

Chapter 1 : W. A. Criswell Sermon Library | This Same Jesus

The two stories in Genesis and Mark share a theophany (Greek: "an appearance of God"), a manifestation of God's living presence. We, too, stand in awe and ecstasy of God's presence among us in the crucified and risen Lord who goes before us.

The text concludes with the Great Commission, declaring that believers that have been baptized will be saved while nonbelievers will be condemned, and pictures Jesus taken to Heaven and sitting at the Right Hand of God. A second issue is whether Mark intended the end of The Decretum de Canonicis Scripturis, issued in at the fourth session of the Council, affirms that Jesus commanded that the gospel was "to be preached by His Apostles to every creature" — a statement clearly based on Mark. The decree proceeded to affirm, after listing the books of the Bible according to the Roman Catholic canon, that "If anyone receive not, as sacred and canonical, the said books entire with all their parts, as they have been used to be read in the Catholic Church, and as they are contained in the old Latin Vulgate edition, and knowingly and deliberately condemn the traditions aforesaid; let him be anathema. In most modern-day translations based primarily on the Alexandrian Text, it is included but is accompanied by brackets or by special notes, or both. Empty tomb and Church of the Holy Sepulchre Mark states that the Sabbath is now over and, just after sunrise, Mary Magdalene, another Mary, the mother of James, [7] and Salome all also mentioned in Mark. The women wonder how they will remove the stone over the tomb. Upon their arrival, they find the stone already gone and go into the tomb. He is not here. See the place where they laid him. There you will see him, just as he told you. She comes back to the tomb, talks to the angels, and then Jesus appears to her. Jesus had predicted his resurrection and returning to Galilee during the Last Supper in Mark. Gregory the Great notes that "had the Angel not referred to him in this way, Peter would never have dared to appear again among the Apostles. He is bidden then by name to come, so that he will not despair because of his denial of Christ". Fear is the most common human reaction to the divine presence in the Bible. Jesus is thus announced to have been raised from the dead and to have gone into Galilee. Brown argues that a parousia confined only to Galilee is improbable. Whether they will follow or desert, believe or misunderstand, see him in Galilee or remain staring blindly into an empty tomb, depends on us. No one knew where he came from; no one knows where he has gone; and not many understood him when he was here. But they reported briefly to Peter and those with him all that they had been told. And after this, Jesus himself appeared to them and sent out by means of them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation. In one Latin manuscript from c. In this Latin copy Codex Bobbiensis, "k", the text of Mark 16 is anomalous: It contains an interpolation between. But suddenly at the third hour of the day there was darkness over the whole circle of the earth, and angels descended from the heavens, and as he [the Lord] was rising in the glory of the living God, at the same time they ascended with him; and immediately it was light. It omits the last part of. Other irregularities in Codex Bobbiensis lead to the conclusion that it was produced by a copyist probably in Egypt who was unfamiliar with the material he was copying. She then "tells the other disciples" what she saw, but no one believes her. Then Jesus appears "in a different form" to two unnamed disciples. They, too, are disbelieved when they tell what they saw. Jesus then appears at dinner to all the remaining eleven Apostles. He rebukes them for not believing the earlier reports of his resurrection and gives them instructions to go and preach his message to all creation see also the Great Commission. Those who believe and are baptised will be saved, but unbelievers will be condemned. Belief and non-belief are a dominant theme in the Longer Ending: They will also be able to handle snakes, be immune from any poison they might happen to drink, and will be able to heal the sick. Jesus quoted Psalm. After the ascension, his Eleven then went out and preached "everywhere" which is known as the Dispersion of the Apostles. Several signs from God accompanied their preaching. Where these things happened is not stated, but one could presume, from Mark Luke-Acts, however, has this happening in Jerusalem. Early evidence of the longer ending[edit] The earliest clear evidence for Mark. In a passage in which Justin treats Psalm as a Messianic prophecy, he states that Psalm. His wording is remarkably similar to the wording of Mk. This patristic evidence is over a century older than the earliest manuscript of Mark.

Writers in the s such as Hippolytus of Rome and the anonymous author of De Rebaptismate also used the "Longer Ending". In , the pagan writer Hierocles used Mark What occasionally follows in some copies, not all, would be extraneous, most particularly if it contained something contradictory to the evidence of the other evangelists. In his "Commentary on Nicene Creed" he says: All the evangelists narrated to us His resurrection from the dead The blessed Luke, however, who is also the writer of a Gospel, added that He ascended into heaven so that we should know where He is after His resurrection.

Chapter 2 : Living the Lectionary: The Resurrection of Our Lord Year B (the day after) Mark

Mark Jesus- The Living Lord 1. Introduction 2. Jesus' Resurrection (vv.) a. What they saw (vv.) i. The stone rolled away (v.

