

# Remember What You Have Been Told

Sunday Morning, March 31, 2013

## Thesis:

When You Think of the Lord, Do You Become Sad Without Hope? Or Do You Rejoice Because He Arose, Is Alive and Has Ascended to Heaven?

## Introduction: Early Morning He Arose!

### I. Early at the Tomb (Luke 24: 1 – 12)

- 1 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices they had prepared.
- 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb.
- 3 They went in but did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.
- 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men stood by them in dazzling clothes.
- 5 So the women were terrified and bowed down to the ground. "Why are you looking for the living among the dead?" asked the men.
- 6 "He is not here, but He has been resurrected! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee,
- 7 saying, 'The Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and rise on the third day'?"
- 8 And they remembered His words.
- 9 Returning from the tomb, they reported all these things to the Eleven and to all the rest.
- 10 Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them were telling the apostles these things.
- 11 But these words seemed like nonsense to them, and they did not believe the women.
- 12 Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. When he stooped to look in, he saw only the linen cloths. So he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Sad that Jesus was Dead?

The Stone was an Obstacle

Why Do You Look for the "Living" Among the Dead?

Remember His Words

### II. Outside the City

(Luke 24: 13 – 35)

- 13 Now that same day two of them were on their way to a village called Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem.
- 14 Together they were discussing everything that had taken place.
- 15 And while they were discussing and arguing, Jesus Himself came near and began to walk along with them.
- 16 But they were prevented from recognizing Him.
- 17 Then He asked them, "What is this dispute that you're having with each other as you are walking?" And they stopped walking and looked discouraged.
- 18 The one named Cleopas answered Him, "Are You the only visitor in Jerusalem who doesn't know the things that happened there in these days?"
- 19 "What things?" He asked them. So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus the Nazarene, who was a Prophet powerful in action and speech before God and all the people,
- 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed Him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified Him.
- 21 But we were hoping that He was the One who was about to redeem Israel.
- Besides all this, it's the third day since these things happened.
- 22 Moreover, some women from our group astounded us. They arrived early at the tomb,
- 23 and when they didn't find His body, they came & reported that they had seen a vision of angels who said He was alive.
- 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb & found it just as the women had said, but they didn't see Him."
- 25 He said to them, "How unwise and slow you are to believe in your hearts all that the prophets have spoken!
- 26 Didn't the Messiah have to suffer these things and enter into His glory?" (More of Passage on next page)

27 Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted for them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

28 They came near the village where they were going, and He gave the impression that He was going farther.

29 But they urged Him: "Stay with us, because it's almost evening, and now the day is almost over." So He went in to stay with them.

30 It was as He reclined at the table with them that He took the bread, blessed and broke it, & gave it to them.

31 Then their eyes were opened, & they recognized Him, but He disappeared from their sight.

32 So they said to each other, "Weren't our hearts ablaze within us while He was talking with us on the road and explaining the Scriptures to us?"

33 That very hour they got up & returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those with them gathered together,

34 who said, "The Lord has certainly been raised, and has appeared to Simon!"

35 Then they began to describe what had happened on the road and how He was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Discouraged or Sad?

Hope of Redemption - Gone!

Remember the Prophecies of the Messiah!

In His Presence Eyes Are Opened!

### **III. He Stood in Jerusalem**

**(Luke 24: 36 – 49)**

36 And as they were saying these things, He Himself stood among them. He said to them, "Peace to you!"

37 But they were startled and terrified and thought they were seeing a ghost.

38 "Why are you troubled?" He asked them. "And why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

39 Look at My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself! Touch Me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." *(More of Passage on next page)*

40 Having said this, He showed them His hands and feet.

41 But while they still were amazed and unbelieving because of their joy, He asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?"

42 So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish,

43 and He took it and ate in their presence.

44 Then He told them, "These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

45 Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

46 He also said to them, "This is what is written: The Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead the third day,

47 and repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48 You are witnesses of these things.

49 And look, I am sending you what My Father promised. As for you, stay in the city until you are empowered from on high."

Why Are You Troubled?

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### **Conclusion:**

**(Luke 24: 50 – 53)**

50 Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands He blessed them.

51 And while He was blessing them, He left them and was carried up into heaven.

52 After worshiping Him, they returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

53 And they were continually in the temple complex praising God.

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