

RESSURECTION MORNING SERVICE 1997

JOHN'S GOSPEL 11:17-45

TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"GOD'S PROMISE TO US"

THE CHRISTIANS JOURNEY THROUGH THE WILDERNESS OF THE WORLD

INTRODUCTION: *Reading of the Text 11:17-45*

In The Book "Questions Childern Ask"

"What Happens When you Die ?"

*"You die and there's nothing more to life,
That's it!I think?"*

How does a person get to heaven ?

*"I don't know how people get to heaven when they die, there's
nobody dead in my family except my two gold fish who got
flushed down the toilet, and I don't think that's how you
get to heaven.*

How does a person get to heaven ?

"On A School Bus that Only Jesus Can Drive"

*Jesus did say that He is the way , the truth, and the life
... and no one will enter in to heaven without personally knowing him*

It's NOT what you know this morning that counts...

it's who you know!

TURN TO THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
11: (17-45)

*A Summation of this Morning
1,965 years ago today*

THE GOSPEL ACCOUNTS OF THE RESURECTION !

Gives 4 Reporters Observation in (Direct Agreement)

INTRO. Jesus "Watches Over" Time and Events !!!

Verse 1-16

a) The Greatest of all His Miracles

by eye witnesses account -

THE RAISING OF LAZARUS

*Other had been rasied by Jesus -
But Lazarus had been dead 4- Days*

b) Jesus had a Special Love for Lazarus & (Fam.)

Verse 3

*Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying,
"Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick."*

Well, Naturally HE'LL -
COME NOW or SPEAK THE WORDS...

c) *God's love for us - not like the love of the World*

Verse 4-6

When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." John 11:5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. John 11:6 **So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was.**

THERE IS A RYME AND A REASON

Romans 8:28....

And we know that all things work together for good to those who
love God, to those who are the called..... according to His purpose.

ARE YOU CALLED ? - DESIRE TO KNOW HIM

....Romans 8:32

God the Father, who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all,
how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

**BUT WHAT
DOES GOD PROMISES US THIS MORNING ?**

"LIFE"

1.) *That Life is Meaningful and Purposeful*

2.) *That We Need "The Lord Jesus Christ"*

- *Lord is His Title, Jesus is His Name, Christ, Messiah is His Mission*
- *We Need What Only He Can Give,*

3.) *That There is an Appointed Time for All*

... IT APPOINTED ONCE TO DIE

(what about reincarnation ? - who would want to?)

IT'S RESSURECTION

(What this is to the Christian - Everything)

*I Suggest that "the life" that you have now
[is nothing like what God has in-store for you]*

*You may be fine this morning... You may have Troubles
[it's not without a purpose]*

John 5:28

"Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice John 5:29 "and come forth-- those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

2.) God's Love for You... is to get you to believe

Verse 7-16

- he warns the disciple to be spiritually awake
- he plainly tells them that Lazarus is dead

John 20:31

but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

John 21:25

And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

3.) God's Love for You... He hears our Cry

Verse 21

John 11:21 Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. (NKJ)

Verse 32

John 11:32

Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "**Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.**"

(God if you knew what you were doing)

IN A WAY THIER BLAMMING JESUS (GOD)
we do the same because we expect him to do what we cannot

EVEN THE MAN WHO SAYS HE DOES NOT BELIEVE
will often argue with God

(GOD CAN HANDLE YOUR BROKEN HEART THIS MORNING)

But Verse 26

John 11:26

"And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. **Do you believe this?**"

ASSURANCE OF HOPE

Romans 8:11 **If** the Spirit of GOD who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. (NKJ)

Romans 6:4

THEREFORE just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also can walk in newness of life.

1 Pet 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (NKJ)

**All of us will be raised in the very end
we will stand before God one day...**

John 5:24

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

*The Bible Teaches, God says,
That you are a valuable person and that your soul
is greatly beloved by God*

**THAT HE CARES ABOUT YOUR ETERNAL
DESTINEY MORE THEN YOU DO**

Luke 19:10

"for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

*Are you lost?
(I dont feel lost - I dont look lost - I dont think I'm Lost")*

YOU'RE PROBLY LOST

1 John 5:13

*These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of
God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue
to believe in the name of the Son of God.*

*John 4:14 "but whoever drinks of the water
that I shall give him will never thirst. But
the water that I shall give him will become
in him a fountain of water springing up into
everlasting life." (NKJ)*

NOT ASHAMED

*Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of (the
gospel) of Christ, for it is the power of God
to salvation for everyone who believes, for
the Jew first and also for the Greek. (NKJ)*

Wherever the Goodnews is proclaimed we find

three (3) basic reactions from the people

They either Mock, Resist or they Believe

Acts 17:32

And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some **mocked**, and others said, We will hear you **later** on this matter.

