

Resurrection REFLECTIONS

April 9, 2023

Transformation

We come to our Resurrection celebration with Covid not as big of an issue as before, but so much more is taking place in our world. Weather disasters are consistently before us, mass shootings, police departments are stretched, and our criminal justice system backed up for years while those who are salt and light to the world struggle with making the only organism (organism because it is the body of Christ), the church viable or more viable once again. These incidents can bewilder many people, and some believers love for God to grow cold (Matthew 24:12).

When Christ came to earth, God did not speak to prophets or priests or visit the temple in 400 years. What He experienced was "those who were His own did not receive Him." (John 1:11) Their rejection of Him began at His birth (Matthew 2:3-6), even when He was brought to the temple by Anna, who loudly worshipped Him, they could have cared less (Luke 2:36-38). Christ powerfully performed miraculous miracles from city to city, even bringing people back to life. His teaching and life never violated God's Word, yet He was rejected. Despite Roman oppression, religious leaders, a corrupt temple (Matthew 21:12-13), His poverty (Matthew 8:20), and a brutal death before Him, Christ was intentional about making a powerful and long-lasting difference in the world because He was committed to being about "His Father's business."

God does not promise us a bed of roses in this life (1 Peter 4:12). He says as the time for His return draws near, things will get worse. He promises that if we focus on being intentional in our commitment to Him, the Spirit of God dominates our lives, changing us from the inside out (Romans 5:3-5; Philippians 2:12-13; Galatians 5:16-26). It is this transformation that allows us to live even more powerfully against the forces of evil, satan (Ephesians 6:10-17; 1 John 4:4). His resurrection is our power for transformation because once we accept Christ in our hearts, the Spirit of God is poured into us (Titus 3:4-8) providing us the ability to live in the Spirit and not in the flesh (Romans 8:9-17). This allows God to regain what was lost in the Garden of Eden when He made man (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Because of this work, we can now intentionally face the world's evils and make a difference like He did, no matter the obstacles. The only way this can occur is through the church (Ephesians 3:8-13; 4:11-16). We must be just as intentional as Christ was no matter the challenges we experience because "He, who is in us is greater." (1 John 4:4). Let us intentionally save what remains.



UPCOMING Events



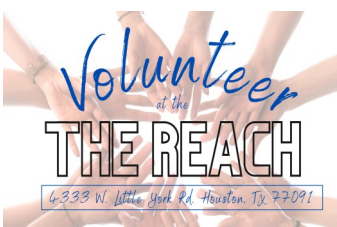
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GAME NIGHT
FRI. APRIL 14TH 6-8 P.M.
Middle School Youth! It's time for the first Middle School fellowship of the year, so get ready! It's a Game Night! If you are in grades 7th-8th, Min. Jordan Washington will be hosting this event at his house on Friday, April 14th from 6 p.m.—8 p.m. The address will be given upon confirmation of attendance. So Register and pull up for fun, games, fellowship, and food. Register at <https://bit.ly/MiddleSchoolGameNight>
For more information email jordan.washington@lwfellowshipchurch.org



MEN'S BE INTENTIONAL DISCUSSIONS
SAT. APRIL 15TH 12—2 P.M.
Join the Kingdom Builder's Men's Ministry for their BE INTENTIONAL Discussion series. The next session is Saturday April 15th from 12 p.m. 2 p.m. in the Old Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Ian Moore at ianmooresr@gmail.com



CRUISIN' WITH THE CANNINGS 9/30-10/5
Cruise with the Cannings and Power Walk Ministries Sept. 30th - Oct. 5th 2023 on a 4 Day/ 5 Night journey to Puerto Rico, Costa Maya & Cozumel. Deposit of \$225 per person is due April 14, 2023. Full cruise cost starts at \$770 per person. For Full Cruise Details, and Payment Schedule, Please Contact the Church at (281) 260-7428 or Grab a Full Informational Handout from the Connection Center **BOOK YOUR trip TODAY at bernice@bctours-travel.com**



UMT OUTREACH EVENT— APRIL 15TH — 7-9 A.M.
Volunteer alongside the Urban Missions Team this Saturday, April 15th, from 7 a.m.—9 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Gardening tools and refreshments will be provided. Meet us in front of the church! For more details or assistance, please contact Natividad Smith at nds_smith@yahoo.com



TECH TRAINING—APRIL 29TH 9 A.M.— 1 P.M.
Sign up for social media tech training, Saturday, April 29th from 9AM-1PM featuring our very own Sharon Daniels, Computer Science professor at Prairie View A&M University. Be sure to register and bring your favorite technology devices. For more details or assistance, please contact marketingmb@lwfellowshipchurch.org. We hope to see you there!