In other words, for everyone here today. Because no one is here by accident. So! What are you expecting this morning? A defense of the resurrection? Not sure if I can help you there. Bored people tend to have very little imagination and faithful imagination is a prerequisite on Easter morning. A celebration of life and love, faith and hope! But first, we have to admit the truth that Easter begins with fear. Easter is terror before it is amazement. They were in mourning, they were grieving, they were emotionally fragile. Yet they were also thinking in very practical terms: After 30 years, I can still use all the help I can get. A thousand sparks to inspire you and your congregation! Click here for more information They get their first real Easter scare when they see from a distance that the stone had already been rolled back Did someone steal the body? They get their second real Easter scare when they see that the tomb is empty, except for some young guy who is definitely not Jesus Could he be a divine messenger, an angel? He is not here. Behold, the place where they laid him! Imagine being one of the women and hearing that. You know what all of this reminds me of? It reminds me of Christmas. Do you remember those first words? At first, those shepherds were scared. They were scared for their lives! They were terrified before they were amazed. But such holy terror inevitably leads to amazement. We know this because the women left in a state of panicked terror unable to say anything to anybody. But we also know that the terror they felt eventually turned to amazement because we have their story! Sooner or later they told someone! They told Peter and the disciples! What the resurrection of Jesus tells us is that death is now a God-place. In the resurrection of Jesus, God has transformed death into life, terror into amazement. Easter, like Christmas, is about this incredible intersection between the human and the divine that continues to this day. I know you are looking for the resurrected Jesus that you yourself might know resurrection too. It means we come to know ourselves to be alive to God and dead to sin. It means we are forgiven. The resurrection of Jesus gives us a clean slate for starting over; for living a new amazing life free from fear. Her husband was in ICU. We prayed for the best and sat quietly in a tenuous state of hope. She physically pulled back from me. I think what I said was both scary and revolting to her. But then something happened! It began to sink in and penetrate to the deepest depths of her being. And in an instant, she got it, she understood. You could see the fear melt away. She believed, she really believed whatever the outcome, whether he lived or died, it would be Good News. Far too often the resurrection is proclaimed in selfish fashion as if to suggest that the saving grace of God is some sort of self-serve soft ice cream. And while the gift of salvation that is embodied in the resurrection is personal, uniquely personal, the purpose of our salvation is often left unspoken and un-addressed. We are saved for a purpose; we are saved for service Ephesians 2: We are saved to be living examples to others of the resurrection here and now. And to live as an example of the resurrection to others is live a life of faithful courage and service, it is to live fearlessly believing in the promise that death has been defeated, we have been forgiven, and life begins anew today! But what we can never forget is that this new life IS a life of service, a life of doing, of doing ministry and mission in the name our Risen Lord! The risen Jesus went ahead of the disciples to Galilee, where it all started. Our Galilee is here in the Church. Here is where it all begins for us. Here is where we are named and claimed in the waters of baptism. Here is where we receive the bread and cup of Hope that fuels our faith and keeps us going. Here is where Jesus meets us and sends us out to live the resurrection and be servants to the world. What if Jesus is risen? Lives of grateful response. Lives of joyful service. Friends, we are not called to believe in the resurrection. We are called to believe in God, the one and only God who raised Jesus from the dead in an act of love, not only for the Son, but for us too. The promise is for us, and for our children, and for all who are far away. Do not fear, but be amazed!

Chapter 3 : Mark 16 - Jesus Has Risen - When the Sabbath was - Bible Gateway

The resurrection of Jesus gives us a clean slate for starting over; for living a new amazing life free from fear. A few years back, I sat with a woman in a hospital waiting room. Her husband was in ICU.

Print The Sabbath day has passed and it is the dawn of a new day. That for which there was not time to carry out before Sabbath began will now take place. We noted in our study of an alternative text for Palm Sunday Mark There was a protest by some to what was considered an extravagant and wasteful act, and they reproached the woman when the ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor. Jesus interpreted her response differently, "She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burying" He is the "King of the Jews" as Pilate questions Jesus The ironic sign on the cross over Jesus reads, "The King of the Jews" The evangelist now brings us in the early dawn hours on the first day of the week to the tomb where Jesus is buried. The evangelist reminds us of the importance of time: Greek is an exacting language and has the literary quality of drawing readers or hearers into the immediate presence of the text. The resurrection story is such an example. We, too, become witnesses, even participants with the women, in the action of coming to the tomb. On their way, the women discuss the difficulty of removing the stone covering the entrance of the tomb Another historic present tense verb draws us into the narrative again: Listen to the details also drawing us into the tomb: The message we hear is the heart of the Easter proclamation then and now: Look, there is the place they laid him" The witness of the empty tomb is a message to be proclaimed: The two imperative verbs convey an ongoing action and immediacy to the commission. The audience is the disciples, with Peter singled out as a spokesperson in the Gospel of Mark. Jesus is already going on ahead of them to the place of his early ministry in Galilee: During the Passover meal Jesus recalled the prophetic words of Zechariah: The crucified and risen Lord comes among his followers as the shepherd who goes before the sheep With the events that we have witnessed at the tomb, we have been drawn into the early dawn hours of a new day. With the women, we have come to the tomb and the discovery of the large stone rolled away. The message of the young man is addressed to us. We too have received the commission to go and tell. Finally, we understand the response of the women fleeing from the tomb "for terror Greek: At age ninety Sarah responds with laughter. The response of Sarah, "for she was afraid", and the response of the three women, "for they were afraid," reflect the presence of the living LORD. Jesus will go before his followers to Galilee. The two stories in Genesis and Mark share a theophany Greek:

Chapter 4 : Sermons | Keep Believing Ministries

Mark Jesus is not here; He has Risen! The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a historical event. It took place on a given date, at a specified time and place.

