

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- April 13, 2017

"He Is Risen!"

Easter. No angels. No wise men. No shepherds. No star. No fanfare. The Babe whose birth affected people from all backgrounds was rejected, crucified and buried.

All seemed lost. The weekend of Christ's crucifixion was filled with disappointment and despair. Early dawn on that first Easter, the women were on their way to the tomb of Jesus to anoint His body with spices. They wondered about the stone that sealed the tomb. Who was going to roll it away? When they arrived, not only was the stone rolled away, the tomb was empty. Jesus had risen from the dead!

Here are a few reminders of what Jesus' resurrection means to us:

- As the women worried needlessly, even so we need not worry about our problems. God will give us "a tombstone blast" and remove all obstacles from our path.
- We need to discard assumptions whether God will intervene in the adverse circumstances of life. Not only is He able to do so, but He is willing to do it. He is alive, real and dynamic with "all power in heaven and on earth."
- As the risen Christ met Mary Magdalene in her brokenness and offered her a new beginning, similarly the Lord is offering a paradigm shift in our lives and wants to create new beginnings.
- Just as Mary's grief dissipated when the risen Christ called her by name, even so Jesus is calling you by name. He knows you by name. He knows your address. He cares for you enough to do anything and everything for you. Just ask Him.

Morning has come. It seems like another morning but it is Easter morning. Resurrection morning. Leave your "tomblike" experience behind. Walk in "the newness of life" and experience the joy of God's Easter morning in your life. God wants you to be an Easter person with a Hallelujah song!

Remember that we have a Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m. followed by a brunch from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Our regular service will be at 10:00 a.m. Have a Blessed Easter! See you in church Sunday!

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