

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

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

Title: He Is Risen

Series: Easter Sunday, 2024

Text: Romans 1:1 - 4 and Romans 16 to 18

Purpose: I want to **MOTIVATE** my congregation to review their own journey to freedom through Christ Jesus.

Introduction:

On Palm Sunday the devotional was entitled ‘Standing On The Promise.’ We considered: 1) Promise to Abraham, 2) Promise to David, 3) Promise Anticipated, 4) Promise of a Suffering Messiah King – Ignored

On Good Friday our devotional was entitled ‘Thank God I Am Free.’ We reflected on: 1) Israel, Thank God I Am Free, 2) Paralytic, Thank God I Am Free, 3) One Thief on the Cross, Thank God I Am Free, 4) You, Thank God I Am Free

~ Luke 24:1 – 12, Women were the first people to announce that Christ Jesus was risen and Peter was the first to enter the empty tomb: 10) “*Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles,*” 12) “*But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen clothes by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.*”

~ Hebrews 6:1 – 2, “*Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2) and of instructions about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.*”

1. Paul Declares That He Is Not Ashamed of the Gospel:

~ Romans 1:16 – 18, “*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (17) For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.” (18) For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.*”

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2. Paul Reveals That the Resurrection PROVES Jesus is the Son of God:

~ Romans 1:1 – 4, “*Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, (2) which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, (3) concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh (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,*”

~ Acts 23:6, 24:15 & 21, “*Now when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the Pharisees, he cried out in the council, “Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. It is with respect to the hope and the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial.”*

24:15, “*having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust.*”

24:21, “*other than this one thing that I cried out while standing among them: ‘It is with respect to the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you this day.’*”

3. Paul Defines the Gospel:

~ 1 Corinthians 15:1 – 3, “*Now I would remind you brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, (2) and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. (3) For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received; that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, (4) that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,*”

4. Paul Reveals the Vital Need for Faith in the Resurrection of Christ:

~ 1 Corinthians 15:12 – 17, “*Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? (13) But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. (14) And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. (15) We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. (16) For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. (17) And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.*”

~ 1 Peter 1:3, “*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*”

Conclusion:

Romans 6:1 - 11