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Lessons for Today

AM: Brian Mitchell

"I AM the Resurrection and the Life"
Jn. 11:25-26

PM: Brian Mitchell

"The 1st steps of Faith"
Gen. 11:27- 12:7

I Am the Resurrection and the Life—Jn.11:25-26

John chapter 11 is one of the most well known chapters in the Bible. In it is recorded the well known story of Lazarus. Lazarus and his sisters Mary and Martha, who lived in Bethany, were very close personal friends of our Lord Jesus Christ and He loved them dearly. However, after hearing that Lazarus was sick Jesus delayed two days before departing to see him and He of course died four days before the Lord got there. The question is; why did Jesus wait two days before going to Lazarus? He did so, so that the glory of the God might be seen through His Son and so that as a consequence many would come to believe in Him (Jn.11:4, 14-15, 42).

Imagine being among those who saw Lazarus raised and the impact it would have had on your faith. When Martha finally encountered the Lord she was no doubt confused as to why He took so long to get there, but that did not weaken her faith. She still believed that whatever He asked of the Father would be given unto Him. It was at this time that Jesus assures her that Lazarus would rise again. It was also here that Jesus claimed to be the resurrection and the Life (Jn.11:25-26). Thus, Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead to illustrate the fact that all who believed in Him would be raised and live eternally, and as a result many believed (Jn.11:43-45). In the remainder of this article I want us to briefly consider four aspects of Jesus' own resurrection.

The Prophecy of the Resurrection. Jesus resurrection from the grave was more than an afterthought; it was the eternal plan of God. Thus, it was spoken of hundreds of years before He even walked upon this earth (Ps.16:10). In Acts 2, Peter proclaimed that what was spoken of by the Psalmist was fulfilled in the resurrection of Christ (Acts 2:27-32). Thus, as predicted by the OT writers and by Jesus Himself, Jesus died but was raised from the dead.

The Proof of the Resurrection. The empty tomb stands still today as an insurmountable obstacle to those who deny Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Josh McDowell was once asked, "Why can't you refute Christianity" to which he replied, "because I am not able to explain away one single event in human history, the resurrection of Jesus Christ." The tomb was found empty and there are only 5 possible theories as to how that happened. Some have claimed that Jesus never died or that His body is in some lost tomb that we can't find. Others still believe that either His enemies or friends removed His body. None of these meet the burden of proof. Leaving only one viable alternative—Jesus rose from the dead.

The consequences if Jesus has not been raised. The doctrine of the resurrection stands as one of the key foundations upon which the Christian faith is built. If Christ has not been raised the consequences are many. If Christ has not been raised are preaching and faith are in vain (1 Cor.15:14). If Christ has not been raised the apostles are false witnesses (1 Cor.15:15-16). If Christ has not been raised we are still in our sins (1 Cor.15:17). If Christ has not been raised then this life is all there is and we are of all people to be most pitied (1 Cor.15:18-19). Surely this life offers little to humanity if Christ is still in the grave.

Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the Life. Because of Him we have the hope of our own resurrection and we have the promise of everlasting life. When it comes to the resurrection, the only question that remains is; unto what will we be raised? There are only two options, life or condemnation (Jn.5:28-29). All who believe in Jesus Christ will never die. **Do YOU Believe This?**

Brian Mitchell

Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 am
AM Worship: 10:00 am
PM Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

For the Record

Sunday Class: 89
Sunday AM: 142
Sunday PM: 59
Wednesday PM: 78
Contribution: \$4907
Budget: \$4464

Think on This...

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.

Psalm 139:9-10

Celebrating This Week...

Birthdays

Trey Walls: 08.07
Scarlett Foltz: 08.09
Lance Kluesner: 08.10
Mat Kee: 08.12
George Clark: 08.13
Nancy Lester: 08.13

Serving This Week

Announcements: Phil Singleton

SUNDAY

Greeters: David & Inger Selvig

Ushers: Ron Fehr/Patrick Kellett

A/V: Nate Crowden

Lead Singing: Seth Spraggs

Head Lord's Table: Scott Spraggs

Scripture: Kolten Kluesner

Prayers:

AM: Allen Hedge/Michael Newman

PM: Doug Lester/Christopher Newman

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Christopher Newman

Lesson: Jared Gaines

"Blessed are the Pure in Heart"

