

Who needs to know about the resurrection?

Easter Part 5

1. All -

Mat 28:16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

Mat 28:17 And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Mat 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Mat 28:20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

We all celebrate Easter – even those who don't accept what they celebrate. (Question: If people don't believe in Jesus resurrection should they be allowed to celebrate Easter. Should they go to work!) Even if Easter is celebrated it doesn't mean people celebrating are worshipping. Notice in verse 17

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When they saw him, when they were in his presence. Not everyone this weekend is going to feel in God's presence. That is perhaps because the camping trip, the car races, the activity has taken precedence. Oh how can we get people to recognize God's presence?

Notice too, as seems to be the case all the way through the Easter Story – Some doubted. You know what, I think it is ok to doubt. I mentioned at the Sunrise service.

Where does it leave us??? Can we worship all these years later. Oh yes, and notice. Even if we have doubts about something, we can still worship, even if we are not sure, we can still worship, Maybe our faith is shaken – worship, maybe we don't know where God is at the moment – Worship, maybe we don't feel all that close to God – worship.

2. Us

Rom 14:11 for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

While it says every the every includes us. It also includes those not recognising the Jesus for who He is. Eventually they will have to acknowledge who He is. Every knees shall bow. That of course includes us. That leads us to the them.

3. Them - The them is other Christians as well as those not claiming to be Christians. (Testimony is greatly under valued!)

Act 15:27 We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth.

Now, I feel we grossly under rate the worship value of testimony. Telling the story of how God impacts you. This Judas and Silas did it. (Not the Judas we know from the Easter Story- different dude. !!)

4. The world – Back to the first passage.

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Disciples, not converts

All nations, including ours

Teaching them about Jesus stuff

BY the way, God is with us.