

“As He Said”

Matthew 28:1-6

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Introduction: “He is risen!” “He is risen indeed!” We come together early this Sunday morning to reflect on that first Easter Sunday some 2,000 years ago. The resurrection account is found in all 4 of the Gospels. I call your attention to Matthew 28:1-6, with particular notice given to verse 6, “*He is not here: for He is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.*” Consider with me this morning 3 passages that remind us of what Christ had said prior to His resurrection. These passages give us the promise of the resurrection of Christ, the promise of the rendezvous with Christ, & the promise of our reunion with Christ.

I. The promise of the **resurrection** of Christ > Matthew 28:1-6

- A. As a result of Christ’s resurrection we have the assurance of our salvation – Romans 4:25, “*Who was delivered for our offences, & was raised again for our justification.*” (& see Rom. 10:9-13)
- B. As a result of Christ’s resurrection we have the assurance of our resurrection – Romans 8:11, “*But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.*”

II. The promise of the **rendezvous** with Christ > Mark 16:7, “*...as He said...*”

- A. The disciples meet with Jesus:
 - 1. Mark 16:14 (& cf. John 20:19-31) – in the upper room.
 - 2. John 21:1-24 – by the Sea of Galilee.
 - 3. Matthew 28:16-20 (& cf. I Cor. 15:6) – in Galilee.
 - 4. Acts 1:3-8 (& cf. I Cor. 15:7) – in Jerusalem.
 - 5. Luke 24:50-53 (& cf. Acts 1:9-12) – at Christ’s ascension.
- B. The present-day disciples (we) meet with Jesus:
 - 1. Our exhortation - John 5:39, “*Search the Scriptures...*”
 - 2. Our expectation – II Corinthians 3:18, “*But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*” (& cf. I Peter 1:8-9)

III. The promise of our (future) **reunion** with Christ > John 14:1-6

- A. We anticipate the return of the Savior:
 - 1. Acts 1:11, “*...this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner...*”
 - 2. Titus 2:13, “*Looking for that blessed hope...*” (& cf. Luke 12:35-48).
- B. We anticipate the rapture of the saints:
 - 1. I Thessalonians 4:13-18, “*...For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord...*” (“as He said” in John 14:1-6).
 - 2. I Corinthians 15:51-58. “*Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.*”

Conclusion: Consider with me again the key words: “*as He said.*” These words remind us of the resurrection of Christ, the rendezvous with Christ, & our reunion with Christ. We receive assurance from Christ of our salvation & future resurrection. We give attention to Christ as we meditate upon Him in the Scriptures. And we have the anticipation of Christ for His return & our rapture. “He is risen!”