In size, male lions can be as large as eight feet long, four feet high at the shoulder, and pounds in weight. The females do most of the hunting, usually in the evenings. They pursue such animals as giraffes or zebras at speeds of about 35 miles per hour. The lion represents the strength and power of the Lion of Judah Revelation 5: According to early church tradition, the author of Mark is John Mark, a cousin of Barnabas who accompanied him and Paul on part of their first missionary journey see Acts As the book opens, John the Baptist is calling on Israel to repent from sin. The heart of his message is that a greater One will follow him Mark 1: In verse 9 we find that that person is Jesus of Nazareth. John baptizes Him, not because Jesus needed to repent of sin, but as a public affirmation of the Messiah. The entire Trinity is involved the Son is baptized, the Father speaks from heaven, and the Spirit descends like a dove. The gospel story has begun! He loves you and died to save you from the penalty of sin death. If you believe this truth, you are a child of God! Accept Him as your Savior today. You might say a prayer similar to this: But I believe you love me and sent your Son to die in my place. I accept your gift of eternal life and ask Jesus to live in me as my Savior and Lord. The reason, he explains, is because we usually begin at the wrong starting point. We begin with ourselves. The real secret to purpose is found in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Today we are beginning a month-long study of the life of Jesus as it is described in the Gospel of Mark. It is a lively account, full of action. In it we will see how all that Jesus did during His earthly ministry was influenced by His own sense of purpose. Our lives will lack purpose without a proper understanding of Christ. John was sent to set the stage for the coming Messiah and announce His purpose. It is significant that the first action Jesus took once He began His public ministry was to respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit v. We too have a purpose to fulfill and are led by the Spirit of God Phil. Look over your calendar for the last month. In what have you been investing your time? Take a few minutes to review your finances. What do they say about your priorities? Now summarize your conclusions in a single purpose statement that accurately reflects what you have seen. Are you satisfied with it? If not, ask God to use our studies in the next few weeks to show you where changes need to be made. The first test concerns provision. Jesus refused to enter into any discussion and instead quoted from Deuteronomy 8: The second test concerns power. Somehow Satan was able to show Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and offered them to Him. After his boasting, Satan slipped in the fact that to receive these kingdoms, Jesus would have to worship him in the process. Breaking the first commandment was clearly not something that Jesus would do, as His quote from Deuteronomy 6: Besides, the Father would give all the kingdoms of the world to His Son, so Satan was actually tempting Jesus to avoid the cross and His redemptive work. The third test concerns protection. Satan took Jesus to the highest part of temple, probably the Royal Porch, which overlooked the Kidron Valley, some feet below. To jump from there meant certain death. Here Satan upped the ante by quoting Scripture himself Ps. Jesus replied with Deuteronomy 6: As we learn His Word, the Spirit brings it to our attention at just the right moment. Are you growing in knowledge of the Word? Yet it brings to mind an even more challenging one. What can God do with an ordinary person? Few of us would say that we meet the criteria described by Varley. We do not stand out in a crowd. The first disciples that Jesus called were fishermen casting their nets into the lake. He did not go to the religious elite to select those who would become His apostles; He went to common men as they went about their daily business. Moses and David were called to special service while guarding the flock Ex. When the call to special service finally came, it brought with it the expectation of an immediate response. In each case obedience was costly. They abandoned their livelihood and may have faced family disapproval for taking up a more controversial and certainly less lucrative calling. Later in his ministry Peter would remind Jesus of the sacrifices they had made and inquire about what they would gain in return. Jesus promised that anyone who has left goods or family behind for the sake of the kingdom of God will eventually receive a hundred times as much in addition to eternal life Matt. In most cases the greatest thing we can do for God is the thing He has put in front of us to do. It might be doing

your best on the job or serving your family with an attitude of joy. Serving God is a matter of daily obedience that is worked out in the home and on the job. Founder Ana Maria Pereira believed that Brazilian moms would be eager to join together to pray for the salvation and future ministry of their children. Participants promise to pray 15 minutes daily that their children will trust Christ and take the gospel to unreached people groups. They obeyed immediately, leaving what they were doing to follow Him. As Jesus preaches that the kingdom is near, His reputation spreads and grows. People can see for themselves that His words and actions have divine power. He casts out demons and heals a leper and many others. Clearly, His authority comes from God, but at this time He does not allow the demons to speak v. It is not yet time for Him to be fully revealed. Jesus was not a power-hungry rabbi or a calculating politician, but the incarnate Lord sent to love and heal suffering people. If our Lord needed to do so, how much more do we! Take some time today to do a self-check on your prayer life. Are you spending regular, intimate time with God? Are you balancing praise, confession, and petition? Do you use a prayer list, a prayer journal, or another tool? Do you look forward to times of prayer, or dread them as a duty? Ask the Holy Spirit to create a new hunger for prayer in your daily life. Wijaya explained that his grandmother has had various health problems for the past ten years, and now her husband has been diagnosed with advanced-stage leukemia at the age of Yet they continue to care for one another. For me action speaks much louder than words and throughout the years the unconditional love he has given to my grandmother, his children, and all his grandchildren are all the proof I need. He and his brother Simon Peter left their fishing nets to follow Jesus. And throughout Scripture, Andrew was characterized by bringing people to Jesus. When crowds were hungry after hearing Jesus teach, he found a boy with some fish and bread. Along with the other disciples, Andrew had the privilege to spend private time with Jesus away from the other disciples. He was able to gain a perspective on the person of Jesus that few others had. He was among the very first to recognize Jesus as Messiah, and then was privileged to spend three years with Jesus. Not unlike a devoted spouse, who continues to discover new facets of his beloved over the years, no doubt Andrew was surprised again and again to discover just what type of Messiah Jesus was. It will bubble up in our conversation, the way we care for our loved one, and in the way we plan our time. Is this true of us with Jesus? Do we talk about Him? Do we plan time to be with Him in prayer and in His Word? Does it change the way we live? We are able to love Him because He loved us first 1 John 4: Not only was Pulitzer convinced that a newspaper ought to be one of the most powerful institutions on earth, he believed that its influence ought to extend beyond the earth. Pulitzer once conceived of a scheme to erect a sign so large that it would be visible on the planet Mars. He planned to use it to advertise his newspaper. Pulitzer was right about one thing: Another term used in the New Testament to speak of the proclamation of the gospel is a word that meant to act as a herald.

