

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What was the significance of anointing the body of Jesus?
2. Why did the angels roll the stone away?
3. Why was unbelief so evident during the event of Jesus' resurrection?
4. What took place in the hearts of the disciples (verses 14-20)?
5. If Christ was seen by so many people (eye witnesses) after His resurrection, why do people today not believe that He arose?
6. What is important about the resurrection?

SUMMARY:

It seems almost incredible that the disciples could not believe that Christ had risen from the dead, since He told them numerous times that this event must take place. We must realize, however, that natural man cannot comprehend the things of the Spirit or the mind of God. (1 Corinthians 2:14) Believing to this extent at this point was impossible, until Jesus finished His mission on earth and the Spirit of God was received in the hearts of men. (1 Corinthians 2:10-13)

NOTES:

[SoF:4] We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, born of a virgin, and lived a sinless life. He died on the cross for us. His shed blood is the atonement for our sins. **[SoF:5]** We believe in Christ's bodily resurrection and ascension to the right hand of God, and that He will make a personal return to earth in power and glory. **[SoF:15]** We believe that the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ is an invitation for everyone to live a life of abandonment to Him, Who loved us and gave Himself for us - surrendering His personal ambitions and possessions in an unreserved committal to take the proclamation of the Gospel throughout "all the world to every creature".

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #2

April 9, 2023

Second Quarter

THE KING'S RESURRECTION **[SoF:4,5]**

LESSON TEXT: Mark 16:1-20

LESSON SETTING: At Jesus' Tomb in the vicinity of Jerusalem.

TIME: Easter Sunday early in the morning, at the rising of the sun.

- I. A GREAT ANNOUNCEMENT.** Mark 16:1-7
 - A. Obstacle Removed. Mark 16:4; 11:23
 - B. He is Risen. Mark 16:6; Romans 4:25; 1 Corinthians 15:3-5
- II. GREAT AMAZEMENT.** Mark 16:8-14
 - A. Afraid. Mark 16:8; Luke 2:9
 - B. Mourned and Wept. Mark 16:10; John 11:31-36
 - C. Unbelieving. Mark 16:11, 13-14; Luke 24:11
- III. THE GREAT ASSIGNMENT.** Mark 16:15-20
 - A. Preach the Gospel. **[SoF:15]** Mark 16:15
 - B. Souls Saved through Faith. Mark 16:16a; Romans 1:16, 10:9-10; 2 Corinthians 2:15-16; Ephesians 2:8-10; 1 John 1:7-9
 - C. Souls Condemned through Unbelief. Mark 16:16b; John 3:18-20; 8:24; 16:9; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Revelation 21:8

GOLDEN TEXT: YE SEEK JESUS OF NAZARETH WHICH WAS CRUCIFIED; HE IS RISEN; HE IS NOT HERE; BEHOLD THE PLACE WHERE THEY LAID HIM.

Mark 16:6

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: 1 Samuel 3:1-21

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Jeremiah 1:1-19; Galatians 1:11-17

QUARTERLY THEME: Samuel and Saul - 1 Samuel

TOPIC: THE CALL OF SAMUEL

INTRODUCTION:

The Lord's call came to Samuel against a background of opposing forces and in a time when divine revelation was virtually unknown. On one hand, the example and training given him by his godly mother and exemplary father had left a profound impression on his character. On the other hand, the undisciplined conduct of Eli's sons in the tabernacle court must have impressed the young boy with a need for cleansing and revival in Israel. Then too, if he was permitted to hear the message of judgment by the unnamed man of God upon the house of Eli, he must have been troubled by what he heard.

In any case, Samuel seems to have taken his tabernacle service seriously, and he evidently held respect for Eli as the priest of God. Under these circumstances, the young Samuel received his call from God and a solemn message of doom for the nation of Israel and the family of Eli.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Though God does not call everyone in the same way, He does call each of us to service for Him.

GOLDEN TEXT: SPEAK LORD; FOR THY SERVANT HEARETH.

1 Samuel 3:9

Many often become confused when others talk of hearing God speak to them. Lacking the keen spiritual discernment that comes only through experience and close fellowship, they are puzzled at such a possibility. Seeking to communicate with the other world, to find direction for the future, many resort to spirit mediums, fortune-tellers, or palmists.

What a paradox! People refuse to become Christians because they do not want to think about the future, to plan ahead, to consider the end result of their daily sins. Yet, because their hearts cry out to warn them of impending punishment, they go to these emissaries of evil instead of to Him who "knoweth all things."

How important to be taught early in life to discern when the voice of God is speaking, to know when that voice is pronouncing our name, to realize a message is about to be given! How important, too, to be able to respond, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth."

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF April 10 – 16

Mon. *The Call of Samuel. 1 Samuel 3:1-10
Tue. Eli's Judgment. 1 Samuel 3:11-14
Wed. Samuel a Prophet. 1 Samuel 3:15-21
Thu. The Call of Jeremiah. Jeremiah 1:1-10
Fri. The Prophet's Message. Jeremiah 1:11-19
Sat. The Call of Paul. Galatians 1:11-17
Sun. The Call of Amos. Amos 7:14-17

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