

THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE CONTINUE:

JESUS APPEARED AFTER HIS RESURRECTION: Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20

Matthew's account of Jesus appearing to them after His resurrection. On the first day of the week, early in the morning which was the third day after the crucifixion of Jesus, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb where Jesus' body was taken and buried. Upon arrival they saw an angel who told them that they should not be afraid, they were seeking Jesus who was crucified, but He was not there, He was risen as He said. He then offered to show them the empty tomb where He was placed. Then he told them to go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead; and He was gone ahead of them into Galilee, where He would meet them.

The empty tomb shows that Jesus is not dead, He is alive. He is the One who was, the One who is, and the One who is to come. He is the One the apostle John wrote about in Revelation 1:8. He is the beginning and the end. Our living savior.

While the women were on their way with the good news of the resurrection, to the disciples, Jesus appeared to them and told them not to be afraid, they should go and tell His brothers to meet Him in Galilee. Jesus then identified His disciples as His brothers. As brothers they were the sons of God and as sons they would receive their inheritance, in the same way that Jesus received His inheritance after He finished His earthly ministry. Romans 8:17 says that as children of God we are co-heirs with Christ. We became children of God when Jesus redeemed us with His life, when He died to pay for our sins. After His resurrection, He referred to His disciples as His brothers, not as His disciples.

We can shout Hallelujah!! Jesus is alive. He was crucified on Friday, but the tomb is empty, He

arose from the dead on Sunday just as He said.

(A) The message of the resurrection is an urgent message for us to take to those who don't know that He is alive. The disciples did not know of His resurrection; the angel told the women to go quickly and tell them, which they did.

(B) The women were obedient, they went to take the good news to the disciples. While they were on their way Jesus met them. He did not meet them while they were looking for His dead body. He did not meet them while they were at the tomb where the dead body was placed. He met them while they were obeying the command of the angel to go and tell the good news of the resurrection to the disciples. He will also meet us on our way as we urgently go with the good news of the restoration to those who do not know Him.

MATTHEW 28:16-20:

16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Matthew's second account shows Jesus meeting His disciples at Galilee. The women were faithful in going quickly to tell the eleven brothers of Jesus that He was not dead, He is alive and He was gone ahead to meet them in Galilee. There He met with the eleven, who worshipped Him

when they saw Him. This is impotent because they knew that they should only worship God.

After His resurrection they showed reverence to Him in worship, which He accepted. Verse 16 goes on to say that some doubted. They worshipped even though some doubted.

Jesus did not address their doubts, He gave the command of the Great Commission to all; including those who doubted.; with the command He gave the assurance that He would be with them to the end of the world. That command is handed down to us to go into all the world with the authority of Jesus. When we go, we are to teach all nations to observe all things that He has commanded and He will be with us to the end of the world.

Even though we may doubt, it does not relieve us from our responsibility to go and make disciples. Jesus did not omit those who doubted from their assignment to go into all the world and make disciples. Obedience will turn our doubts into believing, our fears into faith. We are to listen to the voice of Jesus in obeying His command. He does not expect us to function in our strength, He said we are to go in His authority, and He will be with us. He will be there to encourage us, to empower us, to protect us, to guide us, He will be there with us when we face difficulties, He will be there when we are victorious and He is there to provide for us all we need.

In the process, as we go, He will transform our doubts into knowing. That knowledge will help us to believe. Jesus told the doubters to go and teach all nations to observe all the things He has commanded. There is a change that takes place in the process of the going and doing. We should not be only hearers of word, but also doers of the word.

He met the women who found the empty tomb, while they were going to tell the disciples that He is alive, He is risen from the dead. He promised to be with all who go and make disciples, not just the one who believed, but He included those who doubted.

Those who come to Him, He will not turn away, He has something for each of us to do , and that begins with us telling everyone to observe the things He has commanded.

In this study we observed Jesus after His resurrection meeting individuals both at their physical and emotional places. The women who went to the tomb and found it empty, He met them in Jerusalem the physical place. However, when they did not find the body, they were at an emotional place, at the empty tomb the angel told them that they should not be afraid.

(Matt.28:5a) While they were on their way to tell the good news to the disciples, Jesus met them. He comforted them by telling them that they should not be afraid. (Matt.28:10) He met them while they were on the road the physical place in Jerusalem, and He met them emotionally, they saw Him, not in the tomb, but alive, their fears were turned into joy and reverence. Their response was to fall at His feet and worshipped Him.

He met His eleven brothers in Galilee, the physical place. He also met them emotionally, when they saw Him, they worshipped Him. He met them emotionally when He comforted them by telling them to go in His power and He would be with them always, even to the end of the earth.

We should not be afraid to share the good news of the resurrection, because we are doing so with the authority given to us by Jesus. When we share the good news, even if we are rejected, we should be comforted knowing that we are not alone, Jesus is with us, He said He will be with us always. There will never be a time when He is not with us.