The Lord Is Risen Indeed

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- 13 And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.
- 14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.
- 15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.
- 16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.
- 17 And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

- 18 And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?
- 19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:
- 20 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. 21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

- 22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;
- 23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.
- 24 And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.
- 25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:
- 26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

- 27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.
- 28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.
- 29 But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.
- 30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

- 31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.
- 32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?
- 33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,
- 34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

Introduction

- A. The most important question ever asked: Is Christ risen?
 - 1. If He did not rise, faith is worthless
 - 2. If He did not rise, there is no hope of heaven
- 1 Corinthians 15:18
- Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.
 - 3. But now is Christ risen from the dead
- 1 Corinthians 15:20
- But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

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- B. A growing, convinced crowd
 - 1. They had doubted His promise but now believed
 - 2. Some had visited the tomb and found it empty
 - 3. Others had met Jesus along the way
- C. Their conclusion: "The Lord is risen indeed."

I. These Words Speak Of The Lord

- A. "The Lord is risen"
- B. Since He is risen they know He is the Lord Romans 8:34
- Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.
- C. Remember the past impressions of some of them

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D. Not they knew that had underestimated Him Revelation 1:18

I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

E. The resurrection sets Christ apart from all others Acts 17:20

For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean.

II. These Words Speak Of Life

- A. "The Lord is risen indeed"
- B. So much of the past had spoken of death
- C. Doubts on the first Easter morning
- D. The resurrection changed everything
- Romans 6:5
- For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

II. These Words Speak Of Life

E. The uniqueness of the Gospel is that it brings life 2 Timothy 1:10

But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

III. These Words Speak Of Love

- A. "And hath appeared unto Simon"
- B. Jesus appeared to the man who had denied Him Matthew 26:73-74
- 73 And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee.
- 74 Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.
- C. The resurrection declares God's love for sinners
- D. The resurrection offers forgiveness to the straying

III. These Words Speak Of Love

- E. Part of God's plan
- John 10:14-18
- 14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.
- 15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.
- 16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.
- 17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.
- 18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

The resurrection guarantees Christ's power to save.