

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Notes: We have gathered this morning to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. The women had traveled to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus but what they found would change them and humanity forever. Matthews account records a great earthquake and the stone closing the tomb is rolled away. An angel sat upon the stone and told the women some wonderful news.

I. The angel announced the resurrection. (5-7) And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. The Bible tells us that a man is a true prophet when his prophecies come true. The angel says Jesus has risen just like He said He would. We believe by faith the fact of the resurrection.

II. What did Jesus say about the resurrection. Matthew 16:21; 17:9; 17:22-23; 26:32 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.....And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.....And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men: And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry..... **Matthew 26:32** Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.

1. Jesus said He would be betrayed, and condemned by the religious leader, crucified by Gentiles and on the third day arise from the dead. Matthew 20:17-19 And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again. Jesus was betrayed by Judas, condemned in the mock trial by the High Priest and the Sanhedrin, brutally beaten and crucified by Pontius Pilate. That is the fulfillment of 4 prophecies alone.

2. Jesus told His apostles they would see Him in Galilee. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you The women run quickly to tell the disciples. While they were on the way Jesus appears to them. **Matthew 28:9-10** And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me Then Jesus appears to the Apostles in **Matthew 28:16-17** Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. That is exactly what happened.

II. Jesus taught the way to eternal life is to believe that Jesus death on the cross pays our sin debt in full. (14-15) And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: ¹⁵ **That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.** Obviously Jesus is referring to His death on the cross. Two verses I want you to consider **1 Peter 2:24** **Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.** And **Colossians 2:13-14** **And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;** ¹⁴ **Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;** That tells us that Jesus made us spiritually alive when we believe that He paid our sin debt in full when He was lifted up on the cross. One more thing before we leave this point. That is the drawing power of the cross. **John 12:32** **And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.** The favorite hymn of folks is The Old Rugged Cross because of its drawing power. There are two times a year when hearts are tender toward God, Easter and Christmas. Christmas is when hope is born. Easter is when hope is realized. There is no Easter without Friday. There is no resurrection without the crucifixion. **Romans 4:25** **Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.** It all works together

III. Jesus promises a relationship with Him which will bring peace. **John 14:27** **Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

1. Peace with God. **John 14:6** **Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.** The empty tomb means this fact is true. **Romans 4:25-5:1** **Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: Faith in Jesus and in the resurrection puts me into a right relationship with God.**

2. Peace of God **Philippians 4:6-7** **Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.** ⁷ **And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.** One of the gifts of being saved is the power of prayer. Don't worry about anything because you are to trust God with everything. Remember I'm yoked to Jesus I have a close personal contact with Him so I don't have a problem with worry or anxiety or depression right. That may be true if we really did give all our burdens to God but we don't. So Paul gives us some more insight in **Philippians 4:8** **Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things..** Paul says in verse 8 I want you to focus on God and things that are pure and good and not on the problem which is causing to worry. Prayer asking for His power, His will, His guidance all of which He has promised to provide for us in the person of the Holy Spirit.

3. The best way to have the peace of God is to stay close to the God of peace. **Phil. 4:9** **Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you** Prayer, focus and being around God's people will keep you close to God. Then you will realize the blessings of being yoked to Christ and you will find rest for your souls.

4. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit. **John 14:26; 15:26; 16:7** **But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.....But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:.....Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is**

expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. Notice the word is comforter. The Holy Ghost makes Jesus real, interprets the Bible for us and brings us peace which comes from a relationship with Jesus just like He said.