

Series: Holy Week 2020

Sermon: Easter: Darkness to Light

Scripture: Mark 16:1-8 (ESV)

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Mark 16:1-8

1 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.

2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.

3 And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?”

4 And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large.

5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed.

6 And 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.

7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.”

8 And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Jesus, the Light of the World

Matthew 4:16 (quoting Isaiah 9:2) - *The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.*

John 1:4-5: *In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

John 8:12 - *I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*

John 12:46 - *I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.*

The work of Jesus as the Light of the World

2 Corinthians 4:4 - *In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

2 Corinthians 4:6 - *For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

Ephesians 5:8 - *For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.*

Colossians 1:13-14: *He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

1 Peter 2:9 - *... that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.*

Jesus, the Bright Morning Star

Isaiah 60:19-20: *The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.*

Revelation 22:3-5: *No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His servants will worship Him. They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.*

Revelation 22:16b - *I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.*

So, why would I say that the resurrection of Jesus is the most critical truth to latch on to today, tomorrow, and every day until the end of your life?

- 1) Because it's the resurrection of Jesus that becomes for us the supernova of light for us, regardless of our circumstances.
- 2) Because it's the only truth that draws us out of the chaos of our darkness and into the clarity of His light.

The terrors of the night dissipate in the light of our resurrected Jesus. He is the light of the world.