

APRIL 17TH, 2022 RESURRECTION SUNDAY

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28:1-20

In 1989, our dear shepherd at that time, Pastor Ron Blough, initiated our reading through a portion of the 66 books of the Bible as a congregation, typically a chapter each Sunday. Since then, we have been through the entire Bible one full time and are currently in First Chronicles, the 13th book of the Bible. For Palm Sunday and Resurrection Sunday, we pause from our regular congregational reading for special messages. We will resume in 1 Chronicles 14 on April 24th.

TODAY'S SERVICE

- 1. Hymn #323 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
- 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
- 3. Hymn #325 "Christ Arose"
- 4. Hymn **#327 –** "He Lives"
- 5. Hymn **#301 –** "Wounded for Me"
- 6. Reading: Brother Teagun Quinlan
- 7. Message: "He Has Risen!"
- 8. Hymn #286 "Hallelujah! What a Savior!"
- 9. Benediction

10. Sunday Evening Bible Study John 19:31-37





HE HAS RISEN!

"He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay." **MATTHEW 28:6**, ESV

An Alarming Surprise "He is not here,"

- 1. a triumphal entry
 - a. Matthew 21:1-5; John 12:1-2, 12
- 2. a treacherous conspiracy & brutal murder
 - a. Matthew 26:14-16; Matthew 26:17-27:66
- 3. a tragically unexpected heartbreak a. Mark 16:1-2; Luke 24:15-21

An Astonishing Revelation "for He has risen, as He said."

- 1. a truth proclaimed by Jesus
 - a. Matthew 12:39-40; John 10:17
- 2. a truth predicted by Scripture
 - a. Psalm 16:10; 49:9
- 3. a truth purposely gracious & glorious
 - a. 1 Corinthians 2:14
 - b. Romans 10:17; Ephesians 2:8-9
 - c. 1 Corinthians 1:29-31
- 4. a truth powerfully transformational
 - a. Matthew 16:13-24
 - b. Acts 2:22-32

An Awesome Invitation "Come, see the place where He lay."

- 1. an invitation of sovereign grace & compassion
- 2. an invitation stirring conviction
- 3. an invitation with serious consequence
- 4. an invitation of splendid comfort
- 5. an invitation of supreme celebration

The lesson of wisdom which comes first is this: *let no supposed humility* keep any of you from believing in Jesus Christ. The way of grace is miracle from beginning to end. Stagger not, therefore, to begin with accepting a miracle of grace. You say, "I cannot believe that Christ could forgive such a hell-deserving sinner as I am. I have not any claims on him. I have been such a wretch. I cannot think that simply on my trusting him, he, out of his abundant mercy, will forgive my sins." My dear friend, if you cannot believe that to begin with, it is but the commencement miracle, there are still greater things than these. "But I am so unworthy!" I know you are, it is all true, you are much more unworthy than you have any idea of. You do not deserve to live, you do not deserve to be out of hell, but since God is gracious, and he bids you trust Christ and you shall live, do not be damned because you are too proudly humble to be saved. You tell me I speak sarcastically. I tell you, rather, I speak the truth. It is the devil who deceives you by making you believe that there is any humility in doubting the mercy of God in Christ Jesus. What if you be the worst sinner out of damnation, yet if God tells thee he will save thee upon thy believing and being baptised, why, man, believe and be baptised and be saved, and may God the Holy Spirit lead thee to do that now. What hast thou to do with saying it is too good a thing; if God chooses to give it, who are you to say it is too good? You must be washed by Christ, or else perish; O do not stand back because it seems too good for you to receive! You must be washed, I say, or perish. Take the good that God provides you, and be grateful for it. What if God himself came down from heaven, and put on human flesh and suffered and died that you might not suffer and die? I grant you it is a miracle that makes the very seraphim astonished, and causes the whole universe to tremble with amazement. But why dost thou draw back from it and say, "Because it is so great I will not receive it?" Dost thou refuse the air because a bounteous God has made it so abundant? Dost thou refuse to drink of the river because it is so deep and broad? Wilt thou refuse God's mercy because that mercy is so illimitable, so vast, so divine? O do not so, I say again, damn not thyself under pretense of humility, but come as thou art, and accept the mercy which is freely presented to thee in Christ Jesus, in the gospel which he has bidden us preach. Remember, "He that believeth and is baptised, shall be saved; he that believeth not, shall be damned." [emphasis in original]



"The Sine Qua Non" from the text, John 13:8 a sermon delivered on April 17th, 1870 by Charles Haddon Spurgeon *Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit* Volume 16, Sermon No. 926



This Week's Bible Portions from Robert Murray McCheyne's "Daily Bread"

FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
Leviticus 21	Psalms 26-27	17	Eccles. 4	1 Timothy 6
Leviticus 22	Psalms 28-29	18	Eccles. 5	2 Timothy 1
Leviticus 23	Psalms 30	19	Eccles. 6	2 Timothy 2
Leviticus 24	Psalms 31	20	Eccles. 7	2 Timothy 3
Leviticus 25	Psalms 32	21	Eccles. 8	2 Timothy 4
Leviticus 26	Psalms 33	22	Eccles. 9	Titus 1
Leviticus 27	Psalms 34	23	Eccles. 10	Titus 2
Numbers 1	Psalms 35	24	Eccles. 11	Titus 3

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