

Sunday After Easter

A lot of folks make it a point to attend somewhere on "Easter Sunday." They get dressed up and hear lessons on the resurrection of Jesus. I am sure some believe "Easter Sunday" is actually the Sunday Jesus was raised from the grave. The fact is "Easter Sunday" changes each year due to the phase of the moon after the spring equinox. Therefore, the specific Sunday Jesus was raised is not actually "Easter Sunday".

Jesus was raised from the grave. "Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus." (Luke 24:1-3) The disciples who came to the empty tomb and brought back word of it being empty could not believe what they saw. Only later did they understand Jesus during His ministry speaking of His resurrection. As Peter said of Jesus on the Day of Pentecost, "whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it" (Acts 2.24). It was not possible because Jesus had never sinned. He overcame the curse of death by overcoming the curse of sin.

Our observance of Jesus' resurrection on the first day of this and every week is important. We come together to remember His sacrifice on the first day of the week as we observe the Lord's Supper, Acts 20.7. Without His resurrection we would have no reason to remember His death.

Therefore, coming to church is not a once in a year, or even a once in a while thing to do. It is to be done every Sunday. Today we celebrate our Savior's love, His death, and His resurrection. We know that His resurrection is proof of our resurrection on the Day of Judgement. "But

each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming." (1 Corinthians 15:23) Let us not forget our Savior on the Sunday or Sundays after "Easter." -- Dennis Tucker