Chapter 5 : Reformed Baptist Blog: Mark " Jesus' Resurrection Brings Hope (Teaching Outline)

Mark This morning all around the world messages are being delivered about the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Although they each will deal with the resurrection, their focal point will be different.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a historical event. It took place on a given date, at a specified time and place. The facts are Jesus of Nazareth had been crucified and buried two days earlier, and on the third day He came forth from the tomb. The Risen One was the Crucified One. In Mark 16, the author writes in a brief, blunt and fast-moving pace as he has done throughout his gospel. It is a vivid description of the early morning hours on the first day of the week following the crucifixion and burial of Jesus Christ. Mark places his emphasis on the empty tomb; the other historians place emphasis on the testimony of individuals who saw Jesus alive after His resurrection. The attitude of the disciples was that everything had finished in tragedy. Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. Mark gives credible evidence by identifying the women by name who were eye witnesses of the crucifixion, burial of Jesus Christ, and the empty tomb Mark The women go and buy spices for the anointing of the dead body The Jewish people did not embalm their bodies in the first century. They poured aromatic spices over the body to offset the stench of decomposing bodies, and to express their love. These women, like the disciples, were not expecting to find Jesus alive, even though He had repeatedly told the disciples He would after three days Mark 8: The Jewish day began after sunset. Mary of Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and James, and Salome on Saturday evening after sunset around 6 pm bought expensive spices so they might go to the tomb and anoint the dead body of Jesus. The shops that had been closed for the Sabbath reopened briefly at the conclusion of the Sabbath. However, it would be too late for the women to go to the tomb. Two of these women had seen the body buried three days earlier Mark The three had watched the crucifixion from a distance that terrible day. Archaeologists have discovered in Palestinian tombs dating to the first century clay and glass perfume bottles, ointment jars, etc. The women would pour the oils over the burial cloths Joseph and Nicodemus had wound around His body on Saturday. On Sunday morning it was probably still dark when the women started out in the direction of the tomb, and the sun had risen when they arrived at the tomb. The apostle John tells us Mary Magdalene had arrived at the tomb earlier that Sunday morning "while it was yet dark" John The other two women joined her a little later. She came "while it was yet dark," and they came "when the sun had risen. Then she returned to the empty tomb following Peter and John John Two of the women are concerned about the very large stone covering the doorway to the tomb. They were saying to one another as they walked along the way, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb? They had not thought about asking men to join them and remove the stone. They were also probably not aware of the Jewish officials sealing the tomb and posting guards Matt. The other two women did not jump to conclusions as Mary Magdalene had. They came to anoint the dead body of Jesus, and were astonished when greeted by the "young man" in the tomb who greeted them with the news that Jesus was not there, and that Jesus had risen. The Empty Tomb Mark Entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed. Who rolled away the stone? Mark does not tell us how the stone was rolled back. He simply states the fact. When the women arrived at the tomb they found the "extremely large" stone rolled already away v. The tomb was that of a rich man, Joseph of Arimathea, which had never been used Luke It had been cut out of bedrock and had a stone bench or shelf cut into the rock parallel with the chamber. Entrance was through a rectangle doorway about two feet high. Small low doorways between the antechamber and the burial chamber were standard features in Jewish tombs during the days of Jesus. The inner chamber where the body of Jesus had been laid was probably six by seven feet square and about six feet high. Archaeologists tell us the tombs of the first century were normally sealed with a flat stone wedged into place to the keep animals out. The groove would be sloped toward the doorway so that when in a closed position it would be easily rolled into place. However, as the women were preoccupied that it would take several men to roll the stone back in an open position. The exceptionally large stone was rolled back after the resurrection. It was not rolled away to let Jesus out; it was rolled back to let the witnesses in to see that the

