

## GREATEST DAYS IN THE WORLD

### Int.

1. Aim: To show the 5 greatest days in the history of the world
2. Jude 1:6 "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the **great day**."
3. We all have important or great days in our life
  - a. Birthday
  - b. Marriage
  - c. Day became a Christian
  - d. Birth of children
  - e. III. Woman asked her husband if he knew what day it was. He said he did. So later that day he sent her roses, picked up a nice gift on his lunch hour and had it delivered to the house. When he came home he asked his wife if she had had a good day. She said, "Yes, this is the best ground hog day I've ever had."
4. We have some great days in the history of our country
  - a. July 4, 1776 - Declaration of Independence
  - b. 1861-1865 - Civil War
  - c. WWII - May 8, 1945 V.E. Day      Sept. 2, 1945 V.J. Day
  - d. July 20, 1969 - first man on the Moon - Neil Armstrong
5. In our lesson we will study the five great days in the history of the world !

## Discussion

### I. CREATION DAYS

- A. The creation Days - Gen 1
  - 1. Light
  - 2. Heaven
  - 3. Dry land, seas, and plants
  - 4. Sun, moon and stars
  - 5. Fish birds
  - 6. Land animals, man
- B. Created from nothing - Heb. 11:3

### II. CRUCIFIXION DAY

- A. Prophetied - I sa. 53:7 "He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth." (NKJV)
- B. Description of that day
  - 1. Betrayal
  - 2. Trial - Annas, Caiphas, Sanhedrin
  - 3. Pilate, Herod, Pilate - blood be upon us, and our children - washed hands of matter
  - 4. Jesus was nailed to the cross
  - 5. Seven statements of Jesus from the cross
    - (1) "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Lk. 23:34
    - (2) "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise" Lk. 23:43
    - (3) "Behold thy mother" Jn. 19:27

(4) "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Mt. 27:46

(5) "I thirst" Jn. 19:28

(6) "It is finished" Jn. 19:30

(7) "Father into thy hands I commend my spirit." Lk. 23:46

#### C. Importance of crucifixion

1. No forgiveness without it - Heb. 10:4 "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins."
2. Died for all - Heb. 2:9

#### D. The Old Rugged Cross

### **III. RESURRECTION DAY**

#### A. Crucifixion would have simply been the death of another martyr if not for the resurrection

1. Jesus predicted it - Mat. 16:21 "From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day."
2. They tried to prevent it Matt. 26:62-66 - Yet it happened

#### B. If Christ had not risen - 1 Cor. 15:13-19

1. Preaching is in vain
2. Faith is in vain
3. Found false witnesses
4. Still in sins
5. They that are fallen asleep are perished
6. We have hope only in this life

- C. But Christ is Risen from the Dead - I Cor. 15:20-22
  
- D. His resurrection is important to us
  - 1. He is the first fruits of them that sleep
  - 2. Our obedience is a figure of his death, burial, and resurrection - Rom. 6:3,4

#### **IV. DAY OF PENTECOST**

- A. ACTS 2:1-4 coming of Holy Spirit on the apostles - 50 days after Passover
  - 1. Beginning of last age of Bible History - Acts 2:14-17
  - 2. First time the Gospel plan of salvation was preached
- B. Day of Pentecost is the day that the church was established
  - 1. Before all references point to the church
  - 2. After this they look back and speak of the church as being in existence
- C. Summary of 4 great days
  - 1. We cannot be in these days. They all have come before we were born.
  - 2. But we will all participate in that next great day in the history of the world

#### **V. JUDGMENT DAY**

- A. Preceded by the resurrection - Jn. 5:28-29
  
- B. When?
  - 1. 5 billion years
  - 2. 5 minutes

## 3. Matt. 24:36-39, 42

## C. Who?

1. Judge - Christ - Matt. 25:31
2. Those present
  - a. All people - Matt. 25:32
  - b. No atheists - rom. 14:112,12
  - c. II Cor. 5:10

## D. What is the purpose?

1. Not to argue the case
  - a. Perfect records of our life kept by God
  - b. We make the records, God keeps them
  - c. He has written His laws for us to obey
2. To Pronounce reward
  - a. Come - Matt. 25:34
  - b. Depart - Mat. 25:41
    - (1) I never knew you - Matt. 7:21023
    - (2) I Know you not - Mt. 25:12

**Conclusion**

1. These are the 5 greatest days in the history of the world
  - a. Creation
  - b. Crucifixion
  - c. Resurrection

- d. Pentecost
  - e. Judgment
2. This could be one of the greatest days in your life
    - a. If you are lost in sin, then you can be saved at this hour.
    - b. What you do now may well determine where you will be 100 years from now.
  3. There is a great day coming - 5 minutes, 5 years, 5 million years
  4. Are you ready for that day to come????

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