

BEYOND FIRST FOUNDATIONS 5B - RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

I. ON RESURRECTION MORNING

Mark 16:1 Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. ² Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. ³ And they said among themselves, **“Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?”** ⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. **Mark 16:6** But he said to them, **“Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. HE IS RISEN! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.** ⁷ But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.” **Mark 16:8** So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And **they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.**

A. THE RESURRECTION ANGEL - REVELATION & PROCLAMATION

Matt. 28:1 Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake; for **an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.** ³ **His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.** (SUPERNATURAL STUFF CAN BE SCARY)

- **THEY WORRIED ABOUT THE STONE WHEN IT WAS ALREADY GONE!**
- **ANGEL REMOVED THE STONE - ALL BARRIERS TO REVELATION**
- **THEY CAME WITH A MISSION ABOUT DEATH - HE GAVE THEM A MISSION ABOUT LIFE! RESURRECTION CHANGES EVERYTHING!**

B. BEYOND THE TEACHING OF THE RESURRECTION IS THE SKILL OF LEARNING TO LIVE FROM RESURRECTION!

- **JESUS RAISED FIRST - THEN COMES THE REST OF THE HARVEST (US)!**

1Cor. 15:20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the **first fruits** of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ all shall be made alive.**

- **RESURRECTION IS A PAST AND FUTURE EVENT**

ROMANS 8:23 *Not only that, but we also who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the **redemption of our body**.*

II. FIVE WAYS WE CAN LIVE FROM RESURRECTION VICTORY TODAY!

1. **LIVE FROM WHAT YOU KNOW - TRUTH PLUS REVELATION** leads to **TRANSFORMING EXPERIENCES and ENCOUNTERS.**

Luke 24:25 (ON ROAD TO EMMAUS) *Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” ²⁷ And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.*

- **JESUS EXPLAINED WHAT THEY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN**

Luke 24:28 *Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. 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 stay with them. ³⁰ Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ **Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.***

- **THEIR EYES WERE OPENED THROUGH BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER - REVELATION CAME BY RELATIONSHIP NOT BY INFORMATION**
 - **DIDN'T OUR HEARTS BURN WITHIN US?** (Luke 24:32) - *You're heart recognizes what your mind can't understand YET*
2. **BELIEVE WHAT YOU KNOW** - *THE CAPACITY TO BELIEVE IS A POWERFUL CATALYST INTO THE REALM OF HEAVENLY REALITIES*

ILLUSTRATION - ROWDY BACK FROM THE DEAD (The cat came back!)

- **CONSIDER SEEING AN UNBELIEVABLE SIGHT** and you don't have your camera to capture the moment. How can you speak of a reality you have no way to hold it in your heart? **PASSION AND CONSISTENCY!**
- **WHEN YOU BELIEVE SOMETHING, PEOPLE CAN SEE WHAT HAS GRIPPED YOUR OWN HEART EVEN WHEN THEY WEREN'T THERE.**

John 3:10 *Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? ¹¹ Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. ¹² **If I have told you earthly***

things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ASCENDED TO heaven but He who CAME DOWN FROM heaven, that is, the Son of Man WHO IS IN HEAVEN. (WE NEED AN UPGRADE!)

- **LIKE NICODEMUS, THE DISCIPLES HAD NO CAPACITY FOR HIGHER LEVELS OF HEAVENLY REALITY.**
- **UNBELIEF COMES FROM A HARD HEART NOT UNBELIEVABLE INFORMATION.**
- **HARDNESS OF HEART MUST BE REPENTED BEFORE FAITH CAN COME IN. HUMILITY ALWAYS PRECEDES REVELATION!**

***Mark 16:9** Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. ¹⁰ She went and told those who had been with Him, **as they mourned and wept.** ¹¹ And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, **they did not believe. (IT'S ALWAYS EASIER TO BELIEVE THE BAD STUFF - MISERY LOVES COMPANY)** ¹² After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. ¹³ And they went and told it to the rest, but **they did not believe them either.** ¹⁴ Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and **He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart**, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.*

- **HEARING AND BELIEVING TRUTH IS AS GOOD AS SEEING TRUTH**

***John 20:29** Jesus said to him, “**Thomas**, because you have seen Me, you have **believed**. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have **believed**.”*

3. **RECEIVE WHAT YOU BELIEVE - ALLOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE TO PENETRATE YOU TO YOUR CORE IN ORDER **TO CHANGE YOU****
- **RECEIVING is both passive and aggressive.** It is **passive** like when we soak up sunshine. It is **aggressive** when we breathe in fresh air. **Sometimes we just absorb His presence and sometimes we need to suck it in!**

***John 11:25** Jesus said to her, “**I am the resurrection and the life.** He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. **Do you believe this?**”*

- **JESUS IS THE RESURRECTION - THAT MAKES RESURRECTION A PERSONAL ENCOUNTER AND NOT ONLY AN EVENT!**
- **ASKING THE QUESTION IS CRITICAL! DO I BELIEVE THIS?**

- **RESURRECTION LIFE MUST BE BELIEVED TO BE RECEIVED! DON'T STAY IN GRIEF AND ISOLATION. (LIKE DISCIPLES, MARY)**

ROMANS 6:4 *Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, **even so we also should walk in newness of life.***

4. **ALWAYS APPREHEND LIFE** - Life is given to you, but unless you lay hold of it with both hands it will continually elude you. **LIVE FULLY ALIVE!**
- **SICKNESS, ADVERSITY, FAILURE AND DEFEAT** will loosen our grip on abundant life **IF WE LET IT.** WE MUST INTENTIONALLY **CHOOSE LIFE IN EVERY ADVERSITY WE FACE.**
- **THE VICTORY OF RESURRECTION is true and life-changing even as we go through our struggles and challenges.** *Jesus stayed **four more days** while Lazarus got more sick and died.* He said it was for the glory of God. WHAT WE THINK IS HOPELESS OR IMPOSSIBLE STILL HAS THE POTENTIAL FOR GLORY!
5. **CREATE RESURRECTION MOMENTUM IN YOUR LIFE - RESURRECTION MOMENTUM** is what you cultivate in your life through the **UNRELENTING FORWARD MOVEMENT OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE.**

ROMANS 8:11 *But if the Spirit of Him 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.*

- **OUR MORTAL BODIES** literally means our dying bodies. We must lay hold of resurrection life for our bodies, our souls and our spirit.
- **We are designed to be CARRIERS OF LIFE. LIFE. STRENGTH. HEALTH**
Don't make room for sickness, infirmity or death. *It may overtake you* - but you shouldn't make room for it. **HAVING DONE ALL- STAND!**
- **Fill YOURSELF with life and health and strength through the SPIRIT OF RESURRECTION.**

MAKE RESURRECTION REAL IN YOUR LIFE NOW - NOT JUST SOMETHING FOR THE FUTURE. (THE LAST DAY)

III. ALWAYS PRESS TOWARD RESURRECTION IN YOUR LIFE - IT IS THE LEGACY OF YOUR FAITH. IT IS THE SOURCE OF YOUR HOPE. IT IS THE POWER OF YOUR VICTORY. IT IS THE REASON FOR YOUR JOY, CELEBRATION AND REJOICING!