

raised as she has been raised by the resurrection from the life condemned of bondage to a life that was unique in experience. She was a sinner but she was healed of evil spirits, infirmities, seven devils. Others have felt that she was demon possessed in her mind. And that she was afflicted in this way as an unfortunate. And that Jesus broke the spell. Now Dr. McLourin describes these seven demons to represent seven sins found in the human heart. Namely pride, envy, anger, lasciviousness, covetness, intemperance, and spiritual sloth. Now this kind of resurrection we all need to know. It was quite clear that whatever her original condition was, that she was thoroughly and completely changed through the power of Christ. And Jesus told her to go in peace, that her faith had saved her, and he had delivered her from the mortal sin. And now she was living as a monument to that life. She had such gratitude that she was there ready to minister unto Him. Others had fled and here is a strange bereavement of one that has been lost and yet loved, and we remember those who stood by the cross. And this one stands again. And she could not go back to the old life because she had been lifted up and there were some things she could not forget. The love for Christ that had secured this in her heart. And she went to the grave to weep there and to anoint it with ointment. The grave, my friend, is the place that people do not

"THE SIGNIFICANT RESURRECTION"

JOHN 20

What happened to Jesus on that first Easter Sunday Morning is going to happen to every Christian someday. Jesus died on Friday. When the Romans came that afternoon to break the legs of their three witnesses (victims), they found that Jesus was already dead. To make certain of the fact, they stuck a sphere into his side.

Late Friday afternoon Jesus was placed in a tomb, where his body stayed that night and all the next day, and into the pre-dawn hours of Sunday Morning.

At a moment of his own choosing, God reached into that dark tomb and touching the body of Jesus, and that body which was just as lifeless as the stone of the tomb was charged with life. The same miraculous power of God that transformed the dead physical body of Jesus into an eternal spiritual body - removed the great stone from the door of the tomb. And Jesus walked out alive.

It seems with the guards stationed there, as to how they might make sure the death of Christ, that even behind Jesus had closed the gates of Hell. And upon him, the shadow of death. It seems now that the one thing which the apostles were most concerned with and should have been concerned about

was producing some proof concerning the resurrection of Jesus that was to take place.

We know that he appealed himself to his disciples to believe that he was the Messiah, and to believe the sign, even the sign of the prophet Jonah and yet his enemies were very careful to make note of this and to see that he would not rise. And that they had surely murdered the Messiah. What happened to Jesus is different from what happened to Lazarus, the brother of Mary and Martha. Lazarus was resuscitated. He was quite dead and he was brought back to life. It was a great miracle but Lazarus later died again. He was given back to life -- the life that he had had before. The body that Lazarus had when he came out of the grave was still subject to the laws of nature and death.

Both Jesus and Lazarus were raised from the dead by the power of God but Jesus' body was different. It was no longer subject to physical laws or governed by the body. It had been adapted to the needs of life in Heaven, rather than the needs of life on the earth. The term "resurrection" literally means "to stand up again." But everywhere that it is used in the New Testament, it carries the idea of a new quality of life. And Jesus was now given his old life and body back. He was given a new quality of life and a body to go with it.

Now the New Testament teaches that at the end of time

every child of God is going to be resurrected.

In dealing with this significant resurrection in John 20, there are three or four things we might note. (First) the significant revelation. Verse 1-18. (Second) the significant reception. Verse 19-23. (Third) the significant recognition. Verse 24-29. (Fourth) the significant results. Verse 30-31.

I. The Significant Revelation. Verse 1-18.

Now Jesus looked the same. Mary Magdalene recognized Jesus after his resurrection. His disciples knew him. Jesus showed Thomas the nail scars in his hands. But his body was not the same. It was no longer bound to the earth by the force of gravity. It was no longer limited by time or space. Jesus could be one place one moment, and miles away the next. He even entered the room where the disciples were through a closed door.

