Peace...v.8

I. WORDS TO SAINTS

<>God can make a way, when there seems to be no way!

II Corinthians 12...Grace

Philippians 4:13...I can do all things through Christ

Galatians 6:9...Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we fail not
***I WONDERED WHAT THE LADIES AND THE DISCIPLES WERE DOING, WHERE THEIR MIND WAS**

WHEN JESUS PREACHED TO THEM ABOUT HIS RESURRECTION.

II. WORD TO SINNERS

A. Luke 19:10 / Matthew 20:28

B. John 3:3...Expect a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of Heaven

C. Luke 16:19-31

➤ *Eternally separated from God*

➤ *They are in torment*

➤ *Remembrance of opportunities rejected*

➤ *Consciousnesses of their eternal lostness*

➤ *Their state is unalterable and eternal*

*****May the Blessed Holy Spirit help us this morning to remember HIS WORDS!**

IT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WAY YOU LEAVE THIS BUILDING THIS MORNING!