

DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION

Int.

1. **Aim:** To discuss the importance of the Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus.
2. Text - 1 Cor. 15:1-4 V.3-4 "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"
 - a. The Story of Jesus comes to a climax with his Death, Burial and Resurrection. [Birth, growth, temptation, miracles, teaching, sinless, tears]
 - b. It is the Gospel = good news -- good news that Jesus died and was resurrected for our sins. 1 Cor. 2:1-2
3. The Gospel is compiled of these three facts: **Death, Burial and Resurrection**. It is the cornerstone of Christianity. It is the foundation of all that we believe and practice.

Discussion

I. DEATH

A. Trial

1. Before the Jews
 - a. Before Dawn he is led before Annas - Jn.18:12-24 Annas [High Priest] asks Jesus concerning his doctrine - he then sends Jesus bound to Caiaphas
 - b. He comes before Caiaphas - Mt. 26:57-68 -
 - (1) The high priests seek false witnesses
 - (2) Caiaphas asks Jesus if He is the Christ - "Thou hast said" was his reply -
 - (3) Jesus is then accused of blasphemy - they condemn him to death
 - (4) At this point, Peter denies Christ - Mt. 26:69-75

c. Jesus is formally condemned by the Sanhedrin - after dawn - Mt. 27:1-2

Mk.15:1 Lk. 22:66-23:1 -

(1) They say: "If thou art the Christ, tell us". Lk.22:67-71 -

(2) They bring Jesus bound to Pilate -

(3) At this point Judas commits suicide - Mt. 27:3-10

2. Before the Romans

a. **Pilate** -[Governor] the first time - Mt. 27:11-14 - he asks Jesus if he was the King of the Jews, "Thou sayest", after questioning he finds no fault in Jesus.

b. **Herod Antipas**- Lk 23:5-12 -

(1) Pilate sends Jesus to Herod who is glad to see Jesus.

(2) Jesus refuses to answer Herod's questions.

(3) Herod arrayed him in a gorgeous robe and then sends him back to Pilate.

c. **Pilate again** - Mt. 27:15-30 -

(1) He determines to release Jesus - releases Barabas instead -

(2) Scourges Jesus - wants to release Jesus but they Jews affirm that Jesus should die -

(3) he gives in to the Jews and washes his hands declaring his innocence of the blood of this just person -

(4) Soldiers mock Jesus, -

(5) Jesus is led away carrying his own cross to be crucified -

(6) Simon is compelled to bear the cross -

(7) Two thieves led with him to be crucified.

B. Crucifixion

1. 1st Stage -- From the third hour to the sixth hour [9am till 12 noon]
 - a. Jesus is crucified between two thieves
 - b. **First Word from the Cross** - Lk.23:34 "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."
 - c. The Soldiers cast lots for His clothes
 - d. Superscription is written -- Mt.27:37 "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS"
 - e. **Second Word from the Cross** - Jn.19:25-27 "Woman, behold thy son; Son, behold thy mother."
 - f. Jesus is reviled - both thieves revile and denounce him - Mt. 27:39-43 Mt. 27:44 Mk. 15:32
 - g. **Third word from the Cross** - Lk.23:39-43 "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."

2. 2nd Stage - From the sixth hour to the ninth hour 12noon till 3 pm
 - a. Darkness is over the whole land for three hours
 - b. **Fourth Word from the Cross** - Mt. 27:46-49 "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"
 - c. **Fifth Word from the Cross** - Jn. 19:28-29 "I Thirst"
 - d. **Sixth Word from the Cross**- Jn. 19:30 "It is finished"
 - e. **Seventh Word from the Cross** - Lk. 23:46 "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit."
 - f. Jesus then yields up his spirit to God - Mt. 27:50 Jn. 19:30

- g. Unusual happenings at this time - Mt. 27:51-53 Mk. 15:38
 - (1) Veil of Temple
 - (2) Earth quaked
 - (3) Graves opened
 - h. Testimony of centurion concerning Jesus - Mt. 27:54 - truly this was the son of God
 - i. Testimony of other people - Lk. 23:38
 - j. His acquaintances and the women stand afar off - Mt. 27:56 -- earlier they had been standing at the cross
 - k. The Jews request that the legs of the crucified be broken - Jn. 19:31-33 - but they did not break the legs of Jesus.
 - l. Soldier pierce the side of Jesus - John 19:34-36
- C. He died for Our Sins - 1 Cor. 15:3

II. BURIAL

- A. Buried
 - 1. Buried by Joseph and Nicodemus - asked for body
 - 2. Mt. 27:57-61
 - 3. Mk. 15:42-47
 - 4. Lk. 23:50-56
 - 5. John 19:38-42

B. Place

1. When the darkness rolled away the sun was beginning to decline late in the day.
2. Joseph Asked Pilate for the body of Jesus
 - a. He was an honorable man - member of Sanhedrin Council
 - b. He was a good man and he had not consented to the deed of having Jesus crucified. He had been impressed with the teachings of Jesus and when he saw what had been done to him he was ashamed.
 - c. He requested permission to take the body of Jesus and give it a proper burial.
3. He buried the body In His tomb
 - a. The Romans would have left the body nailed to the cross to be devoured by the beasts and the birds of prey.
 - b. The Jews would have cast his body into a pauper's grave.
4. But Joseph Wrapped the body in a clean linen cloth -
 - a. Nicodemus brought the spices for the burial
 - b. Put spices of myrrh and aloes in the burial clothes.
5. Placed in a tomb which had been hewn out in the rock - in which no other man had lain - 1st body to be placed there.
6. Rolled a big stone in front of the door of the sepulcher
7. The Sun was now nearly set as they finished the task of burying the body of Jesus.