Now the first individual on the scene was Mary Magdalene. She took the most permanent part and is given the most prominent place in this narrative. She could never forget what Jesus had done for her. And of course, when someone had done so much for her, she could never forget what He had done. And this was a grateful woman. She stands as a symbol of all women who should stand ready to worship Jesus. As in Verse 1 we find that she is introduced here. That Jesus has been

able experience. As she had this significant revelation at the tomb of Jesus. God had raised the crucified Christ from the dead, therefore, had proclaimed he had died as a sinner, made sin for individuals, and was now alive forever more.

V. 11 Verse 11, we witnessed the steadfastness of Mary as she had visited and she said that she stayed there to weep.

12 Verse 12, two angels, the description of these messengers from Heaven are given. The number was two. There was not a multitude of the Heavenly Host. They took their place right at the grave. These angels went into the grave to teach us not to be afraid of it. Nor to think that our resting in it for awhile will hurt us. The grave is not much out of the way as we travel toward Heaven. And these angels, we will find, were there to bless.

13 Verse 13, there was the compassionate question, woman why weepst thou. And Jesus is present and her mourning will be turned into gladness. Because they have taken away the Blessed Body.

14 Verse 14, she was talking to the angels, telling them, and Christ, himself, steps in, to satisfy her question. For God now speaks to us by His Son. Those that will be content with nothing short of a sight of Christ shall be put off with nothing less. Christ is manifested himself to those that seek him and many times he over does with their expecta-

ordinarily care to visit. Could she have had the strength enough to roll away this stone. Of course not. And she had come as soon as she could, for she came upon the first day of the week as soon as the Sabbath was gone. And this was her first opportunity of testifying of her respect to Him. The first day of the week, this was to be the first Christian Sabbath. And she began it according here in quest of Christ. She came clearly while it was yet dark, so early did she set out, and we should take note here that those who would find Christ must seek him.

She was surprised, she found the stone rolled away. What a revelation this was. The sepulchre was empty.

It was the beginning however of a glorious discovery because the Lord was risen. And she did not at first note this revelation or fully realize what had taken place.

V. 2 Verse 2, she hastened off to give testimony to others. And to witness of what had happened. Because she had gone and looked into the grave and saw it empty. We expect that her first thoughts would have been surely that the Lord has risen. As he said that he would be crucified, and following the great earthquake and the darkness, and yet she did not have the answer to the resurrection. And we still stand amazed even in the dullness of our own minds and forgetfulness of His great power. We see here the weakness of the believers

as this narrative gives us the story.

Verse 3 and 4, Peter and John, going with all speed, go to satisfy themselves. And they go and take pains to see with their own eyes and of course, they will discover what has been told to them.

Verse 5, John stooped down and looked in, to get a knowledge of this situation.

Verse 6, Peter was more exact. He took courage and went down into the tomb. He ventured in. It tells us that we who are earnest seekers of Christ must not be frightened but we must look for Jesus. And he found only the grave clothes. These grave clothes were not used again. They were similar to the time when the prophet dropped his mantle and went off to glory. And here at the grave is a bed to the saint, thus he has prepared that grave and he has left the napkin for use by the mourners of those who might be survivors.

In verse 7, they found everything in good order. His body had not been stolen by robbers because there was the fine linen and they looked and they saw this. And here was a great movement because Peter wondered and John had believed. They had been so slow at heart. And they had not really recognized the Scripture. Jesus had repeatedly predicted during his lifetime that he would suffer. That they would destroy his body. But that he would raise it up as he would

raise the temple up in three days. And that he must go to Jerusalem. And he had power to lay down his life and to take it up. And he also gave the story, that except a grain of wheat fall into the earth and die, it abideth to itself. And Jesus instituted two ordinances - one to commemorate his death, the other to commemorate his burial and his resurrection. And we receive these. And as they took bread, they were able to proclaim that his body was going to be given for them.

V. 10 Now his enemies perhaps understood this. Verse 10, these disciples went away to their homes. They were must wiser. But it was difficult for these men to go to work now. It was a hard time for them. Their Lord had come forth from the grave. The curtain had been drawn. Now what is beyond the empty tomb.

