

Easter Sunday 2007 Message: April 8th

Today.....being Easter Sunday.....is all about the resurrection & Right from the start service.....we have focused on that..... and now...as we prepare to leave.....and go out into the remainder of this Easter hol **there are three Truths about the Resurrection**.....leave you to ponder on

• The first concerns what.....THE RESURRECTION PROVES

It proves that Jesus is....who He proclaimed Himself to be.....THE SON OF GOD Romans 1:4 says of Jesus

“that He was declared with power to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead.”

- **What a mighty declaration that is.....and how absolutely true.**

Jesus had been sentenced to death....as far as the Jewish leaders.....because He said he was the Son of God.....

Luke 23:70-71.....

Their crucifixion of Jesus was a challenge

“If you are who you say you are....then prove it

For even crucifixion will not hold one...who really is the Son of God”

So when he was on the cross we read in Matt 27:41-43.....

- **How empty their** words seem now....in the light of the resurrection He did not need to come down from the cross to defeat death

He instead bore all that it could do....and emerged triumphant

ONLY ONE WHO IS INDEED THE SON>>>>>>COULD DO THAT

The Second concerns what the Resurrection PREDICTS

Acts 17:v31.....

The Resurrection Predicts.....A coming Judgment Day

God was not willing...to proclaim the coming Day of Judgment

Until the resurrection had taken place

For through the resurrection....a way of escape from eternal punishment
Has been provided.

*(There was a time in our State when the authorities were concerned...about guns
Laws were passed.....and a day was set when a person would be found guilty....
However.....that day was set some time off in the future....
to allow for an amnesty period....)*

- **From the resurrection.....till that future day**

Is the amnesty period for mankind.

The Resurrection Predicts clearly.....that the Judgment Day has been set

Anyone found still in their sins on that day.....will receive the full judgment of God

But the Resurrection also set into place.....The Day of Salvation ...of Grace

A time when anyone.....however sinful.....can turn to the Lord for forgiveness

Can meet Him now as Saviour....rather than then as Judge.

THE THIRD IS WHAT THE RESURRECTION PROVIDES

1 Peter 1:3-5

- **It provides a Living Hope**

Because Christ lives.....we will live with Him one day forever

- **It provides an inheritance that can never perish**...spoil or fade

That is already being kept in heaven for each one of us.

(For a few years now....concern has been expressed about the sufficiency of super that by the time people of my generation....need retirement funds there will not be sufficient there..)

- **The Resurrection assures us**.....that what we have committed to God for eternity Will always remain more than sufficient

An inheritance that is beyond our greatest desires

- **It provides a powerful Shield** against all that the evil one can throw our way

The power of the resurrectionis on our side

It will keep us till that day.....when the Lord returns.....to take us home

The Resurrection of Jesus is a unique and powerful event

IT Proves.....predicts.....provides

- And because of it one day we will see Jesus Lifted High
- And on that Day....every knee shall bow before Him
- And every tongue will confess Himthe risen Lordand King of Glory.