

Reviewing the Resurrection

Scripture

“Now on the first [day] of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain [other women] with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed [their] faces to the earth, they said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? “He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, “saying, ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.’” And they remembered His words. Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary [the mother] of James, and the other [women] with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.” (Luke 24:1-12 NKJV)

Commentary

Have you thought about the Lord’s resurrection lately? So many people think that death is the end of consciousness. However, death is not a sleep from which one never awakes. Instead, one awakes into an unchangeable eternity. Those who have rejected the Lord and His provision awake into an endless agonizing darkness. However, praise God, those who have repented of their sin and placed their faith in the person and work of Christ awake into endless glory.

We are not left to wonder if this is possible because the Lord demonstrated His power over death when He rose from the grave on the third day. What courage this should give the believer to face life’s difficulties. I love how the passage above describes Peter, “marveling to himself at what had happened.”

When is the last time you marveled at the Lord’s provision? Learned men stare off into the galaxy marveling in the vastness. How sad it is they cannot recognize the glory of God in it. Yet it has been granted unto you to believe.

“Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God.” (Philippians 1:27-28 NKJV)

I pray that you will be of good courage today keeping your eye fixed upon the Lord Jesus. If the day brings trouble, remember He has risen. Realize this world is not the whole of it, but only a fleeting moment when compared to an eternity of glory.