It is just like a child who once asked what is beyond the sunset. The answer is, there is another world. And we know that God will display something else in the future, that eyes have not seen, or ears heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man the things that God has prepared for them that love Him. I think the Holy Ghost was waiting to glorify Jesus. And God sends these people to investigate and then to encourage and prompt them in hope. What does the spirit tell us. Mary could never forget this in her heart, it was an unforget-

has been raised.

When Jesus comes the second time, there will be no mistake as to who He is. He will come in His glory with His mighty angels, majesty and power, and every eye shall see him. The Jews shall know him, for he shall look upon him, who they have pierced. The Gentiles shall know him, for it is written every eye shall see him and all the kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. The saints shall know him, for he will come to be glorified in his saints. The winners shall know him for he comes to take vengeance upon them that know not God and that trust not and obey not the Gospel. When he came that first time, there were many who were mistaken about him. But when he comes again, they will all recognize him. What is there to hinder the recognition?

First, because they were seeking the living among the dead. She had gone to the tomb to find him. She did not know that he was alive. She expected to find him there. She forgot that he was the living one. And that he would come forth.

And many times people (today) look for a living Christ among (dead forms) dead duties, dead devotions, dead ceremonies, dead rights. And we lay too much stress on the mere thing and the body of Jesus. She had known it in other days.

tions. Mary longs to see that Christ and we see here that Jesus is nye unto them that are of a broken heart and yet may not be aware of this.

15/ Verse 15, he asked her the common question, and she answered him. Whom seekest thou? What business have you in the garden, here so early. Why do you cry. And I think today Jesus asks the question of those who have cares, those who weep. What would you have me to do for you? Mary's blindness if for us the gracious invitation to believe. She did not believe because she saw him, but because he called her. And as he also knew and calls each of us, the fact that Mary did not recognize the risen Lord is on the evidence of the empty tomb, that of the angel. And that she did not recognize him even when he appeared is an invitation to us.

No human eye was permitted to watch as the dead body of Jesus became alive in the grave. I would submit to you that woman has had many reasons for weeping since the fall in the Garden of Eden. The first words of our Risen Saviour are to the weeping woman. He was born of a woman and had come now to dry up womans' tears. Is it some spiritual sorrow that you have, is it some other sorrow that you are ashamed of, is it some rebellious sorrow that you ought to repent of, is it some ignorant sorrow that you need to learn

that Jesus will help to fix, or are we sorrowing as secret saints because we have grieved the Holy Spirit. Do your prayers seem to fail you. Is there something in your nature that rebells against God. Is there something that you have done in opposition to the Gospel.

A Hindu woman said to a missionary, surely your Bible was written by a woman. Why? Because it says so many kind things for women. And in our religion, we are always referred to through reproach.

Yes woman, why weepest thou? God and his angels take note of every care of our devotion. And she said they have taken away my Lord. Do you complain that your best friends perhaps have been removed. She turned away from the angel and we see how men such as David shed tears of repentance. Job wept. And Zachariah wept. Daniel cried. But we look to the future, we see that God will wipe away all tears from our eyes. We may have been born in tears, we may die in tears, but we will go through the valley of tears, but someday we will come to the land of no tears.

Supposing that the gardner had mistaken, she said, where have they taken His body? Where have they placed it? They have taken away my Lord. And I think sometimes many sermons are preached in that way. The Lord has been taken away. People go to church to hear about the Lord. They

listen for the choir to sing about the Lord. And there is no Lord in the sermon. No Lord in the prayer. No Lord in the music. And no Living Lord in the church members. This is a dangerous hour in which we live. We can become all ritual, all ceremony, all pomp, and Christ is left out. But men today say we seek Jesus. And this is exactly what this woman was doing. She was seeking her Lord.

16/ In Verse 16, we find here that Christ, at length, makes himself known, with the call "Mary," it applies you are mine, come along.

As he called Paul in Galatians 1:16. We notice how quickly she received this discovery and she calls him "Master".

17/ In Verse 17, he said for her not to touch him. The expectations which were familiar, that he might establish some earthly kingdom. He had not. There was something higher, about his bodily presence and his bodily state. And Jesus said, do not touch me. I did not rise for the business of establishing an earthly kingdom. I must occupy a throne in Heaven. The state of the resurrection is not yet complete.

