

A FRIEND WHO SHOWED UP

INTRODUCTION

Luke 24: 36-43 (NLT) ³⁶ And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them. "Peace be with you," he said. ³⁷ But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost! ³⁸ "Why are you frightened?" he asked. "Why are your hearts filled with doubt? ³⁹ Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it's really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do." ⁴⁰ As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder. Then he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he ate it as they watched."

THREE SIGNIFICANT THINGS HAPPENED WHEN JESUS AROSE

1. THEIR _____ WAS ELIMINATED

I Corinthians 15:13-19 (NLT) ¹³ For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless. ¹⁵ And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. But that can't be true if there is no resurrection of the dead. ¹⁶ And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. ¹⁸ In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! ¹⁹ And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world."

2. THEIR _____ WERE ENLIGHTENED

Luke 24:44-45 (NLT) ⁴⁴ Then he said, "When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures."

- Jesus fulfilled _____ Old Testament prophecies.

I Corinthians 1:23 (NLT) ²³ So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense."

- Natural man strives for heaven without the _____.

John 14:6 (NLT) ⁶ Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

- The only way to heaven is through the _____.
- Atheists believe in _____.
- The cross needs to be in the _____.

John 19:19-20 (NLT) “¹⁹ And Pilate posted a sign over him that read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” ²⁰ The place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek, so that many people could read it.”

- Jesus died __ the people __ the marketplace.

3. THEIR _____ WAS ESTABLISHED

Luke 24: 47-49 (NLT) “⁴⁷ It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.’ ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of all these things. ⁴⁹ “And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”

- The mission: _____ the Good News of salvation
- The means: _____ of Jesus to do it
- The pyramids: Where kings of Egypt are _____
- West Minister Abbey: Where English notables are _____
- Arlington cemetery : where men who died for our country are _____
- The Garden: where the tomb is _____

CONCLUSION: The custom of the “folded napkin”. I’ll not _____.

John 20:4-7 (NLT) “⁴ They were both running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn’t go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ while the cloth that had covered Jesus’ head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings.”

- Announcement to Peter, “I’ll not _____.”

I Corinthians 15:55-57 (NLT) “⁵⁵ O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting” ⁵⁶ For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. ⁵⁷ But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

- “He is risen!” “He is risen _____!”