

February 16, 2020

He Arose

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Olney Church of Christ

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Services

Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 am
A.M. Worship	10:20 am
P.M. Worship	2:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Class	7:00 pm
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Elders: Mike Gerber, Travis Hall

Deacons: John Frost, Dave Goff,
Roger Sholders

Visitors are welcome

We offer Bible classes for all ages

We also offer in-home Bible studies

We have Bible lessons on the radio
(92.9 FM) Sundays from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

Following Jesus' death, He was buried, and His tomb was closely guarded (**Matt. 27:62-66**). While the extra security prevented any possibility of Jesus' body being stolen by His disciples, it did not stop God from raising His Son from the dead. As an angel said to Mary Magdalene and Jesus' mother Mary, "***Fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus, who hath been crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, even as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay***" (**Matt. 28:5-6**).

After His resurrection, Christ appeared to over five hundred brethren, including His apostles (**1 Cor. 15:5-8**). They bore witness to the truth of His resurrection. Through the written Word, we can have the same faith in Christ's resurrection that His apostles did (**John 20:29-31**).

Through the written Word, we can also see the *significance* of His resurrection. Notice **1 Thessalonians 4:14**: ***For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.***

Christ was the first to be raised to never die again. Because *He* was raised, *the righteous* have hope of being raised to eternal life in heaven on the Day of Judgment (**1 Cor. 15:20**).

As the hymn says, "*Hallelujah! Christ arose!*"

Foresight

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2 Peter 3:11-14: *Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless.*

The coming “**scoffers**” described in **2 Peter 3** could see only the “here and now.” These individuals would ask “**Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation**” (2 Peter 3:4). The Holy Spirit responded in part by saying how longsuffering God is, but also assured that the day of the Lord *will* come (**verse 10**).

Verses 11-14 are directed toward those individuals who know Jesus *will* return and that all will stand before Him in judgment. If we know this will happen, the appropriate response is to live holy and godly during our brief stay here on earth.

This choice calls for “foresight.” It requires us to look beyond the here and now, and (spiritually) see the (physically) unseen. Foresight involves the ability to recognize not just what seems to make sense in the “short run,” but what will be beneficial or harmful in the “long run.”

God gives us this foresight through His Word. He distinguishes between what is temporarily profitable and what is eternally profitable (cf. **Matt. 6:19-20**).

The wisdom that is from above teaches us to serve God to the best of our ability “in the moment” because we are looking to something beyond the moment. Our reward is not instantaneous, but must be waited for.

As Moses had the foresight to avoid the “**pleasures of sin for a season**” (**Heb. 11:25**) because he esteemed “**the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward**” (**verse 26**), so we must avoid things that promise instant gratification if they oppose God’s will.

May we fill our hearts and minds with God’s Word, and thereby have the foresight to recognize the brevity of life, certainty of judgment, and importance of living holy lives to prepare for Jesus’ return.

Area Gospel Meetings

Mattoon Southside Church of Christ:

March 9-15 (with Michael Hickox)
M-Sat: 7:00; Sun: 9:30, 10:30, 6:00

Walnut Chapel Church of Christ:

March 15-20 (with J F Dancer)
Sun: 9:30, 10:20, 6:00; M-F: 7:00

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God's Plan for Saving Man

God's Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian's Work	James 2:24
Christian's Hope	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance	Revelation 2:10

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Words to Consider

***"I can do all things through Christ,
who strengthens me."***

– Philipians 4:13

Prayer List

Holly G
Sandy S
Betty P
Mabel H
Cheryl S
Norma C
Allen S (Cancer)
Raymond & Maxine
Randy & Kim S
Ken & Chris F
Brandon O's Grandmother (Lung Cancer)
June's Niece, Debbie
Berlyn & Guyla Y
Jeanette's Mother, Fontella
Jerry S (Prostate Cancer)
Kayleigh W

Daily Bible Reading

February 16 – Lev. 13; Matt. 26:26-50
February 17 – Lev. 14; Matt. 26:51-75
February 18 – Lev. 15-16; Matt. 27:1-26
February 19 – Lev. 17-18; Matt. 27:27-50
February 20 – Lev. 19-20; Matt. 27:51-66
February 21 – Lev. 21-22; Matt. 28
February 22 – Lev. 23-24; Mark 1:1-22

***"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you
richly..." – Colossians 3:16***

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, February 16, 2020

Bible Study: Mark

Worship: Roger

Evening: Mike

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Jeff

Clean Building

Jeanette

Prepare Communion

Jeanette

Upcoming Reminders

Feb. 22: Ladies' Bible Class @ 9:30 a.m.

Study: Women of the New Testament

Assignments

Sunday, February 23, 2020

Reading: Dan H

Announcements: Dave

Table: Steve

Serve: Dan D

Travis

Darrell

Roger

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Invitation: Dave

Anniversaries

Birthdays

February 20 – Jeff

February 23 – Larry

February 28 – Donna G

February 28 – Sandy