

I Have Seen The Lord

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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The story of Jesus' passion is the story of His life's purpose. The passion did not end in His death. Rather, the resurrection is the defining moment in the Christian history. Hence, Easter Sunday is the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior and King. Moreover, after Mary saw the Resurrected Christ, she went to the disciples and said, "I have seen the Lord" (Mt. 28). We may not see Him physically today, but we see Him moving in our lives. We live because Jesus is alive. As a result, His resurrection means we live a new life : a life of abundance.

1. What happened after His resurrection?

- 1.1. He is alive and He is in our midst (Lk. 24:6). We are alive together with the Lord because our sins are forgiven. We are no longer slaves to sin. As a new person (after 3 days of recollection) we should not return to our old sinful ways.
- 1.2. Everything that God has spoken will be sure. He is a promise-keeper. The world gives empty promises. Hope has become an illusion, but Jesus is a promise keeper (Lk. 1:1-25).
- 1.3. Jesus is going to be the King of our lives. He is risen just as He said (Mt. 28:6; Jn. 2:22). When we became renewed, we cast away our old ways, our old character. We renewed our minds, in the likeness of Jesus, in truth and holiness (Eph. 4: 20-24). Hence, we should leave our old garments, our old ways. Instead, we should have the garments of love and kindness.

2. Who were the Resurrection Witnesses?

- 2.1. Mary was the first to see Jesus. She was crying at the tomb; then, two angels asked her, why are you crying? She turned around, and saw Jesus, but she did not recognize Him at first. She went to see the disciples and exclaimed: "I have seen the Lord!"
- 2.2. The Apostles saw Him. Before His ascension, He told them they will receive power (Mt.

28:16-20). The Apostles were previously apprehensive & scared. After they met the Lord, there was a transformation in their lives (Acts 2).

- 2.3. Many people saw Him (1Cor. 15). We have also experienced the Lord. A true witness is one who really lives the Word, according to Jesus' teaching. Indeed, we will be like mirrors, reflecting the glory of Jesus (2Cor. 3:18).
- 2.4. The best witness is someone who experiences the Lord and glorifies Him. Jesus is changing us. The transforming power of the Holy Spirit is like the wind (Jn. 3). We cannot see, but we will see the effect. People will see the character of the Lord in our lives because we experienced God's impact in our life.

3. How can we witness through our actions?

- 3.1. Peter and John were witnesses. They healed the paralytic and baptized many (Acts 3). But they insisted that the one they crucified, Jesus Christ, performed the astounding miracles. We, too, will receive power (Acts 1:8). When we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, we can do all things: we can heal, preach and proclaim (Mk. 16).
- 3.2. We are accountable for one another, our brother's keeper. Many times, we try to please men. Are we like Pontius Pilate who was a crowd pleaser? How many of us are washing our hands? We are doing that when we compromise, or we fail to correct a person.

Conclusion: Let us not waste our time. We do not know what will happen to us. Let us not put off witnessing for our Lord. Let us do so by engaging others with love and compassion.

Reflection:

1. Have you tried witnessing for the Lord? If not, why?
2. Are you still reluctant and apprehensive to witness for Jesus?

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