

EASTER SUNDAY
“Resurrection Faith”
John 20:1-29

After Jesus was crucified the disciples lives were shattered. They all deserted Jesus. Peter denied him three times, they saw their champion, Jesus, arrested beaten and couldn't make sense of everything that happened. Even though Jesus told them several times that he would be crucified then rise from the dead three days later, they didn't get it. John 20 described how each of the characters came to resurrection faith, which is faith that sees Jesus without any limitations.

#1. JOHN – CAME TO RESURRECTION FAITH WITHOUT _____
JESUS, vv. 1 – 10

- A. John evaluated the evidence – he's a thinker
 - 1. The strips of linen
 - 2. The burial cloth is folded & separate from the strips
 - 3. The Roman soldiers were guarding the tomb
 - 4. The How could robbers roll the stone away?
- B. John believed with minimal evidence, v. 8
- C. Peter wondered what happened, Luke 24:12

#2. MARY MAGDALENE – CAME TO RESURRECTION FAITH FROM _____
JESUS, vv. 11 – 18

- A. Mary thinks Jesus body was stolen & is crushed
- B. The angels didn't understand why she is crying
- C. She didn't recognize Jesus' appearance
- D. She recognized his voice (John 10:3-4)
- F. Jesus - don't hold onto me
- G. Mary is the 1st witness of the resurrection

#3. THE DISCIPLES – CAME TO RESURRECTION FAITH FROM _____
JESUS, vv. 19 – 23

- A. Disciples were gripped with fear
- B. They thought Jesus was a ghost (Luke 24:37)
- C. Jesus pronounced peace upon them
- D. Jesus showed them evidence – his hands & side
- E. Jesus imparted the Spirit to them for mission

#4. THOMAS – CAME TO RESURRECTION FAITH FROM _____
JESUS, vv. 24-29

- A. Thomas is a doubter, skeptic, realist, he needs proof
- B. Jesus met Him at His need let him see evidence
- C. Jesus called Him to resurrection faith
- D. Thomas response: MY LORD AND MY GOD!
- E. Jesus blesses people in our age who haven't seen

NOTES:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. Why is the resurrection so important to the Christian faith?
- #2. Discuss the evidence that Peter and John saw as they entered the tomb.
- #3. There were elite Roman soldiers guarding the tomb. Why does this make it unlikely that grave robbers broke into the tomb and took the body?
- #4. Discuss the conclusions of Peter, John and Mary about the empty tomb.
- #5. Why is it important to grasp what the Scriptures say about the resurrection?
- #6. Describe Mary's emotional state and why she was in such turmoil? What do you make of the angels speaking to her? (v.12-14)
- #7. What did Jesus mean in v. 17?
- #8. Describe the transition the disciples had to go through in their new relationship with the resurrected Jesus.
- #9. Discuss Thomas' journey to resurrection faith.
- #10. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

Welcome

to

Hillcrest Church

Happy Easter!

*Mary Magdalene went to the disciples
with the news: "I have seen the Lord!"*

John 20:18

April 9, 2023

Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

Thank you for celebrating the resurrection of Jesus with us. We hope you have a blessed time of worship!

TODAY

Pastor Bruce will be discussing the importance of resurrection faith. There is an Easter egg hunt for the children after the service.

ONLINE GATHERINGS

The Prayer Meeting: Tuesday at 7pm with Pastor Tim Brooks

The Bible study: Wednesday at 6:30 – 7:45pm begins this Wednesday, after Easter Sunday. Go to the online meeting room on our website (hillcrestRoseville.com) to access either gathering.

PROJECT “WINDOW 23”

Thus far \$2,985 has been donated to pay for the \$5,000 window project. Make sure you write building fund in the memo of your check or envelop if you contribute to this project. Thank you!

PROJECT “ROOF 23”

Hillcrest church needs a new roof! The cost is between 50K – 60K depending on how much dry rot is discovered once the shingles are removed. We don't have the money to pay for this. We are in the process of securing a loan from our denomination. Be praying that God would make a way for us to pay for this and how you might contribute to this project.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com).

EAST INDIAN DINNER – SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd, 5:30PM

Join the Hillcrest family for our annual East Indian Dinner, which features authentic East Indian food that is delicious! The purpose of the dinner is to raise money for the Kibaale Community Primary School in Uganda and the Great Commission Fund, which supports missionaries.

2022 East Indian Dinner raised over \$10,000

Total Missions Giving for 2022

Kibaale School in Uganda - \$6,677

Great Commission Fund - \$13,161

Total \$19,838

CHURCH IN THE PARK – JUNE 4