tomb was empty. Jesus had already left the tomb when He rose from the dead before the stone was rolled back. Jesus was not in there; He had already left. When God raised Him from the dead He simply passed through the grave-clothes, and the stone tomb, just as He would enter and leave locked rooms during the next forty days. Lenski has an interesting observation: It was not rolled aside in its groove in the regular way so as to be rolled back again to shut the entrance. No, it was hurled out of its groove by some tremendous power, thrown flat upon the ground in front of the tomb, thus making a seat for the angel who waited until the women drew near and then went inside the tomb" Interpretation of St. What did they see in the empty tomb? Luke and John inform us that there were two angels in the tomb Luke Mark and Matthew focus on the one angel who was probably the spokesman. Matthew and Mark are describing the same heavenly being in the tomb. In the Bible angels appear to humans in human form so they can be called a man and can communicate to humans in our language cf. The women saw the angel and were "amazed," "alarmed" or "dumbfounded. These women were terrified tremors , trembling with fear, which becomes the dominant idea in verse eight. Angels unwittingly tend to do that to people. The "white" raiment would indicate the dazzling character of their glory. The women were looking for the dead body of Jesus, but it was not there, of course. But what was left in the tomb? All the undisturbed grave-clothes were in place. These grave clothes were lying in the very folds as they had been wound around the body of the crucified Jesus. The napkin that had been around the head of Jesus was laid separately as it would be separated from the other wrappings as they were around the dead body. Joseph of Arimatea and Nicodemus had wrapped the dead body with many wrappings of linen John The linen sheet was not folded around the body of Jesus. For the purpose of wrapping the body the linen was cut into long strips and these wound around the limbs and body. His body was wrapped in bandages of linen, and a hundred pounds of gummy aromatic spices were sprinkled between the wrappings in a careful methodical and organized manner. All of these wrappings were undisturbed, yet the body had gone out of them in a miraculous manner. The apostle John tells us that when Peter and John arrived at the empty tomb they saw these grave-clothes lying exactly as they had been wrapped around the body of Jesus with the exception that the body was not in the wrappings. This convinced them that Jesus was risen John The grave-clothes were not disturbed. They were not unwrapped and carefully folded up and laid aside like taking off your clothes at night. It was not like someone had unwrapped the body of Jesus of the grave-clothing. These undisturbed grave-clothe wrappings demonstrated clearly to the disciples that Jesus was risen from the dead. The angel was there simply guarding the evidence at the tomb. The declaration of the angel, "He is risen. God raised Him from the dead Acts 3: The angel knows all about their coming to the tomb. They are seeking the dead body of Jesus the Nazarene. But there is only one problem; He is not here, and He is not dead. The angel said to the women: Mark identifies the one who was crucified and risen from the dead as Jesus of Nazareth. He had recorded the resurrection prophecies in 8: The whole saving Gospel is centered in a historical person who lived, died, and rose from the dead. Come, look for yourself. The Greek verb is passive. This "divine passive" points to the fact that Jesus was raised by God. His resurrection explained why they cannot find His dead body in the tomb. The proof the angel offered them was the empty tomb. Come, see the empty place where they laid Him. You can see for yourself that it is not here. There were usually several of these around a larger space where a visiting family member could stand. This is one of the strongest evidence that the testimony is true. The Jewish courts did not accept the testimony of women.

Chapter 6 : Rev. Kurt Hering Sermon on Mark

Join the Feast, Mark , John Carroll, Union PSCE, "The God of Mark?s ending works in our world in ways that defy expectation and elude our every attempt at control." Marginally Mark, by Brian McGowan, Anglican priest in Western Australia.

Click For Plain Text Throughout the Bible, God used angels to make special announcements to humans. For instance, He used an angel to: From reading the Bible, it kind of makes you wonder if angels ever get a day off! In our text, we are presented with an angel that made an announcement that still echoes throughout the universe almost 2, years later. It is this special message from that Easter angel that I want us to consider this morning. On that first Easter morning, as dawn was breaking on a world that was forever changed, a special angel delivered a special message, a message that is still vital today. The Context Fear and dread filled the hearts of this little band of women as they made their way through the still and dark streets of Jerusalem early that Sunday morning. They were going to the tomb of the man they had all believed to be the Messiah, the man for whom they had left all other things behind. They were going to the tomb of a man who had promised life to all who came unto Him, but who was now, Himself, dead. Certainly, they were confused and confounded as they came near the tomb. They were also concerned about the huge stone that covered the door into the tomb. How would they ever gain access to the body? How could these three women ever hope to move a stone that weighed several hundred pounds? Yet they proceeded, carried along by their tender mission, that of finishing the preparations for burial of the body of Christ. As they came within sight of the tomb, they were astounded to see the stone rolled away and the Roman guards lying like dead men all around the mouth of the tomb. Seeing this, they ran to the tomb and looked in, only to find that the body of Jesus was gone. What fear must have gripped their hearts! Perhaps they feared that the Jewish rulers or the Romans had taken the body to prevent His Disciples from faking His resurrection. Maybe they suspected that grave robbers had taken the body and would use it in some extortion plot. Whatever the doubts and concerns that may have filled their hearts, they were short lived. Because, suddenly, the women noticed a "young man" sitting upon the stone, Matt. This angel sees their fear and begins to speak to them. In doing so, he delivers a message of hope that still has the power to change lives this morning. The fear these ladies must have felt upon seeing the angel. But what grace that the first words from his lips are words of peace. It is very appropriate that His resurrection should be attended with a message of peace. Because after 2, years, His resurrection from the dead is still bringing that same message of peace to the hearts of all who believe in Him! Notice just a few of the area of life where His resurrection gives peace: John saw a glimpse of the glorified Christ and He is doing well! He is alive and waiting on His children to come home! It is not only a message of Peace, but it is also a message of: All the others were just resuscitations, Jesus accomplished a true resurrection. Because He was able to conquer death, all those who receive Him as their personal Saviour become partakers of that same resurrection power. At the very moment of salvation, His resurrection is imputed to us and we become alive in Him, Rom. This is that "abundant life" which Jesus spoke of, John All this great resurrection power will be ultimately realized when Jesus returns and raises the dead in Christ. Imagine all those departed saints resurrected from the dead and glorified to live forever with Jesus! Every redeemed sinner is a testimony to the life-changing; life-giving power of the risen Christ. But a living Lord can work miracles in any wrecked and ruined life, 1 Cor. Not only is it a message of Peace and Power, it is also a message of: After Jesus rose from the dead, He immediately disappears and appears to be busy doing something important. Jesus forbids Mary from touching him that morning because He was on His way to the Father. As The Great High Priest, Jesus would be the One required to make the offering of the blood upon the mercy seat that would atone for the sins of the world. It seems that that is what Jesus was doing that morning in His absence from the tomb, Ill. The great praise that must have filled Heaven when Jesus placed His Blood upon the mercy seat! This work of the risen Lord is forever finished, Heb. However do not think for a minute that Jesus is not busy this morning. He is still alive and He is still active on our behalf. He stood up when Stephen was stoned. Jesus shares a common trait with every other living thing this morning; He is active. But, His activity is all for the benefit of His

