

4/19/20

Recap of 4/12/20 (1 Thessalonians 2:13):

1. "He is risen!" We say it today with a note of triumph, of victory. But that first resurrection Sunday some 2,000 years ago, it was said by the disciples with a note of skepticism, of doubt, of disbelief. What happened...what changed? Luke describes it this way in Acts 1:3: "After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God." In other words, they were convinced by many proofs that He was alive from the dead. The disappointment and pain, and confusion, and fear of Friday slowly gives way to the triumph of Sunday.

- "All of Christianity hinges on the resurrection." (Morgan)

- "The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of the Christian faith. Without it the believer has no hope for this life or for the life to come....Our belief in this great teaching is not based upon some religious feeling or upon an unfounded idea about what may have happened in the past. Nor are we talking about an isolated rumor, but about a historical fact with solid evidence to support it" (author unknown).

- "The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the crowing proof of Christianity. If the resurrection did not take place, then Christianity is a false religion. If it did take place, then Christ is God and the Christian faith is absolute truth" (Henry Morris).

2. Luke references 8 proofs of the resurrection in Luke 24:1-12:

-The change to Sunday worship vs. 1

-The stone rolled away vs. 2

-The empty tomb vs. 3

-The significance of two Angels vs. 4

-Fearful to triumphant Disciples vv. 5-7

-The significance of the women as the first witnesses vs. 9

-The Disciples were not expecting the Resurrection vs. 11 & 12

-The grave clothes were left in orderly fashion vs. 12

"The Vitality of the Word of God" (pt. 2)

1 Thessalonians 2:13

Ten ways the Word of God is vital to our lives...

1. Vital to the new birth and spiritual growth
2. Vital to Christian maturity
3. Vital to skillful living

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