

Faith Christian Fellowship
Sunday, April 1, 2018
Easter Trilogy 2018
3: Resurrection Day

TEXT: Luke 24:1-8 / 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Romans 1:2-4 NLT (4) ...and He was shown to be the Son of God when He was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jesus is alive! The resurrection confirms the truth: Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. On that rock of revelation, He is building His Church. The fourth leg in the Christ Event: Resurrection! This year for us is a year of Purity – Maturity – Power. This is the power that was released toward us, the power that raises us with Him, the power by which we are born again!!!!

He appeared in person 5 times on Resurrection Day. What can we learn from those encounters?

- 1) Mary Magdalene: Mark 16:9-11; John 20:11-18.
 - a) The first-person Jesus specifically speaks to is
 - i) A woman: Galatians 3:28.
 - ii) A woman with a checkered past. Luke 8:2.
 - iii) A woman who had followed him as part of His ministry group Luke 8:1-3.
 - iv) A woman who continued to serve Him, even after His death. Luke 23:55-56.
 - v) **Take Away:** Jesus doesn't care who you are or where you have been. The question is, "Will you serve Him?"
 - b) John 20:12-18.
 - i) She didn't recognize Him immediately, though He stood in front of her in her grief. He called her by name and she knew Him immediately.
 - ii) He told her not to cling to Him (touch Him).
 - iii) We see that He spoke to the other women shortly after; they were allowed to touch Him. Why? Matthew 28:9-10.
 - (1) Jesus speaks to Mary as the High Priest fulfilling the Day of Atonement (Leviticus 16 / Hebrews 9:11-12); for her to touch Him would contaminate the sacrifice.
 - (2) **Take Away:** The one time a complete and eternal price for sin has been paid. You can quit trying to atone for your past.

- 2) The Two Going to Emmaus: Mark 16:12, 13; Luke 24:13-32.
 - a) Where were they going and why? They didn't recognize Him. How often is God at work right beside you and you can't see Him?
 - b) He gave them a little rebuke. Are you missing the Hand of God because you don't know the Word of God?
 - c) When they beseeched Him to stay He revealed Himself. (We need revelation to grasp His Word. Ephesians 1:16-23)
 - d) Then they ran back to tell the others and found out that He had appeared to Peter as well. Luke 24:33-35, 1 Corinthians 15:5. God is always at work in others, though He is giving you His full and individual attention.
 - e) **Take Away:** If you can't see God at work in your daily life, maybe you need a little more time in His Word.
- 3) The Ten Apostles: John 20:19-25.
 - a) Verse 20. He is in a tangible body. He showed them His hands and His side. Luke 24:39 Bodily incarnated, bodily crucified, bodily buried, bodily risen.
 - b) Verse 21. He gave them a mission. He gave us a mission.
 - i) The mission: represent Christ in the earth as His very Body.
 - ii) Living life without a sense of Christian purpose is not a full Christian life.
 - iii) **Take Away:** If you have not accepted your part in the mission of the Church, the Body of Jesus Christ, you are missing a big chunk of what it means to be a Christian. Today would be a good day to start living. Romans 12:1.
 - c) Verse 22. They were born of the Spirit. Romans 10:9/John 3:6-7.
 - i) The Spirit brings us a new nature and transforms us into His image as we come to know Him better. 2 Corinthians 3:18.
 - ii) The only way to become Christlike is to be born of the Spirit.
 - iii) **Take Away:** You must be born again! John 3:7.
 - d) Verse 23. Sin can be forgiven.
 - i) Could refer to the concept in Luke 24:47...repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name.
 - ii) Cannot mean that they had personal power to forgive sin. Isaiah 43:25 / Exodus 34:6-God is the forgiver.
 - iii) It does mean: Whoever's sin you forgive, you are free from. If you don't forgive it, you are bound to it.
 - iv) **Take Away:** Don't let someone else's sin control your life. Let it go!