As one in a hurry gives commandments, that she should hurry and go to the brethren and tell them. Because he is alive, and he is on an errand, he is going to Heaven. He

satisfaction of seeing them, speaking with his same voice, the satisfaction of witnessing these particular marks.

To convince them beyond the reach of doubt that he was with them alive in the very body that had been nailed to the cross and pierced by the soldiers spheres. This impression that was made upon them was good. They were convinced that they saw the Lord, so was their faith confirmed.

The significant reception was "they were glad". It strengthened their faith. It raised their joy. And they rejoiced, together. It was somewhat like the spirit of Jacob, that was revived when he heard the good news that Joseph was yet alive. How would it revive the heart of a disciple to hear again that Jesus is alive again. Why was the troubled party disturbed.

In wiping away the tears from their eyes, the sight of Christ will gladden the heart of a disciple at any time. The more we see of Christ, the more we are rejoicing in him, and our joy will never be perfect until we come into his presence.

2/ In Verse 21, he gives them a glorious commission. He intended not only to soothe their fears but that they would become involved and go out and receive this commission and carry out his work. It is not easy for us to understand and yet it is simple. As my Father has sent me, even so,

She had seen him on the cross. She had watched him die.

But now she had other things that hindered her.

Unbelief like the disciples. Slow of heart to believe all that the prophets had spoken about him coming forth.

And I think she was over much sorrow, she was filled with sorrow, her eyes were dim by tears. And that faith would not break through.

And she was robbing herself of the fullness of the blessing of her Lord.

Her case resembles ours. We cast aside the blessings from us in the same way. And we keep Christ at a distance. The nearness of Christ is what faith recognizes and brings him near.

18/ In Verse 18, we find that Mary hastens to proclaim what she has seen and what she has heard. She wipes her tears away and dries her eyes and she now becomes an evangelist. She hurries to carry this story of the risen Lord.

In Verse 19, we approach a new experience.

II. The Significant Reception. Verse 19-23.

19/ Now the infallible proof of Christ's resurrection was that he showed himself alive. Acts 1:3. Now the first appearance to the disciples on the day on which he arose, he had sent them tidings of his resurrection, by the

messengers. The sadness of those last three days had merely brought gloom.

19 In Verse 19, the first day of the week, the same day that he arose, being the first day, a private meeting of the disciples met and here is a Christian Sabbath being observed by these disciples, known by our Lord Jesus. The visit of Christ to his disciples on that day, I think was certainly remarkable. He appeared the same day and evening. Yet, to put his honor upon the day, it is repeated being the first day of the week that we honor our Christ. By that day, I think John points with emphasis today to Christ's resurrection and here is a Christian assembly. The disciples also, this assembly was attended by our Lord. Now they met to know one another's minds and to strengthen one another's hands and hearts. The meeting was private because they dare not appear in public. They met in the house, but they kept the doors shut, that they might not be seen together and that the fear of the Jews that they might persecute them or because they would be taken as criminals. And these disciples came for this meeting and the disciples of Christ even in difficult times must not forsake the assembling of themselves together. Hebrews 10:25.

God's people have been often obliged to enter into their chambers, shut their doors, as under these tremendous

persecutions.

What took place in this meeting. Jesus came among them in his own likeness. And it seems that in fulfillment of his glorious promise where two or three are gathered to gather in His name, He will be in the midst.

And He came though the doors were shut. Now this does not at all weaken the evidence of his having a real human body after the resurrection. Though the doors were shut, He came through without noise. It is a comfort to know, that Christ comes into the privacy of the solemn assemblies. He came in spite of closed doors.

There was first of all that familiar salutation, Verse 19. "Peace be unto you." It was appropriate. Fear had misled them. It was a word never to be forgotten, full of love and authority. And he meant to say, all good be to you. Christ had left them his peace and John 14:27 says. By the death he had now given proof to this that he had paid for the peace and he speaks that now they can have peace with God, peace with their own conscience, and his sudden appearance.

