

He is Risen

Matthew 28:1-10

Most people today believe in the risen Christ, yet they do not have any clue as to its practical implication. The issue today is not what proves the resurrection, rather it's what the resurrection proves? The resurrection proves the full redemptive plan and purpose of God.

Christ's resurrection is the great cornerstone of the Christian faith. All that we believe hinges on the reality of the resurrection. There would be no Christianity if there was no resurrection (1 Cor. 15:14-20).

The first sermon ever preached in the church the day the church was born was a sermon on the resurrection (Acts 2:22 ff.). Since then, the resurrection became a central theme of the gospel.

Our text this morning teaches us that since Christ's resurrection is the foundation of our belief and the basis of our hope, we must rest our faith in its reality and eagerly proclaim the power of its message.

Sermon Outline

1. Because Christ is risen, we must _____ in its message of _____

Still overwhelmed with fear and loneliness, the women went to the tomb of Jesus. They became more troubled at what they saw early that morning. But the angel dispelled their sorrow and fear. Fear is the result of sin, and all fear stems from fear of death. But Jesus conquered sin and death forever (Heb. 2:14-15; 1 Cor. 15:53-57). Since God raised Jesus from the dead, then there is nothing He cannot do (cf. Eph. 3:20; Job 42:2; Luke 1:37; 18:27).

2. Because Christ is risen, we must _____ its message of _____

There were a lot of things that were hindering the women from coming to see Jesus. Yet, they came because they recognized the voice of God in the invitation of the angel. Today, God is still inviting people to Himself (John 10:27; Isa. 55:1; Psa. 50:15; Matt. 1:28-29; Acts 2:21). It's important to see the place where the Lord lay in order that we might understand who Jesus is and what Jesus did for us (John 11:25).

3. Because Christ is risen, we must _____ to its message of _____

The Lord made His resurrection very clear to His people so that they can truly testify to it. We should be excited every day because the Lord has given us a valid foundation of our faith (1 Cor. 15:20). Good news must be told. If we don't tell it, then we really don't realize how good it is. The greatest news in the world is the resurrection of Jesus Christ and therefore, it is a news that everybody should know (Rom. 1:16; Acts 4:12).

The women responded with fear and great joy (Matt. 28:8). The resurrection of their Lord gave them that super exceeding great joy. They heard the good news, the greatest and the best news they could ever hear – it is the gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-4).

It is a blessed privilege to know that our Lord and Savior is truly risen. We see His reality in our lives (how He changed us, gave meaning to our lives, touched and healed our broken lives). Today, He asks us to go and tell others of this hope that we have because of His wondrous love. Because He lives our fear is gone, we now live in faith and we can rejoice!