Acts 17:33

So Paul departed from among them.

Acts 17:34

However, some **believed**.

#1.) The Mocker

Found through out north America, known for thier jeering and snide remarks, they are always avoiding the things of God, and can be reconized by how they make fun of the things they fear the most.

Luke 24:11

(thier words seemed like idle tales to them and they did not believe)

- **Why would you mock Jesus Christ today ?**
- **What has He done to you ?**

You may say this morning "I don't believe in fairy tales "

1Cor. 1:18

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;

Dont you think after all these years, by now someone, somewhere would have or could have produced one bit of eviedence to shadow the facts concerninig the resurrection of Jesus Christ

*and yet the mocker mocks but has nothing
to stand on OR SAY>>>>>*

#2.) The procrastinator

Acts 17:32

and others said, We will hear you later on this matter.

*Easy to spot because they are known to move **very slow**,
blends in well due to the fact that he doesn't know where he
belongs. He believes in everything, But takes a stand for nothing.*

*Another reason is
people are afraid of **missing out** on what the world has
for them.*

Mark 8:36

*For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own
soul?*

*Why would hold on to something you cannot keep
the world, "cosmos" is perishing*

#3.) The Believer;

Acts 17:34

*When they heard of the resurrection of the dead,
"some believed"*

Rom. 5:1

*Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ:*

- Why would you **gamble** when the numbers are against you
- Why would you gamble when eternity is on the line
- Hey, if I'm wrong, no big deal.....But if you're wrong and I'm right

(I know I'm right...I'm trusting in Jesus)

Thomas account:

Thomas wasn't even in church

John 20:19-25

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them,

"Peace be with you." Now when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you!..." :24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called

Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. :25 The other disciples

therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

This Morning You are either blessed or bothered

BY THE RESURRECTION.

You cant prove it didn't happen.

But you don't have enough INFO to make a choice

1.)

We have what is called the
"predetermined evidence"

Before Jesus rose from the dead there are written documents up to 1,500 years before the events in detailing;

**THE ONE WHO WOULD ARISE FROM THE DEAD
IT'S NOT ELVIS, OR JOHN LENNON OR DARWIN**

HOW WOULD WE IDENTIFY HIM

- 1.) His **"family tree"** can be followed to Eden (real people)
- 2.) Telling us what **"world power"** would be governing at His birth.
- 3.) The **"birthplace"** would be Bethlehem.
- 4.) His **"lifestyle"** would be marked by poverty & humility.
- 5.) The **"words that he would speak"** were written in advance.
- 6.) His sudden **"arrest"** was laid out a 1,000 years in advance.
- 7.) His **trial** and (NOT ONLY DEATH, BUT MODE OF DEATH, **CRUCIFIXION**)
- 8.) His **"burial"**, detailed 743 years earlier.
- 9.) His resurrection from the dead.

ANOTHER PROOF. UNBELIEF !!!

- 10.) The world would by-and-large not believe the facts, truth of it.

We all look so intelligent this morning, able to think critically, able to ask, why and how. But are you able to be taught, to learn, to believe ?

2 Tim 3:7
always **learning** but never able to come to the knowledge of the **truth**.

Knowledge has nothing to do with Wisdom

“Wisdom is knowing how to use knowledge correctly”

What reasons do you have this morning to NOT receive Jesus Christ.....

THE INFALLIBLE PROOFS that Jesus offers today

Acts 1:3

to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

Let's Talk Court Room This Morning,

WHAT DO WE KNOW FOR SURE;

- **WE HAD AN ARREST & TRIAL:** (insert the arco)
The Roman Government Archives have annual the accounts of the Hearings of Jesus before Pontius Pilate and Herod
- **WE HAD AN EXECUTION:**
The Israelia nation did not have the authority under Roman rule to execute by crucifition... They convinced Rome that Jesus thretened the throne of Ceaser.
- **WE HAD WITNESSES:**
Not only the thosands present but by others who were historians of the times
- **WE HAD CORPSE:**
The Israeli and roman officails made sure that Jesus was not only dead, but that He was entombed and monitored so that nothing happened to the body.
- **WE HAVE A LOCATION:**
the tomb was secured by soldiers that were antagonistic toward christians.

The Cover Up