



Participating in Easter

John 20
Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021 AVBC

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead...'(Matthew 28:5-7a)

1. Some people fail to experience Easter because they are still _____ for a _____ Christ. (vs.1-2)

"I am the resurrection and the life; the one who believes in Me will live, even if he dies... (John 11:25a)

2. Some people fail to experience Easter because they don't _____ the _____ of God. (vs.3-9)

-I Corinthians 15:3-8

You search the Scriptures because you believe they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me! Yet you refuse to come to me so that I can give you this eternal life...If you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. (John 5:39,40,45)

3. Some people fail to experience Easter because their personal _____ is so _____. (vs. 10-15)

- The _____ of Jesus did not change them (v.10)
 - The _____ about Jesus did not change them (vs.16-18)
 - The only thing that changed them was the _____ presence of the _____ Lord!
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(For personal study, family devotions or Care group use)

- Q1: Pastor Dave has said that "Easter is not a spectator sport". What does that mean to you? What does that statement imply?
- Q2: If you only had one breath and one moment, what would you like to say...
...to your friends/family? ...to a hurting world? ...to the Lord?
- Q3: Read I Corinthians 15:12-22. Paul lists a variety of things that would be negatively impacted if Jesus had not been raised from the dead. Which issues mean the most to you? Why?
- Q4: Read Romans 6:1-11. Paul compares Christ's death and resurrection to other parts of our Christian experience. What are the links he describes? What do you need to personally do in order to live out Christ's death and resurrection in your life?
- Q5: Have you ever gone through a time of traumatic pain or loss? Did it affect how you felt, thought or reacted? If so, how? What did the Lord use to bring you back to a more stable equilibrium?
- Q6: Read John 20:24-29. How was Thomas' life impacted by the personal visitation of the resurrected Lord? Where would you like Jesus to "walk into your life"? Take a moment right now give that situation over to the Lord in prayer.