

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

Title: The Lamb Foretells His Death and Resurrection

Series: The Centrality of the Lamb

Text: Matthew 16:13 – 28 and 1 Corinthians 15:1 - 28

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of the ESSENTIAL need for Jesus Christ to be physically resurrected.

1 Timothy 4:13, “*Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.*”

Introduction:

Review of the Good Friday devotional:

Receive and Believe the Report

1. Report Regarding the “Servant”, Isaiah 52:13 - 15
2. Record of the Divine Mid-point of Isaiah 53, verse 7
3. Record of “OUR” Benefits, verses 4 - 6
4. Record of “HIS” Benevolent Actions, verses 8 - 12

Read: Matthew 16:13 - 28 and 1 Corinthians 15:1 – 28

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~ “There had been resurrections before the resurrection of Jesus Christ, but they were all resuscitations to the same kind of life as heretofore. Jesus Christ rose to a totally new life, and to a totally different relationship to men and women.”

Oswald Chambers, *The Psychology of Redemption*,
1096 L Cf. 2 Kings 13:21, Matthew 27:52 & 53

1. The Lamb, Jesus Christ, Announced His Death and Resurrection:

Matthew 16:13 - 28

~ Matthew 16:16, “*Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”*”

~ Matthew 16:17, “*And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.”*”

~ Matthew 16:21, “*From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”*”

2. The Lamb’s Resurrection PROVES His Divinity:

~ Romans 1:4, “*and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,*”

~ “The resurrection of our Divine Lord from the dead is the Cornerstone of Christian doctrine. Perhaps might more accurately call it the Keystone of the Arch of Christianity, for if that fact could be disproved, the whole fabric of the gospel would fall to the ground.”

C. H. Spurgeon

~ “The significance of His resurrection is impossible to exaggerate. It is the fundamental proof of His messiahship and of the truth of Christianity.”

A. B. Simpson

~ 1 Peter 1:17 – 21, “*And if you call him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, (18) knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, (19) but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. (20) He was fore-known before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you (21) who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.”*”

3. The Lamb’s Resurrection was Physical:

~ John 20:17, “*Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father, but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”*”

~ Thomas beholds the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, see John 20:24 - 29

~ The only recorded meal that Jesus prepared, John 21:1 - 14

4. The Lamb’s Resurrection Secures the Believer’s Salvation:

~ 1 Corinthians 1 – 28

Conclusion:

1 Corinthians 15:42 - 58

Closing Hymn: Christ Arose