

Sermon Notes

John 20:1-9

**“He is Risen”
“Seeing what they Didn’t See”**

I. They Didn’t See What They Expected

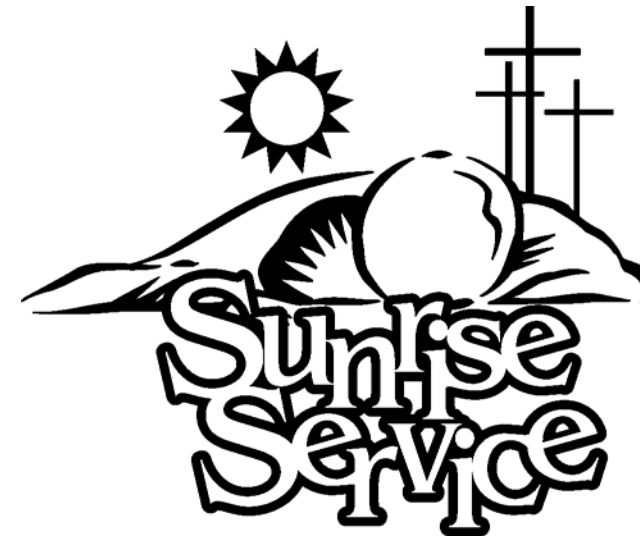
II. They Didn’t See, Until the Empty Tomb, to Believe

III. They Didn’t See a Story to Fabricate

When you see the empty tomb, do you see a Risen Savior, do you see Jesus?

(NIV) John 20:1-9: Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. 2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" 3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. 4 Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7 as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. 8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

Concord Presbyterian Church (PCA)



Sunrise Service
Sunday, April 4, 2010

Where you can grow and serve for God’s glory, by His grace.

**Easter Sunrise Service
Sunday, April 4, 2010**

Today we focus our Worship on the Reality and Importance of Christ's Resurrection.

Historical Fact and Spiritual Necessity.

Meditation: But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

1 Corinthians 15:12-14

Greetings and Announcements

***Call to Worship based on 1 Corinthians 15:56-58 and Luke 24:34**

Leader: 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. Therefore, my dear sisters and brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We Worship with all our Heart, Mind and Soul

***Hymn of Adoration #277 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"**

***Confession of Faith based on 1 Corinthians 15:3-7 & Colossians 1:15-20**

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: **Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

***Chorus of Praise #32 "In Christ Alone"**

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought
and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My comforter, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world, by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

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No guilt in life no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Reading of the Word of God

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Special Music

"Worthy is the Lamb"

Choir

Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves.

[Silence] – Silently confess your sins to the Lord

To all and to each, on his community and on his friends, where confession is personal and genuine, Jesus pronounces his pardon and grants us the right to begin again.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Assurance of God's Mercy and Forgiveness

Colossians 2:13-15

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Chorus of Pardon #26 "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

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Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ; His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

***Hymn of Preparation #252 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

We Worship as We Study God's Word

Scripture Reading

John 20:1-9

Sermon

"Seeing What They Didn't See"

Rev. J. Dawson Miller

We Worship with our Lives

***Closing Hymn #276**

"Up From the Grave He Arose"

***Benediction**

Hebrews 13:20-21

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