**Bible Class Notes – *Studies on The Lord Jesus* – Lesson 158**

**The Saviour Risen – Its’ Significance for Us. NOTES**

**When Christ died on the cross it seemed that: -**

The Religious Leaders’ enemy was dead, they had won; **But had they? VA**

Satan, evil, and death were victorious; **But were they?**

Did this mean that Jesus Christ was not the eternal Son of God?

Were all His teaching and promises to save sinners empty words, without any meaning or truth?

It seemed that Christianity was now finished? **But was it?** The Disciples scattered, afraid, disappointed, disillusioned.

 Even Christ had cried out on the cross, **“It is finished.”**

But He meant that His work of satisfying God’s wrath for our sin was completed. **The price to save His People was paid.**

40 days after His Resurrection the New Testament Church would start. On The Day of Pentecost.

**That Friday Evening: -**

1. The soldiers removed the Lord’s body from the cross
2. Joseph of Arimathea, a secret disciple, came boldly to ask for His body.

He was a rich man with a tomb prepared in the garden for his own burial.

The Lord had no earthly home, no tomb of his own prepared.

Joseph wrapped the Lord’s body in linen cloth, applied ointment of myrrh and aloes, and laid it in his own tomb.

1. Mary Magdalene, and Mary, the mother of James, had remained outside the tomb until sunset – the start of the Jewish Sabbath (Friday evening).

They returned at sunrise on the following Sunday.

1. The Religious Leaders, the determined enemies of Christ, remembering His words, ***“I will rise again”***, insisted that the tomb should be guarded 24 hours a day, suggesting that the Lord’s disciples would come and take His body, and falsely claim His resurrection.

A heavy stone was rolled over the tomb entrance and it was sealed.

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**The Sovereign Intervention of God: -**

**If Jesus Christ had been just an ordinary man,** then his dying would be the end of his life, and his body would decay.

**But, as Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God** it is inconceivable that, having died, He should have remained in the tomb as a rotting corpse,

never to live again.

Having accomplished His great mission,

His time of humiliation was at an end.

**Now was the time for Him to be highly exalted.**

We read these wonderful words in **Philippians 2v6-11 VA**

*“Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

***Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow****, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;*

***and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”***

**Amazing Things Happened: -**

1. **Christ The Saviour arose** – death could no longer hold the perfect and sinless Son of God.

He, by His own power, and that of God the Father and God the Holy Spirit, rose from the dead to become the

***‘Giver of Life’***. **Acts 2v24, Psalm 16v10. Eternal Life.**

Given to all who believe on Him, **even you** if you will acknowledge that this happened, that Christ is God, and that He died to save you from the guilt of all your sin.

**What does this teach us? VA Star 1 His resurrection proved that He is The Son of God.**

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**2.** **The stone was rolled away from the tomb.**

The women, who came with ointments to embalm Christ’s body, discussed on the way how they might roll the heavy stone away.

They arrived at the tomb surprised to find that an angel and an earthquake had rolled the stone away.

The guards were, ‘as dead men’.

The women looked inside and found the tomb empty.

**What does this teach us? VA Star 2 Jesus is the promised Saviour.**

 **Death could not hold Him. He is risen.**

1. **The Angel appears and announced: -** **Matthew 28v6 and Luke 24v5,**

***“He is not here, for He is risen.***

***Why seek ye the living among the dead?”***

You are looking in the wrong place.

***“And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead; and, behold, He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him: lo, I have told you.”***

They should have remembered –

 He had promised to rise again the 3rd day.

**What does this teach us? VA Star 3 Christ’s death on Calvary – A Complete Success. Fully accepted by God, The Father.**

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**4.** **The Bible records 14 eye-witness accounts of The Risen Lord, The Saviour, appeared to: - VA Star 4**

**i. Mary** near the tomb, **John 20v14-17**, ***Jesus saith unto her,***

***“Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou?”***

***She (Mary), supposing Him to be the gardener, saith unto Him, “Sir, if thou have borne Him hence, tell me where thou hast laid Him, and I will take Him away.” Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto Him, “Rabboni; which is to say, Master.” Jesus said, “Go tell My disciples.”***

**ii. The Women** at the empty tomb, **Matt 28v9,10**,

***“All hail” Jesus said, “Go tell My disciples.”***

**iii, The Disciples on the Emmaus Road, Luke 24v13-32,**

The Lord joined these two and asked them,

***“why are you so sad?***

They explained about the crucifixion and the empty tomb.