C. Guarded

1. Mt. 27:62-66
2. Next day the chief priests and Pharisees demanded from Pilate that a guard be placed there because they remembered his promise to rise again after three days.
3. So they did place a guard and sealed the entrance to the grave.
4. Pilate said:".. Ye have a guard, make it as sure as ye can." Mt. 27:65

III. RESURRECTION

A. Events of the Resurrection

1. **Women come to the Tomb** - Mt. 28:1ff
 - a. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James.
 - b. They come to anoint the body of Jesus - wondered about the stone - who will roll it away - but an Angel had already rolled the stone away.
 - c. They enter the sepulchre - but did not find the body

2. **Angels announce the resurrection to the Women**
 - a. Mt. 28:5-8
 - b. He is not here - he is risen - come see the place where he lay
 - c. Go quickly and tell his disciples that he is risen
 - d. He is gone before you into Galilee

3. **Women bring word of the resurrection to the Disciples**
 - a. They left quickly and, at first, told, no one - Mk.16:8
 - b. Ran to bring word to the Disciples

- c. Bring word to the eleven apostles - Lk. 24:9-10
- d. The Apostles do not believe their story - Lk.24:11
- e. Mary Magdalene brings word to Peter and John - Jn.20:1-2

4. **Peter and John come to the tomb of Jesus**

- a. John outran Peter to the Sepulchre - Jn.20:3-4
- b. John looked into the tomb but did not enter - Jn.20:5
- c. Peter rushed straight into the tomb - Jn.20:6-7
- d. Then John entered the tomb - Jn.20:8
- e. John "saw and believed" the resurrection
- f. Peter left the tomb - wondering about the resurrection - Lk. 24:12

B. Proof of the Resurrection

1. **The Tomb was empty on the 3rd day** - Mt. 28:1-7 Mk.16:1-7 John 20:1-9

- a. They did not find the body of the Lord - Lk. 24:3
- b. Jesus was crucified and on the third day His tomb was Empty.

2. **How do you account for the empty tomb?**

- a. **Enemies did not steal the body of Jesus**
 - (1) They put guards at the tomb to make sure nothing happened to the body
 - (2) When the resurrection was reported, they bribed the soldiers to report that the disciples stole the body - Mt. 28:11-15
 - (3) If true then would they not have produced the body of Jesus and refuted Peter's claim on Pentecost that God had raised him?

b. Disciples did not steal the body

- (1) Did not expect the resurrection - when first reported they did not believe it. - Mk. 16:11, 13 Lk. 24:11
- (2) There were guards placed there to keep them from stealing the body.
- (3) Jesus rebuked them for their slowness in accepting the resurrection - Mk. 16:14 Jn.20:19-29
- (4) If they had stolen the body would they have spent the rest of their lives teaching and preaching about the resurrection, knowing it to be false ?

c. God raised Jesus from the dead

- (1) Mt. 28:6 "He is not here: for he is risen."
- (2) Acts 2:24,32 "Whom god hath raised up."
- (3) There were many witnesses who saw him:
 - (a) He was the same man they had followed
 - (b) They saw him eat food as he had before
 - (c) They saw his wounds of the crucifixion
 - (d) They heard his voice and it was the same
 - (e) They felt his body and his wounds.
- (4) It was no dream or ghost or illusion.
- (5) They saw Jesus alive because God had raised him from the dead.

C. The necessity of the Resurrection

1. This is a part of the Gospel - 1 Cor. 15:1-4
2. Christ's deity is proved by the Resurrection - Rm. 1:4 "And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:"
3. He was raised for "our justification" - Rm. 4:25 "Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification."
4. Our salvation depends upon believing it - Rm.10:9-10 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."
5. Our hope of heaven depends upon the resurrection-1 Pet.1:3-5 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

Conclusion

1. The gospel is the good news of the DBR of Christ - 1 Cor. 15:1-4 V.3-4 "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"
2. Because of the resurrection of our Lord, we understand that baptism saves us, as we are symbolically buried and raised again to walk with the Lord. Rom. 6:1-6 v. 3-5 "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:"
3. The DBR are not only a part of becoming a Christian but are helpful in living the Christian life.
 - a. Our faith is based on these facts.
 - b. It gives us hope of the resurrection after our life is over.
4. Life without the resurrection would be a hopeless endeavor, sin and the way of the world would be the order of the day, however, through the resurrection of Christ life has meaning, has hope and has eternal destinies.!
5. Do you believe in the Resurrected Christ?
6. You can be resurrected with him from the watery Grave of Baptism and be added to His Church. Rom. 6

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