people! Not only is it a message of Peace, Power, and Potential, it is also a message of: They would see him again. This word from the Lord must have lifted their hearts. They had come to the tomb that morning expecting to see a dead body, they left it with the promise that they would look upon His living face. Can you imagine their excitement? We may not be able to see the risen Lord there in Galilee, but we have a promise that may be just a bit better. You see, we too shall see His face, Rev. In fact, we will see Him first of all in the clouds above the earth, 1 Thes. Then, we will see Him returning in glory, Rev. Then, we will see His face forever in all His glory in Heaven above. He is still a "Lamb as it had been slain! Heaven will be wonderful because we will get to see Jesus. I am personally convinced that this is the most important message ever delivered by an angel to humanity. I just praise the Lord this morning that I know Jesus in a personal way and that I am saved. He is still saving souls today! He is still blessing hearts today! He is still filling His servants today! How can this be? Because what the angel said is still true, "He is risen, He is not here! If so, then come and get it! He lives for you!

Chapter 7 : Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preaching to the saints of the Lutheran Church at Christ-Elkhart and Faith-Hugoton in Kansas since February 8, All sermons prior to that date were preached either at Trinity Lutheran Church-Layton or First Lutheran Church-Tooele, Utah.

Wednesday, March 23, Mark The renowned Evangelical theologian Carl F. The Good News of Easter, p, This statement may sound a bit odd to many of us because we so often think of rumors as gossip that is at least mostly untrue. But, of course, not all rumors are untrue. For example, I am reminded of my service in the Navy, when I and my shipmates would hear rumors about where the ship was going next, or about some training exercise coming up, or about some difficult or dangerous situation that awaited us. Yet no matter how often the officers would tell us not to pay any attention to such rumors, it was uncanny how often the rumors were actually true! And after He is killed, He will rise the third day. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: And the third day He will rise again. Sadly, however, we see in the text before us that the women clearly were not expecting to find that Jesus had risen from the dead. They had no hope that they would see Him alive again. Their devotion is also seen in their going to the tomb early in the morning, as the next verse indicates. Mark has already informed us that the women did not come to the tomb sooner because they had to wait for the Sabbath to end before they could buy the appropriate spices. But he is sure to report that they came just as soon as they could. The stone would have been so large that it would have required a number of strong men to move it. What about those of us here this morning? Are there some here today that are going through difficult times that feel confusing and hopeless? That have a hard time even looking far enough ahead to plan as they should? If there are any here today whose struggles feel so overwhelming to them, then you are among those who need to have a revelation of hope today. You need to be reminded of the hope that we have in Jesus Christ our Lord. Look with me again to see how, as the women in our text approach the tomb, they will see the first indication that a whole new life awaits them! Apparently, as they were discussing their dilemma about the stone on their way to the tomb, they looked up as they approached and saw that it had already been moved. I wonder what would have been going through their minds as they came up to the open entrance of the tomb? Were they wondering if someone else was already in the tomb? Were they beginning to worry that the body may have been moved? We can only imagine their surprise, then, when they entered the tomb and encountered a revelation from God that would change their lives forever! This is confirmed by Matthew: To be sure, it is an overused word these days, overused and cheapened almost to the point of being meaningless. As I have already said, he is the only New Testament author to use this particular word, and he appears to reserve its usage only for special occasions of great spiritual significance. In fact, it is found only three other times in the Gospel of Mark. First, there is the instance when the crowd saw Jesus after the Transfiguration: Stay here and watch. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is not here. The angel points out that they were seeking the crucified Jesus, who had been buried a few days before, but that they should be seeking the risen Jesus! Since they had not believed the promise of His resurrection as they should have, the angel thus stresses that the promise had indeed been fulfilled. The angel even calls their attention to the place where the body of Jesus had previously been laid, where the women had actually seen Him buried the preceding Friday. The angel is making sure that these women, who had followed the events of the death and burial of Jesus so closely, have all the facts clearly in their minds, for they are called upon to be the first human witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus, as we see in the next verse. The women had not expected the resurrection, but they still got to be the first witnesses to it. And now the angel gives these women a divine commission to be the first witnesses to tell others about the resurrection of Christ, something else they surely did not expect! As a matter of fact, women were not eligible as witnesses in Jewish culture, as the first century Jewish historian Josephus made clear in his Antiquities of the Jews: But let not a single witness be credited, but three, or two at the least, and those such whose testimony is confirmed by their good lives. But let not the testimony of women be admitted, on account of the levity and boldness of their sex. Nor let servants be admitted to give testimony, on