Prayer: Brian Mitchell

Elder Chair: Allen Hedge

Communion to Shut-Ins: Gary Ridenour

Worship Organizer: Ron Fehr

Daily Bible Reading

August 7: Isaiah 37-39

August 8: Isaiah 40-42

August 9: Isaiah 43-45

August 10: Isaiah 46-48

August 11: Isaiah 49-51

August 12: Isaiah 52-54

August 13: Isaiah 55-57

Continuing Prayer Needs

****Contact the office with updates****

Marian Allmon

Ginger Avery

Mark Blaylock

Thelma Brown

Gary & Maggie Colley

Bill Dillman

Kelly & Trudy Garland

Juanita Hedge

Tim Hosey

Diana Ivanovich

Betty Jones

Sid Naramore

Carolyn Neese

Wanda Raper

Lena Schweain

Susan Seabaugh

Earl Silvers

Steve Simmons

Lee Simpson

Sarah Singleton

Fred Stoffregen

Kay Strobel

Don Tawney

Mike Turnbow

Lucky Vander

Chris Weaver

Youth Corner

- **August 8:** SYS at Shady Acres
- **August 15:** SYS at Bernie
- Remember our students in prayer as they return to school and college in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Area Events

- **August 21-24:** Cape County Gospel Meeting
- **September 10:** Arnold Ladies Day
- **September 24:** Paragould Children's Homes Open House & Fish Fry beginning at 10:30am

Remember in Prayer

- **Terri & Troy Bryan's nephew, Dalton Bryon** was in a car wreck last Sunday in Oklahoma. He has a broken neck, brain bleed and other injuries. Wednesday, they discovered he has pneumonia and an infection in his blood. Doctors do not believe he will have movement below his arms. Please keep Dalton and his family in your prayers during this difficult time.
- **Joe & Karen Kight**, their daughter, **Kasey**, son-in-law **Derek** and **granddaughter** were involved in a head on collision last Friday. Karen and Derek both are recovering from broken sternums. Joe, Kasey & Emery were all very badly bruised. Please keep them in your prayers as they recover. Addresses for both families are posted on the bulletin board.
- **Mike Turnbow** is continuing to struggle with his cancer. His condition is worsening...he is weaker and unbalanced, falling often... his doctors have no additional treatments available. Mike appreciates our prayers and asks that we continue to remember him. He would enjoy short daytime visits as well as calls, texts, cards, and notes to encourage him as he faces the coming days.
- **Scott Lanpher**, Barbara Lanpher's son, is struggling with several health issues.
- **Doug Simmons**, Steve & Kay's son, is also dealing with some fluid issues that resulted from a motorcycle accident a few months ago.

News & Notes

- All ladies are invited to a **baby shower** honoring **Kayli Naramore** next **Sunday, August 14** at 2pm in the fellowship room. Kayli & Cody are expecting a baby girl in September and are registered at Target and Amazon.
- Everyone is encouraged to fill out a **Teacher Survey** to indicate when you are willing and available to teach. Please consider serving in this way for one or more quarters this year! See Eva with any questions.
- **Thursday School** registration is open for 3- & 4-year-olds and we still have openings available. Please share this opportunity with any young families who may be interested. Flyers are available on the entryway table to share or post.
- **Paragould Children's Homes** item of the week: **Saltine Crackers**
- It is time, once again, to gather school supplies for the Paragould Children's Homes. Please bring requested items and place in the marked box outside the office **Sunday, September 11**. Lists for items needed are posted and available on the entryway table.

Area Needs...

- Jackson Senior Center is looking for volunteers to help in continuing the services they provide. They provide over 5000 meals each month to senior citizens in the community. There are several different volunteer opportunities available and more information is available on the posted flyer.
- Children's Homes is in need of Christian couples willing to serve as house parents in Paragould. They are offering a Zoom meeting on **Tuesday, August 9** for anyone interested in this opportunity to serve.

Daily Email Group

We are setting up an email group to send encouraging messages, Bible verses, quotes, and Christian jokes, etc. The email is intended for us to get to know each other better and become more interactive as a whole. Periodic questionnaires will be sent throughout the year to share additional information with the group. You may join at any time by emailing 310mustardseed@gmail.com or contacting Ashlee Garland at 573.944.9089. Daily emails begin August 1 (Mon-Fri).