

Portraits of Christ from Luke

Resurrection

Luke 23:46-24:12

Resurrection is the heart of Christianity

It is the Source, Authority and Power

Paul said without it -our preaching and faith is in vain **1 Corinthians 15:14**

-Our faith is worthless and we are still in our sins **1 Corinthians 15:17**

Happenings at the Cross

- Jesus died a victory - shouted last prayer - **Luke 23:46**
- Centurion testified to His innocence - **Luke 23:47**
- The crowds went away sorrowing - **Luke 23:48**
- Joseph asked for His body and buried Him - **Luke 23:50-53**
- The tomb was guarded - **Matthew 27:64**
- The women watch and returned home for the Sabbath They came

Easter is when:

I. The Unexpected should be expected

Luke 24:1-4

A. They expected to find Jesus dead

He was really dead - attested by soldiers and his friends
He was buried and the tomb was guarded

B. They did not expect the resurrection

C. They did not expect to meet Angels

Appearance of men but clothes were dazzling (word for lightening)

II. The forgotten Words are fulfilled

Luke 24:5-8

A. An unusual question "Why look for the living among the dead"

People are still doing that. Looking for life among dead
Possessions, Pleasures, Religion - Self **Proverbs 16:25**

B. A Clear announcement "He is not here"

C. A Concise announcement "He has risen"

D. A Command to remember

1. Delivered - 2. Crucified -3. Raised

E. The joy of acceptance

III. The stubborn doubts are Challenged **Luke 24:9-11**

A. The women reported all (5 speaking at once with great joy)

B. The disciples did not (chose not to) believe

Why - sources - - Unheard of - no resurrection -
It was a choice - but once made blinded them

C. It sounded like nonsense - empty words - myths **1 Corinthians 1:18**

IV. The Process of Faith must begin **Luke 24:12**

A. Peter got up and ran to the tomb

He had every reason not to go -He had denied Christ

He had every reason to go - to know the truth

B. He looked - Cloth but no body

C. He went away marveling

24: 34 "The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter."

Why do many miss the joy of Easter and the Resurrection?

Like the Women they:

They seek life in the wrong places

They make the wrong preparations

They prepare to live but not to die

They forget the wonderful promised of God

How to receive the Blessings of Easter

Expect God to keep His Word

Christ is risen and is coming again

Sins confessed can be forgiven

New life in Christ is the gift of God

Remember the Promises

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. Also Romans 10:9-10

Stop doubting and believe

Why would Christ die for me?

- Love beyond our understanding

Christ spoke to doubting Thomas

John 20:27 (NIV) Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Seek the miraculous

Don't settle for religion

- seek a relationship by faith

Death is real but it is not final

