

RCMI L-Path Teaching

April 4, 2021

English

TITLE: DON'T MISS OUT ON THE RESURRECTION

TEXT: Mark 16: 9-14

APRIL THEME: Don't Miss Out

BIG IDEA: Jesus reveals He is alive through the witness of one transformed, through the words that He fulfills and through the worship of believers.

INTRO:

- **April Theme: Don't Miss Out**
- Big Idea: God's plan is always better than ours so we better not miss out on it.
- The dilemma of many Christians today is we often proceed to do our own thing rather than seek and submit to God's purposes so we usually end up missing out on God's Power & Provision.
- Take the case of Resurrection. On that 1st Easter day, on three occasions the people who almost missed out on the proof of Resurrection were the disciples themselves.
- Let's take note of the sequence of events of how Jesus reveals Himself, it's the same we know He's alive today.

Jesus reveals He is alive through:

I. THE WITNESS OF ONE TRANSFORMED [vv.9-11]

- When Jesus wants the world to know that He is alive, the first person He shows Himself to is Mary Magdalene. [John 20]
- Jesus chose Mary, not because of her gender, because her life has been touched and transformed by the power of Christ.
- Mary Magdalene had her life changed and this seems to suggest that the validation that Jesus lives is authenticated in a life Jesus has touched.
- If you want to know that He lives, all you need to do is see the witness of somebody that can declare that the Lord changed his/ or her life.
- However, the Bible says that when she witnessed that Jesus lives, the disciples didn't believe.

DISCUSSION: Why do you think a transformed life is an effective witness that Jesus is alive? Share.

APPLICATION: Witness to a friend this week and share to them that no matter what they're going through there is hope because Jesus is alive!

II. THE WORDS THAT JESUS FULFILLS [v. 12]

- When the disciples didn't believe the witness of Mary, Jesus then decides to reveal Himself to two who were walking out of the country. [Luke 24]
- The Bible says Jesus has Bible study with them. The second way we know that Christ is alive is not only through the witness of others but the Word Jesus fulfills. [Lk. 24:27]
- Jesus shares that you trust the Word of God because He'd been resurrected and that means whenever the Word is fulfilled in one's life, you've got Jesus to thank for.
- However, the text says that the disciples didn't believe them either.

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DISCUSSION: Are you growing in awareness that Jesus is alive because of your weekly Bible Study? Share your experiences.

APPLICATION: Submit a summary of your daily devotion for the week [Apr. 5-11] to your cell leader and highlight what you've learned from Jesus.

III. THE WORSHIP OF BELIEVERS [v.14]

- The resurrected Jesus shows up where the disciples are gathered. Whenever disciples are in the presence of the resurrected Jesus, that's worship.
- When we dwell on the One who died for us and stand in the presence of the One who lives for and call on the One who makes intercession for us, that's when we worship. Our worship provides a place of meeting with God — a place for us to encounter His very presence and embrace His invitation to join Him as He works.
- What makes worship powerful is that Christ in His mercy decides to visit some sinners like us who are not worthy to be in the house of God but God shows up anyhow.
- The Early Christians move their worship from Saturday to Sunday because they understood Sunday is the day they saw the Resurrected Jesus. And every Sunday when we gather, we are proclaiming that Jesus has risen.
- For every 1st day of the week we celebrate and proclaim that Christ is risen!

DISCUSSION: How is your personal worship with Jesus? Are you still enjoying or enduring our weekly services? Share.

APPLICATION: Set a time at least an hour each day this week to worship. And give a feedback next meeting.

CHALLENGE "The resurrection is at the core of our beliefs as Christians. Without it, our faith is meaningless." – Joseph B. Wirthlyn

- Don't miss out on the Resurrection! On that 1st Easter day, on three occasions the people who almost missed out on the proof of Resurrection were the disciples of Jesus Christ themselves.
- Overcome your unbelief, and proclaim that Jesus is alive through your witness of transformed life through the Word of truth you testify & through your worship as a true believer!