The Great Getting-Up Morning!

Matthew 28:1-10

March 31, 2024

Bob Hightchew

Introduction:

- **1st Corinthians 15:12-22**
- **Matthew 28:1-10**
- **Matthew 27:52-53**
- The resurrection of God-fearing people probably convinced some to be Saved in Christ on the Day of Pentecost – **Acts 2:36-41**
- **Last week -** "*Your life of sin and failure will walk you to the sadness of the Cross all day long, and that happens on a Friday … BUT … Jesus wants you to remember, that Sunday is coming*!"
- Well, today is Sunday!

---

1. **On the First Day of the Week:**

    a. B.C. – *Before Christ* … A.D. – Anno Domini – *The Year of our Lord*
    b. B.C.E. – *Before the Common Era* … C.E. – *Common Era*
    c. On the Day of the Resurrection, there was a major shift in Worship time from Saturday (Sabbath) to Sunday, the First Day of the Week.
    d. Why the change? – The Resurrection!
    e. **Matthew 28:1-4**
    f. Who was Joseph of Arimathea? – He was a member of the Jewish Ruling Council, and a wealthy man, who like Nicodemus, believed that Jesus was more than a Rabbi.
    g. **John 3:1-2**
    h. **Luke 23:50-51**
    i. **Luke 23:55**
    j. **Matthew 28:2**
    k. When we think about the courage of these women who went to the tomb, consider three things:
        i. They knew Roman Soldiers were guarding it.
        ii. How would they move the stone?
        iii. How would they get through this emotionally?
    l. **Isaiah 1:18**
    m. **Acts 1:10-11**

2. **<u>The angel said, "Do Not be Afraid":</u>**

    a. The ladies had a twofold fear:
        i. They are in the presence of an angel!
        ii. Jesus was not in the tomb!
    b. **Matthew 28:5**
    c. <u>The angel addresses five things</u>:
        i. He tells them to not be afraid – **Luke 1:13 … Luke 1:30 … Luke 2:10 … Matthew 28:5-6**
        ii. He addresses their fear – "Jesus is not here."
        iii. He reminds them that Jesus told them this would happen.
        iv. Since He has risen, everyone will see Him.
        v. The angel addresses the fact that he has done his job of telling them.
    d. Sometimes I think the church is too consumed with fear.

3. **<u>Jesus said, "Do Not be Afraid":</u>**

    a. **Matthew 28:8-10**
    b. There are many who claim to be Christians, and yet they compromise the truth of the Gospel.
        i. Some say that Jesus did not die on the cross. He just passed out from the pain.
        ii. Some say that Jesus was not on the cross at all.
        iii. Some say that Jesus never resurrected in bodily form. When the women went to the tomb, they went to the wrong one.
    c. Every one of these ideas are absolutely false.
    d. Many today do not know what Jesus did for them or why He did it:
        i. Man became corrupt with sin – We could not save ourselves.
        ii. The wages of sin are death – But at death it is too late to have my sins removed.
        iii. God loves us so much, that He wanted us to be with Him. This was His plan for us all along.
        iv. Jesus stepped out of eternity and into our world, to pay our debt that we owe.
        v. This came at a terrible price to Him – He faced:
            1. The Pressure of Fear
            2. The Pressure of Loneliness
            3. The Pressure of Silence
            4. Mock Trials
            5. Pilate
            6. The Flogging
            7. Three Hours of Darkness
            8. All for you and for me