20 In Verse 20, he made it clear to them because of the marks of the wounds that were very deep. And his resurrection demonstrated it as the glorious truth. These marks he showed to his disciples, for their own conviction. The

because somehow they missed the spark of friendship which Jesus is able to give.

There are others behind the failing door of health. Time wears on. And they fear of this door closing upon them. People fight to keep it open. We see people 70 years old, 80 years old, and even 90 years old still trying to keep up the pace. And we see young people, strong men becoming stoop shouldered, and stiff jointed. The doors, all of these doors, are no barrier to Jesus. The door of health, the door of death, and we find that he comes in behind to be with us. Like the trouble of Lazarus and his family, Jesus came in.

There is only one door that can deter the master. And that is the human heart. Because you can lock that door on the inside and it will be impossible for him to get in. The significant reception, the disciples were glad.

III. The Significant Recognition. Verse 24-29.

24 What new was vacant. We discover in Verse 24, here was a man that usually occupied a place during the service but here is a vacant chair. And was it the man Judas. Well, of course, we know that he was missing. He was not there. Was it Pilate. Well, he was not expecting Jesus to come. Was it the high priest. Well, of course not. Who was this

send I you. It is easy to understand how Christ sent them. He pointed them to go on with his work on earth spreading the Gospel, as ambassadors of peace. But now Christ sent them as the Father had sent him. And he sent them to be priests and kings, and prophets and teachers. He was sent to bear witness of the truth. And they are sent now to be ministers for him.

He had a power to send them equal to that of the Father which sent him. And he commissioned them as John, Isaiah, Ezekiel.

12 AND he qualified them with this commission in Verse 22. For he gave them a gift and breathed upon them. This was really a truth that he was alive again and they would have spiritual power. It seems here to refer to the creation of man, first by the breathing of the breath of life into him. Genesis 2:7. And to innominate that he himself was the author of that work and that the spiritual life was now derived from him. That as the natural Adam and his seed, so the breath of the almighty gave life now to man to begin work for the mighty Saviour.

The spirit is the breath of Christ, proceeding from the Son. The Spirit in the Old Testament is compared to breath. Ezekiel 37:9.

We know that very few days later, they were to receive

the fullness of the Holy Ghost, he came down at Pentecost and now that Jesus began to be glorified, more of the Spirit began to be given. And he hereby gives them experience of the Spirit influence in this present case.

Eph. 1:13, all believers receive thee, the Holy Ghost.

What Christ gives we must receive. We must submit ourselves.

23 Verse 23, some particular power was attached to this commission whosoever's sins you remit. It seems that some power is entrusted here. By virtue of this power, Peter struck Ananias and Sappharah dead. And Paul struck Elymas blind. Yet it must be understood as a general charter to the church that here ministers not securing some infallible judgment of any man, but they were sent to preach. For that God himself will stand to it. Very simply now, you can take this Scripture here which could involve a great deal of argument and also of research. And still not be able to uncover just what the Apostle might have had in mind. First, by sound doctrine they are commissioned to tell the world that salvation is to be had upon Gospel terms. Second, by a strict discipline, appealing to the general rule they are to challenge men to turn from sin. What then did he refer too. To the work of his disciples as qualified by the Holy Spirit to declare without error the conditions of forgiveness or condemnation under

the reign of Christ.

So we are sent as his disciples into the world with a gospel which has the power to condemn as well as to bring about the confession of sin. That is the Gospel as it is received will close the door or will either they will accept it and be made secure.

Now this was a startling fact that Jesus entered in to this room. With all the doors shut and locked, he came through.

We might, if we had time to spiritualize upon this, say that quite often when the door of trouble closes, no doubt the Devil made this door. And were you ever on the inside when the awful door swung shut. And possibly there was sickness or things had gone wrong. And you could not see the other side. Perhaps this was the way the woman at the well felt. Perhaps this was the way that Paul felt when the door was locked. And Jesus came and opened the windows and the door.

There are individuals who have been closed in behind the door of poverty. They have had little to get along with. And yet somehow, Jesus gets behind there and blesses the beggar.

