

Sunday Morning March 28, 2010

3 Crosses on the Road to Somewhere! (Luke 23:33, 39-43)

The Cross and the choice of a “Road to Somewhere”

- **The Cross of REJECTION.**
 - The road leads straight to HELL.
 - The decision is FINAL and irrevocable.

- **The Cross of REPENTANCE.**
 - The road of FAITH.
 - The thief’s prayer:
 - “I am GUILTY!”
 - “Jesus, You are HOLY.”
 - “I trust You with my FUTURE”
 - The amazing truths:
 - Jesus SAVED the thief even while he was on the cross!
 - Jesus gave the thief much more than he ASKED for.

- 1. **The Cross of RECONCILIATION.**
 - The road to PARADISE
 - The promise of Christ
 - TODAY is the best TIME.
 - TODAY you will be WITH ME in My presence.
 - TODAY you will be with Me IN PARADISE.

- The ROAD to “SOMEWHERE” that I am on is the road to _____.

- Do you **SURRENDER** to the Lordship of Jesus?

Sunday Morning April 4, 2010

**THE ULTIMATE QUESTION...
Did Jesus rise from the dead?
POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS...**

- Jesus didn't **DIE** on the cross.
- The disciples **STOLE** the body of Jesus.
- The disciples were **DELUSIONAL** when they saw Jesus.
- Jesus died on the cross and **ACTUALLY ROSE** from the grave.

STARTLING IMPLICATIONS...

If Jesus rose from the dead...

- He is Lord over **LIFE** and **DEATH**.
"No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again." John 10:18
- He is Lord over **SIN** and **SATAN**.
"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15:55-57
- He is Lord over **YOU** and **ME**.
 - He **LOVES** us deeply.
 - He will **JUDGE** us eternally.

THE PERSONAL QUESTION...

- Do you **BELIEVE** in the resurrection of Jesus?

Sunday Morning April 11, 2010

Pastor Ted A. Duck did not preach a sermon this morning; there was a play in its place, therefore no notebook pages.

Sunday Morning April 18, 2010

Children Nobody Wants (Mark 10:13-16).

What Scripture Says About Children.

- Tasks only a CHILD would do.
 - What was often needed was FAITH, not strength.
 - Children are important even before they are BORN.

The Lord's Expectations of us.....

- Parents primary responsibility is to BRING children to Jesus.
- To become PARENTS to children that have no one to bring them to Jesus.
- To consider ADOPTING child into immediate or extended family.
- To not HINDER any children from coming to Christ.
 - Making sure that they are IN CHURCH each week.
 - By getting involved in our children's MINISTRIES.
- To be HANDS AND FEET of Jesus to take children in our arms.
- To provide a SAFE atmosphere for those children.

Sunday Morning April 25, 2010

Michael Higgins

1 Peter 5:8-10

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

- 1. Be SOBER and ALERT**
- 2. Know your Adversary: THE LION**
 - a. He is our ACCUSER**
 - b. He is our STALKER**
 - c. He is our ATTACKER**
- 3. Resist the enemy though FAITH IN CHRIST and fellowship of SUFFERINGS**
- 4. Appeal to your defender: THE GOD OF GRACE**
 - a. He called us to ETERNAL GLORY through JESUS CHRIST**
 - b. Our suffering is SHORT/TEMPORARY**
 - c. God Himself will work on HIS SOLDIER for BATTLE**

Be sober and alert, stand firm in faith, and appeal to the Defender! Even a lion could never shake such a fortress.

Sunday Morning May 2, 2010

THE LORD'S SUPPER Celebration: Who and How?
(Luke 22:7-23; I Corinthians 11:23-32)

Baptism and the Lord's Supper...

Baptism demonstrates our INITIAL identification with Christ and His church; the Lord's Supper celebrates our CONTINUAL identification with Christ and His church.

Questions About the Lord's Supper...

WHO should participate in the Lord's Supper?

- Believers SHARE in the work of Christ as they partake of the Lord's Supper.
- Unbelievers SEE the work of Christ as they watch the Lord's Supper.

HOW should we understand the Lord's Supper?

- A traditional misunderstanding: a change of SUBSTANCE that results in salvation.
- A biblical understanding: a SYMBOLIC meal that reflects salvation.
 - What we are doing today in the Lord's Supper is not being done to EARN salvation, it's being done to CELEBRATE salvation.

Sunday Morning May 16, 2010

Raising the Bar—Going Beyond (Deuteronomy 11:26-11:32)

God's Challenges

- His people to be WISE.
 - Approach every decision with the wisdom to understand God has our BEST interests at heart.
 - Every decision you make CHOOSE to do it God's way.
 - Be wise enough to be a LEARNER.
- His people to be WORTHY.
 - God has called us to be HOLY.
 - God has chosen us to REVEAL Himself to the world.
- His people to be WORKERS!
 - God made His children to work HARD.
- His people to be WARRIORS!
 - You are called to make a DIFFERENCE for the kingdom of God.
 - Christian warriors are trained to FIGHT.
- His people to be known for what you DO more than what you DON'T do.

Sunday Morning May 22, 2010

**FAITH PERSEVERES
(Part 2) James 1:1-12**

Why James?

- To examine the relationship between faith and **WORKS**.
- To explore the impact of our faith on...
 - Life in **THIS WORLD**.
 - Life in **DICKINSON**.

Why Trials and Temptations?

- God is sovereign over our **TRIALS**.
 - We learn to grow in His **LIKENESS**.
 - We learn to trust in His **WISDOM**.
- We are responsible in our **TEMPTATIONS**.
 - The origin of sin...
 - God is perfectly **SINLESS**.
 - We are utterly **SINFUL**.
 - The anatomy of sin...
 - Step One: **DECEPTION**.
 - Step Two: **DESIRE**.
 - Step Three: **DISOBEDIENCE**.
 - Step Four: **DEATH**.
- God is faithful for our **SALVATION**.
 - His goodness is **UNCHANGING**.
 - His goodness is **UNDESERVED**.
 - His goodness is **UNENDING**.
 - He has **SAVED US FROM** our sin.
 - He will **SEE US THROUGH** our sorrow.

Sunday Morning May 29, 2010

Faith Obeys: Receive the Word (James 1:19-25)

- His goodness is UNENDING.
 - He SAVED US FROM our sin.
 - He will SEE US THRU our sorrow.

Pastoral Encouragement

- Do not merely listen to the Word DO IT.
 - Our church culture today delights in listening but RUNS from doing.
 - Put the Word of God into ACTION.

THE JOURNEY OF OBEDIENCE.....

How do we respond to God's Word?

- Receive the Word HUMBLY.
 - We often approach the Word TALKING instead of LISTENING.
 - We often begin to twist God's Word to fit our LIFESTYLES.
 - God has written the Word in your HEART.
 - We are SAVED by the Word of God taking root in our HEARTS.
 - Humbly receive the Word of God for what it says, not for WHAT WE PREFER.

- His goodness is _____.
 - He has _____ our sin.
 - He will _____ our sorrow.