They had had high hopes of Jesus of Nazareth who had proved Himself a mighty prophet from God.

They had been told of the empty tomb but had not seen the risen Lord.

The Lord ministered to them, ***“Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?” And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself.*** He reminded them of all the OT prophesies about Himself, from Geneses to Malachi. **How wonderful!**

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They did not realise Who He was until at a meal He brake bread, as He had done many times before in their presence.

Then their eyes were opened.

They now had met the risen Christ, their Saviour and Lord.

They said, ***“Did not our heart burn within us?”***

**iv, Peter, Luke 24v34,** Listed as a witness.

**v. 10 Disciples, John 20v19-24,**

On the day of His resurrection the Lord appeared to 10 of the disciples.

They were afraid. Jesus said, ***“Peace be unto you.”***

He showed them the nail prints in His hands and feet.

He ate with them, showing that He was really alive. He spoke to them. ***“Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”***

**vi. then to Doubting Thomas, John 20v26-29,**

Thomas had not been with them the week before.

When he heard of Christ’s appearance to the others, he said, ***“Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe.”***

Then saith He to Thomas, ***“Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not faithless, but believing.”*** And Thomas answered and said unto Him, ***“My Lord and my God.”***

***Jesus saith unto him, “Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.”***

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He is called ‘Doubting Thomas’.

**Are you a ‘Doubting Thomas’?**

**Do you believe Christ rose from the dead?**

**vii. Seven Disciples fishing, John 21v1-14,**

**“Peter, Lovest thou Me?”**

**viii. Eleven Disciples on the mount, Matt 28v16-20,**

**ix. 500 Disciples at once**

**x. and also James, 1 Corinthians 15v6,7,**

**xi. and to many as He Ascended, Acts 1 v6-8.**

**After the Ascension the Lord appeared to: -**

**xii. Stephen as he was stoned to death for his faith, Acts 7v56,57,**

**xiii. to Saul (Paul) on the Damascus Road, Acts 9v3-6,**

What a wonderful conversion! **A total transformation.**

**xiv. and to the Apostle John on the Isle of Patmos, Revelation 1v9-19.**

**What does this teach us? VA The Saviour Appeared to prove His Resurrection**

**To Recap, The Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ Teaches us that: -**

1. **He is The Son of God**

to Whom all power is given in Heaven and Earth.

**2.** **He Is The Saviour** – Promised from the beginning of time. ***Genesis 3v15*** and throughout the OT.

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**3. He Was Successful** - He had fully paid the debt of our sin and He rose from the dead to prove it.

The Father had accepted His Son’s sacrifice on our behalf. **Did He die to save you?**

**4. His Resurrection shows us what will happen at the end of time.**

When Christ returns to bring to an end and to judge this sin-sick world,

every true believer will be given a new body, like His resurrection body, to enjoy the New Heaven and New Earth for eternity.

**Will you be amongst those who will enjoy this?**

**Come to Christ now.**

**Paul wrote about the end of time, “*For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, … and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we* (believers) *which are alive and remain shall be caught up together .... to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”* 1 Thessalonians 4v16-18**

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**Important Lesson for us Today: Would we have a problem if the Lord Jesus had not risen from the dead? Yes. We would not be saved.**

**1.** He would not have proved that His death for us was accepted by God The Father, and successful to save us.

**2.** We would not have Him as our representative in Heaven pleading for us at God’s Throne of Grace.

**3.** All the promises of God regarding a Saviour and a Redeemer would not have been kept. Job had the strong conviction of a risen Saviour when he said, ***“I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.”*** **Job 19v25.**

**4.** All the Lord’s promises of His resurrection, ascension into Heaven, and His glorious return in judgement would have been empty words. He said, ***“I AM the resurrection and the Life, he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.”* John 11v25. *“Let God be true.”***

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