

Easter Sunday

How do you celebrate the resurrection of The saviour of the world?

I was wondering if we should be just
a bit more exuberant,
a bit more party,
or a bit more something.

What should our church service be like,
more exuberant worship,
more hallelujah chorus
, more, hey I don't know.

Unfortunately, we focus so much on good Friday, we've left out the celebration, we focus so much on the cross we have forgotten the symbol of the empty tomb.

What happens in the bible story?

Luke 24:1-

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

A couple of things.

1. They expected Jesus to be Dead. V1 the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.
2. They didn't expect an empty tomb v2-3 (no tricks by the disciples) They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.
3. Angel dudes explain it. V4-7 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'"
4. They remembered Jesus talking about it before he died. V 8 Then they remembered his words.
5. They told others. V9-10 When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles.
6. The ones who should have known didn't know. V11 But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.
7. After they thought about it, they reacted, they ran. V12 Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

So do we need some time to get it before we react?

Probably, but as much as anything we need to think about it, let it sink in, and

I think God has organised it brilliantly. Time to dwell on it every year it's called Easter.