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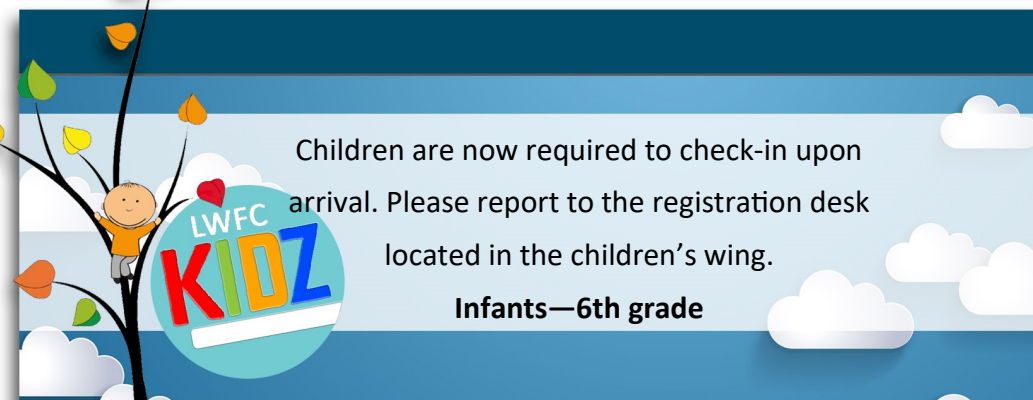
Matthew 28:1-10

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Call to Discipleship

Please remain seated at this time

Benediction



For Us
Matthew 28:1-10

- I. A Present Help (vs. 1-4):**
- a. Mary Magdalene and Mary decided to go to the tomb no matter how early or how difficult.
 - b. The angel's entire purpose for coming was to remove the tombstone. This was done after Christ rose from the dead. This was to let the ladies, who carefully inspected the tomb, see the evidence.
 - c. Sitting upon the stone demonstrates that there was no need for the angel to go in (Christ has already risen; John 10:17-18). It also symbolizes Christ's triumph over death.
 - d. These soldiers violently shook like someone having a convulsion. They had never seen anything like this, so they were totally intimidated.
- II. He Lives (vs. 5-7):**
- a. The angel recognized the unspoken question, and the quivering soldiers began to communicate verbally with the ladies, not the soldiers.
 - b. Jesus has once and for all gotten up after being brutalized and after being in the grave for three days and three nights.
 - c. After the tombstone had to be removed, the soldiers guarding the tomb did not open it because they were protecting it; obviously, they did not have the ability to stop it from being removed, so there was no way Jesus came out and passed them, Jesus not lying in the tomb means that He was physically yet spiritually not there, this has to be a supernatural resurrection as promised.
 - d. Now that they have the physical evidence of Christ's resurrection, they need to, this one time, go to wherever they know the disciples to be hiding and verbally communicate what they have witnessed.
 - e. Even though they need to deliver this message, they must make a mental note that Jesus was continuously ahead of them, just like in the case of the resurrection.
- III. So, Hopelessness Becomes Joy (vs. 8-10):**
- a. Without any questions for the angel and with a clear understanding of what was expected of them, the ladies departed in obedience to Christ.
 - b. They also left the tomb ecstatic, leaping, skipping, and dancing because the Lord was alive. They came to care for a dead man and will now share life with the alive Messiah. Their joy was intense.
 - c. The women bowed before Christ in reverent devotion and awe, giving Him honor for how He is worthy to be worshiped as their Lord God.
 - d. Jesus called the disciples His brethren, meaning those who have the same heavenly Father. Jesus is the firstborn of a new creation (Colossians 1:15-18), so those who experience this new life have the same heavenly Father and are His brethren.
 - e. Even though Peter and John came and left, and Thomas doubted that He was alive, Jesus would still appear to them, and if they believed (Mark 16:14-18; 1 Corinthians 15:3-11), send them into the world (Matthew 28:19-20).



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