And yet on the other hand, there are other people who have been closed behind the door of wealth. They are unhappy

holy faith by repeating what they had seen, what they had heard, what they had felt. And sometimes we plead with other Christians to attend the worship services, to come to Bible Study, and Sunday School. It is very difficult to persuade them to know that it is for their own welfare and that the record is true. I believe that in this, he even tempted Christ and limited the Holy Spirit and Thomas found it hard to believe.

Now this church service would have meant much to him. Think about it. Just use your own imagination, and see how much he missed. Why he missed the privilege of seeing Jesus. He had watched him go to the cross, he had been to the grave, and he missed seeing him face to face.

I think he missed a great spiritual treat. But here is the possibility of every worship service, of getting some spiritual lift.

He missed the great message of peace. For Jesus said, peace be unto you. And if any man needed peace, it was Thomas. He missed the commission that Jesus gave. And there was a great program to take part in. And today because men will not attend church, they do not know anything about the church program. And I am persuaded that Deacons, teachers, officers, and leaders ought to be in the midst of their church, and know about the goals of the

man who had failed to attend church that night. His name was Thomas. He was missing. Now Thomas was expected to be there because he was one of the disciples. He was one of the followers of Jesus.

It is a sad day in any congregation when his own membership begins to absent themselves from a service. It is a sad day for any congregation when there are countless social functions that people can be counted upon for. Their places of business on Monday that they can be accounted for. But they cannot be counted on when the interest of the kingdom of God is to be carried on.

Believe me, no community ever lost respect for a church or for a congregation of people until they lose respect for themselves.

He was not there when Jesus came. And what an unfortunate day to be away. This little group of disciples behind the door. My friends, I think had he known or had any idea that it was going to be such a wonderful service I do not believe that he would have missed it. But like some of you, he expected the meeting to be dull, and he felt confident that it would be the same old crowd and he expecting that Peter, James, John and some of the fellow disciples would be talking about the glories of the past and what Jesus had done for them, and what they had given

up when they left fishing.

But I ask you tonight, was the meeting dull? Was the meeting sad. As every service when the people of Christ come together, there is joy and thrill and blessing. It was a meeting that made their future certainly full of glorious possibilities. It was wonderful because Jesus came.

Therefore, I would not absent myself from the meeting with God's people. I would not advise any Christian to miss the time of service in the church, when the church was supposed to be worshipping. I want to be with that group, when Jesus comes, and mark it down - Jesus said he is coming back. And suppose he returns while on a Sunday when the church is worshipping, and you are out in this godless world some where doing something that is insignificant.

Why do you think that Thomas was absent? Was it because he was sick. Was it because he had something pressing, something important to do. Was it because he had fooled away Saturday night. And he spent the day sleeping. Was it because he was indifferent. There are many people who separate themselves from the church services because they are just indifferent. Or others who are absorbed in a thousand matters and interested in everything

else except the affairs of the church.

Was it because they found satisfaction elsewhere. Well, Thomas was not satisfied. He was not happy. I think this old doubter was sad. And I think a lot of people tonight who believe that they are being satisfied when they stay away from church Sunday after Sunday, taken up with worldly things, occupying their minds, watching T. V. and feeling that they are getting a great satisfaction -- was it because he had lost hope. Well, he believed that Jesus Christ was dead. He believed that the cause that he had stood for was just about lost forever.

I imagine some of the disciples met him, and tried to talk with him and tell him about the meeting. And he no doubt had been invited to come. And they said Jesus was going to be there. And he probably said, well no, I can't make it. And they probably invited him. And he said, why you do not think Jesus is going to be there, do you? When I have been to the garden. I have watched the soldiers, I watched the cross, I heard him speak. And he is dead. We will never see him again. Why I have even been to the grave. And I have seen the grave closed.

Now we say, my friends I wish that you had been in that service. It was such a blessing. The disciples of Christ could endeavor to build up one another in the most

limbs, throwing them out of the windows until the pile reached up to the window sill. Buried in mass groups, the resurrection power will have the power to find, and separate, and re-construct them all. Like a magnet which will draw steel filings from sand.

