THE PASSION of RESURRECTION SUNDAY 2016

THE LIFE AND DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Luke 24:1-12

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WHEN GOD DIED

THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

THE SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST - HIS DEITY ON DISPLAY.

Part 3 of Passion Week

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Introduction to the Text;

Luke 24:1-12

The Theme and Textual Summation.

!!! He Is Risen – He Is Risen Indeed **!!!**

Luke 24:1-12

Now on the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain *other women* with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. **2** But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. **3** Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. **4** And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. **5** Then, as they were afraid and bowed *their* faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? **6** He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, **7** saying, "The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' " **:8** And they remembered His words. **9** Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the with them, who told these things to the apostles. **11** And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. **12** But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

We' ve all been told to "Never put all your eggs into one basket."

Or when it comes to investing your money, you' re encouraged to diversify."

You would think that God would "Play it safe" when it comes

to the things of the Bible – Eternal things – Controversial things !

But When You' re God, there are no risks.

There are no chances to take.

Nothing is Doubted when it comes to God and His Words and His works.

If ever there was a topic or a doctrine or a belief that, if proven

untrue, declared to be false by evidence - - it would be the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from Dead.

The Resurrection !

Romans 1:16a

For I am not ashamed of **the Gospel of Christ**, (**Resurrection**) for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes...

WHAT MAKES THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST SO IMPORTANT? WHEN GOD DIED

1.) He died to rise – frustrating the grave.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the Dead #1 It answers the great question of man – is there life after death. #2 – It is exactly what we have all wondered about

Acts 2:24 NIV

But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

1 Corinthians 6:14

And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.

WHAT MAKES THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST SO IMPORTANT? WHEN GOD DIED

2.) He died to rise – overcoming sin's power.

1 Corinthians 15:56-57

The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fulfill the Law = Defeat Death = Live Forever.

(there's not a religious leader, founder, committee or group that has)

Hang On – This is Offensive to the Pride of Man

Galatians 2:16

knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

WHAT MAKES THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST SO IMPORTANT? WHEN GOD DIED

3.) He died to rise – authoring eternal life

1 Corinthians15:20-22

But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the **firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

the beginning and the end of all sacrifices. The one and only.

WHAT MAKES THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST SO IMPORTANT? WHEN GOD DIED

4.) He died to rise – restoring hope to man.

Hebrews 2:14-15

Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. 15 Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

WHAT MAKES THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST SO IMPORTANT? WHEN GOD DIED

5.) He died to rise – keeping His promise.

Romans 1:1a-4

... For of the Gospel of God **2** which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, **3** concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, **4** and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

Keeping His Promises

John 17:21-22, 24

that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. **22** And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one... :**24** "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am,

Here's Another Promise that I am waiting to see happen !

John 14:1-3

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

2 Peter 1:16-19

For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty... 17 For Jesus received from God the Father honor and glory when His voice came to Christ from the Excellent Glory saying: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain... :19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed,

WHAT MAKES THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST SO IMPORTANT? WHEN GOD DIED

6.) He died to rise – making us His own.

Did you know that God the Father promised Jesus Christ that all those who would trust in Him – those believers would be the reward of Jesus' death and resurrection?

Psalm 2:8

Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.

What does God get out of all this? – What's in it for Him?

John 14:15-18

"If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

John 14:23

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

John 15:15

No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you (phi'los) friends,

Romans 5:9-10

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

The result is that I can now be at peace with God. (no more running. No more hiding. No more games)

WHAT MAKES THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST SO IMPORTANT? WHEN GOD DIED

7.) He died to rise – gifting salvation to us.

Let's Be Honest, Nothing is for Free in Life or in Death.

When we love one another, there's a cost to it. When we serve one another there's an expense to it.

Salvation was, is, the most expensive, most costly thing that has ever been given to mankind.

That which is free to us, cost God His own life.

Romans 6:23

For the wages (payment) of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

How sure can we be that Jesus will Save us?

Because He "Gifted" salvation to all those who would trust in Him.

2,000 years ago on Passover, Jesus was dying "Perfectly" on His cross with my sin loaded upon Him, sin upon sin upon sin upon sin...

Ephesians 2:1-2, 5, 8-9 NLT

Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. 2 You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil - the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God... 5 that even though we were dead because of our sins, God gave us life when he raised Jesus Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) ... :8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

WHAT MAKES THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST SO IMPORTANT? WHEN GOD DIED

8.) He died to rise – presenting Himself to us.

In the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit at the Moment of Salvation

Ephesians 3:17-19

that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height — 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

There's a Thought for You Today...

How "Wide" is "Wide" to God?

Ephesians 3:18a

That you may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width...

How "Long" is "Long" to God?

Ephesians 3:18a

That you may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length...

Ephesians 3:18c

That you may be able to **comprehend** with all the saints **what is the depth**... How "Deep" is "Deep" to God? (The Bible says He measures out the oceans in the "hollow" of His hand) How far have you fallen away from God ?

...And the Height

Ephesians 3:18a

That you may be able to **comprehend** with all the saints **what is the height**...

How "High" is "High" to God?

(the "heavens cannot contain Him" says the Bible)

Now apply these truths to people like...

The Roman Guards

that whipped Jesus – what became of them? Was the width, the length, the depth, the height available to them ?

What about the Pharisees

ordering the killing of Jesus – what about them? Were they beyond the width, the length, the depth, the height of God's love?

What of the Centurions

who nailed Jesus to the cross – what about them? Were they beyond the width, the length, the depth, the height of God's love?

WHAT MAKES THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST SO IMPORTANT? WHEN GOD DIED

9.) He died to rise – desiring you.

Why would He desire you or me?

Who could possibly be important enough that God would die for them?

There must be something about His love for us, that makes us dear to Him.

1 John 3:16

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us.

throughout the Bible, We see Jesus keeping "Divine Appointments"

Luke 14:1-4

One Sabbath day Jesus went to eat dinner in the home of a leader of the Pharisees, and the people were watching him closely. 2 There was **a certain man** there whose arms and legs were swollen. 3 Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in religious law, "Is it permitted in the law to heal people on the Sabbath day, or not?" 4 When they refused to answer, Jesus touched the sick man and healed him and sent him away.

In John 4

The Bible says that "Jesus determined to go through Samaria" Jews never went through Samaria, it was off-limits – unless you're Jesus and you have a Divine Appointment with a woman who had a hard time keeping a man.

> "By this we know love" – meaning that, Real love cannot be known outside of Jesus Christ.

WHAT MAKES THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST SO IMPORTANT? WHEN GOD DIED

10.) He died to rise – requiring your decision.

The ability that we possess as human beings to Choose is telling. The very fact that we have an independent will, a self determinant characteristic about us, agrees with what the Bible says about us.

We Are Responsible for the Decisions We Make.

WHEN GOD DIED

End of Study

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