account of the ignobility of their soul; since it is probable that they may not speak truth, either out of hope of gain, or fear of punishment. But if any one be believed to have borne false witness, let him, when he is convicted, suffer all the very same punishments which he against whom he bore witness was to have suffered. And see how Peter “ who failed most of all “ is singled out as one who is to see Jesus risen from the dead. Praise the Lord that His ability to use us does not depend on our faithfulness, but on His faithfulness! Suppose I promise to give you a million dollars Monday at noon, and then a thousand dollars Tuesday at noon. You might have reason to doubt my promise “ particularly if you could see my bank balance! But suppose I manage to fulfill the promise on Monday “ you get the million dollars! What do you expect to happen on Tuesday? You will have no doubt! Jesus kept the hard promise. He lived up to His word. Online sermon on Mark As we will see in the next verse, they were initially too afraid to do anything but flee from the scene. Here Mark highlights the fear of the women at having seen the angel and at having been given such an important commission. Again he uses a word that he has often used at other times throughout his Gospel to highlight fear in response to Divine revelation or action. After Jesus calmed the stormy sea: After a woman had been healed from her bleeding: After the disciples saw Jesus walking on water: Now, getting back to the women in chapter 16, we know that after some time they did go and tell the other disciples as the angel had commanded them, since both Matthew And Mark himself tells us in verses that Mary Magdalene went and told the disciples. But Mark wants us to know that they were initially paralyzed by their fear. But it is also possible that they were afraid for other reasons as well, such as fear that they might not be believed when they told others what the angel had said to them. In fact, one can only conclude that it was their faith that overcame their fear and eventually led them to go and tell the others what they had seen and heard. What can we learn from their example? Well, it seems to me that we can see here how faith can be mixed with fear and still be genuine. Perhaps you are one who has felt fear at hearing what God says in His Word and what He commands you to do. Perhaps you have even been afraid to tell others about your risen Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps you have even begun to doubt your own faith at times. The real question for you is this: Will you allow your fears to conquer your faith, or will your faith win out in the end? Perhaps what you do when you leave here today with the Gospel message concerning the risen Lord will tell the tale. Will you go out in faith to tell others? Will you trust the Lord to be with you and to enable you? If you question whether your faith is strong enough, then perhaps you should learn a lesson from another incident recorded in Mark. You may question whether you have the faith to obey the command you have been given to tell others about Jesus, but do you have enough faith to cry out to Jesus and ask Him to help your weakness? For those of you who may not yet have trusted in the Lord Jesus for salvation, I encourage you to hear the words of Scripture and believe.

Chapter 8 : Year B - Easter - Resurrection of the Lord : Revised Common Lectionary

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Who Shall Roll Away the Stone? Although they each will deal with the resurrection, their focal point will be different. Some will focus upon the significance of the borrowed tomb. Others will discuss the time frame of three days. Still others will proclaim other aspects of that very special time in history. Today, I want to focus on the stone that was rolled away. The Importance of the Resurrection of Christ. Fulfilled the promise of Christ to His disciples: The sign given by Jesus of His deity: Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body. When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said. The third day after the crucifixion. The trip to anoint the body of Jesus. The Stone Speaks of the Despair of Death. That stone blocked the way to the tomb. Those outside could not get in. The One inside could not get out it was supposed. Speaks of death holding loved ones from us. Death is a great separation between the living and those who have gone on before. Death comes, often when we least expect it, and more often when we would rather it not. And when it comes, we are helpless and hopeless to do anything about it. But the stone was rolled away. We will someday see our loved ones who have died. The stone could not keep Jesus in the tomb. Jesus arose, conquering death for us. O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. It is clear that we will not be able to roll away the stone ourselves. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ The stone was sealed by the Roman Empire. This was done at the request of the priests and Pharisees. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch. Formalistic, faithless religious leaders were enemies of Jesus. The pagan Roman Empire was an enemy of Jesus. And there were also supernatural enemies of Jesus. Jesus said His enemies were children of Satan. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: Demonic forces are to be reckoned with even now! Jesus arose and conquered all His foes Col. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. He arose a victor from the dark domain, and He lives forever with His saints to reign The women see themselves helplessly standing before the stone. They believe the stone will keep them separated from Jesus. Sin separates people from Jesus. But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. Jesus welcomes and forgives those who bring their sins to Him. Those who trust Jesus will not be separated from Him. What stone is separating you from Jesus? Do not allow anything to keep you from Jesus Christ! Come to Him today! Look in Faith to Jesus: The One Who Is Always approachable. We can be saved today by the mighty power of God who loves us so much that He gave His Son, Jesus, to die on Calvary for our sins, and He rose up from the grave and He lives today! Tell the good news:

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Mark And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

He has risen indeed, Alleluia! Glory be to God on High and on earth, peace, good will toward men. The resurrection means that the Father accepted everything that Jesus did and has credited it to our account. Jesus has won the forgiveness of sins not just for a few people, but for all people - not just for a few sins, but for all sins. Easter means that when Jesus gave that last triumphant cry on the cross, "It is finished," that it really was finished and will always be finished. Easter means that Jesus really is the Son of God and that every word He says is the truth. Of course that long ago day when Jesus rose from the dead did not begin in such a festive mood for those who loved Him. Jesus had risen, but no one knew about it. Everyone who knew Jesus - friend and foe alike - thought Jesus was still dead. Many witnesses had seen Jesus die. Jesus had died too close to the Sabbath. They were fortunate that Joseph had a new grave near by and they were barely able to place Jesus in the grave and apply some linens and a few spices before the Sabbath arrived and they had to quit. How that unfinished burial must have filled their thoughts while they waited a whole day for the end of the Sabbath. As soon as the sun set on the Sabbath, they went shopping and got all the spices and other supplies they needed to complete the burial. They had everything arranged so that they could get an early start the next morning. Every hour that they waited was another hour of decay for the body of their dear master. They wanted to do everything possible in the tomb before the heat of the day set in. Time was of the essence and so we find these grief-stricken women already en route to the tomb as the sun began to light up the eastern sky. Sometime during their walk to the tomb, the women realized they had left something out of their plans, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb? How would they get into the tomb to do this last work of love for their master? As the women discussed the stone, they approached the tomb, and the stone was the first thing they saw. It was not where it was supposed to be. It looked as if an angel from heaven had descended and tossed it aside. In fact, that is exactly what had happened. The Holy Spirit inspired Matthew to write, [Matthew When they entered the tomb, a young man in a white robe waited with a message for them. First of all, he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. Secondly, he said to them, "Go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you. Jesus was not where they expected Him to be. That is a lesson that is good for all time. Jesus is never where the natural man expects Him to be. We all come into this world with a God-shaped space inside of us. We all have questions: Why are we here? What is the meaning to life? What is the real difference between good and evil? Does anything happen after death and, if something does happen after death, what is it? Is there hope for the afterlife? These and many other questions reveal a great desire for something or someone who is bigger than we are - someone who is in control - someone who has all the answers. That is that God-shaped space making itself known. Down through the millennia, different cultures have developed their own expectations of God. They have tried different ways to fill in that empty space where God belongs. There are now thousands of religions on the face of the planet. They each have expectations of God. They each make an attempt to fill in that God-shaped space inside of us. All of these man-made religions expect you to fill in your own God-shaped space. There are thousands of rituals, codes of conduct, meditations, and other things for us to do, but they all depend on us and none of them lead where we expect them to. They all teach that somehow, through some worthy action on our part, we will discover God on our own and place Him in that empty space. An honest person quickly finds that he cannot save himself. We are weak and irresponsible. That is why we can never save ourselves. That is why our salvation must come from outside of us. It must be above us - beyond us - outside of our experience. The true religion is unexpected. Instead of making us fill our own emptiness, God fills it for us. Only those who trust in Jesus Christ no longer have that empty space. Through the person and work of Jesus Christ, God comes to us and takes His rightful place in our heart. The angel in the tomb tells who this Jesus really is. He is Jesus of

Nazareth, who was crucified. He is Jesus of Nazareth, who has risen. This is the Jesus who fills in the God-shaped emptiness we all have. But, if God is so unexpected, how can we get together with Him so that He can fill our emptiness with His salvation? He said to them, "Go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. The angel instructed the women to share the good news of the resurrection with the disciples. Jesus Himself told His church to make disciples by baptizing and teaching. The Holy Spirit comes to us as pastors, teachers, friends, relatives, and neighbors confess their faith to us. In turn, the Holy Spirit works through us as we confess that faith to others. In an unexpected way, the Holy Spirit uses the church to reach the church. Jesus comes in another unexpected way. On the night He was betrayed, He gave an inheritance to His church. He bequeathed His body and Blood to His disciples. At His death, His last will and testament went into effect just like any other will. But then Jesus did something unexpected. He did not stay dead. With His resurrection, the body and blood that He bequeathed to His people lives once again. With His resurrection, Jesus gets to do something absolutely unique. He gets to celebrate with His heirs as they enjoy the riches of His estate! We receive the body Christ gave for us and the blood Christ shed for us, but they are no longer dead, for Christ has risen. The body we receive by mouth with the bread is a living body. The blood we receive by mouth with the wine is a living blood. How unexpected the true faith is. Jesus comes to us by ear when we hear His word, He comes to us by water when God makes us His own through baptism, and He comes to us by mouth when we receive the sacrament of His body and blood. Who would have believed such things if Jesus Christ did not give us the promise Himself? That is where the resurrection comes in. Jesus kept His promise to rise from the dead. This shows us that He keeps all His promises. Amen Please quote from my sermons freely. I only ask that you quote accurately if you attribute anything to me. Should you decide to contact me, I would be very interested in knowing where you are. Please include the name of your city, state or province, and country when contacting me.