Miss Moffitt tells about an African chief about the resurrection story. "I do not wish to hear about the dead rising." The dead cannot rise. The dead must not rise. Then his voice quivered, I have slain my thousands and shall they rise. *(For judgment)*

Monica in the closing moments of her life to be buried a long way from home, "nothing is far from God, he will know where to find me on the Resurrection Morning."

Countess
A German orders that her grave be covered with a solid slab of granite and around it be placed square blocks of stone. And that the whole be fastened together with strong iron clasps.

"This burial place, purchased to all Eternity, must never be opened."

Thus she defied God. But a little beech seed carried by the wind found its way into the foundation, sprouted, grew into a tree, and forced open the massive stone and broke the clasp.

This is the story of the Resurrection. We shall be

church.

He missed the Holy Spirit's breath upon him. Oh, think, what all that he missed. Little by little, because he stayed away.

He missed everything that was worthwhile. And I say this very sincerely because the presence of Jesus means everything. He could have given something of the joy and radiance and Thomas had nothing to tell, because he was not there to experience it and that is about the case of perhaps 90% of the Christians tonight. They may be half way Christians, they have received something, but they have very little to give out. And he missed the privilege of helping these other disciples. He had robbed himself and he had robbed the fellowship. Because he had stayed away from the church.

26 In Verse 26 about eight days later, the disciples met again. Now I think this was a great blessing where Christ made his visit. Not only the first time, he lost that first opportunity. But I think we need to take heed to lay hold of the second.

27 In Verse 27, what happened between Christ and Thomas at this meeting. His proud doubts disappeared. He did not look upon them as a blessing or a pleasure. People today have doubts. But I think if they would get close

enough to Jesus, some of these doubts would fade away.
He told Thomas that the disciples had seen the Lord.
 Well, he decided that the next time he would be on hand.
 Now there are some people you can say something to but
 it never makes any difference. They will not believe
 and they will never pay any attention to it. So the Lord's
 invitation was extended to him. He declared an open
 confession.

29 Verse 29, and here was (real blessing). Can we only
 believe him as far as we can see. Like any other man, is
willing to do his will, he shall know. What then do you
 believe.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

IV. The Significant Results. Verse 30 -

We find that the resurrection brought some great ^{circulated} results.

*Some Believe they stay away in
 or are leaving the church*

1- First of all, stability. Many people are unstable
 today. They do not know what they believe or why they
believe it. Some have been uprooted and tossed about by
all sorts of theology. Some have read everything into
the Bible. Others are at loose ends as they try the
new morality and try to practice religion in their own
 power. There are thousands of people all around this

country tonight who are wiserable, confused, because they
 have not accepted the clear teaching of the world of God
 and the resurrection.

This resurrection brought stability. God was not
 dead but he was alive. And that Jesus promised to go with
 them.

2- It was significant because it meant service. The
 things that would strengthen their lives and be most last-
 ing had now been given them as a commission. They were
 even ready to sacrifice their lives for it. On the
 resurrection morning, these things are going to be truly
 proven as to how a man has invested his life in the final
 judgment. And at the end of time, every hour that you have
spent for Jesus, every dollar that you have invested in
his work, every sacrifice you have made will be rewarded
beyond your wildest imagination. At the resurrection, it
 was significant again in its results because it brought
 comfort. When he brought peace and wiped away tears from
 their eyes.

3- It brought the comfort of knowledge that he will have
no trouble in gathering us, up into Glory. Gilbert Haven
 dying, raised his right arm, "I believe in the resurrection
of the body".

An army surgeon, in the Battle of Bull Run amputated

raised as we have lived.

Every trip I make to the cemetery affirms our
faith in Jesus - the Resurrection is significant -
signifies you too will one day arise - !!

~~Upper House~~
Stanislaw Wurm #86

Working in Vienna

Story

1932 - born in Czechoslovakia

Father - doctor -

Mother - teacher -

2 daughters - Religious

Aunt & Emma lived in White

Birdsday - -

Mama told us I was up because
she would die today -

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