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NEWSLETTER

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THE DAY AFTER EASTER



IT'S BEEN INTERESTING FOR ME TO THINK, FOR THE FIRST TIME, ABOUT SOME OF THE THINGS THAT LIKELY HAPPENED THE DAY AFTER RESURRECTION SUNDAY.

THE DAY AFTER EASTER THOMAS WAS BEING REMINDED OF THE NEED TO ATTEND ALL OF THE DISCIPLES MEETINGS. (SEE JOHN 20:24-25) EVEN IF IT WAS DANGEROUS AND THEIR MEETING PLACES WERE SECRETIVE, HIS PARTICIPATION WAS EXPECTED. AFTERALL, THE NIGHT BEFORE HE'D MISSED ONE OF THE GREATEST REVELATIONS OF ALL TIME ... THE REALITY OF THE RESURRECTED CHRIST!

ON THAT FIRST MONDAY THOSE WOMEN WHO WERE FIRST TO FIND THE EMPTY TOMB AND HEAR THE ANGELS ANNOUNCE CHRIST'S RESURRECTION, WERE SAYING TO THE DISCIPLES "WE TOLD YOU SO!" WHEN THEY FIRST REPORTED THESE TRUTHS TO THE APOSTLES, LUKE 24:11 INFORMS US THAT "THESE WORDS APPEARED TO THEM AS NONSENSE." NOW THEY ALL KNOW IT WAS TRUE!

ONE DAY AFTER THE RESURRECTION THE EMMAUS DISCIPLES RETURNED HOME AGAIN, THEIR SECOND TRIP IN AS MANY DAYS. (NOTE LUKE 24:33-35) THIS TIME RATHER THAN JESUS EXPLAINING TO THEM ALL THAT MOSES AND THE PROPHETS SAID CONCERNING HIMSELF (LUKE 24:27), THEY WERE TELLING ANYONE WHO WOULD LISTEN THOSE GREAT TRUTHS ALONG WITH THE FACT OF A RISEN CHRIST!

THE SOLDIERS WHO HAD GUARDED CHRIST'S TOMB HAD A GREAT DAY AFTER THE RESURRECTION. THEY WERE SHOPPING FOR THE LATEST BODY ARMOR AND HIGH END FOOTWEAR. THEY HAD JUST RECEIVED THE BIGGEST BONUSES THEY'D EVER HAD (MATTHEW 28:11-15) AND THEY WERE GOING TO ENJOY IT!

FROM THE CROSS JESUS HAD INDICATED THAT THE BELOVED DISCIPLE JOHN WOULD BE THE ONE TO CARE FOR HIS MOTHER MARY (JOHN 19:26-27). BECAUSE HE WAS THE OLDEST SON, AND MARY WAS PROBABLY WIDOWED, IT WAS HIS RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE FOR HER. ON THE DAY AFTER EASTER JOHN WAS LIKELY MOVING MARY'S THINGS TO HIS HOUSE.

I THINK THAT THE DAY AFTER THE RESURRECTION THE CENTURION WHO OVERSAW CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION JOINED THE DISCIPLES FELLOWSHIP. AT THE CROSS HE'D BECOME CONVINCED THAT INDEED JESUS WAS INNOCENT (LUKE 23:47) AND ACTUALLY WAS THE SON OF GOD. (MATTHEW 27:54). HE'S READY TO IDENTIFY WITH CHRIST!

ALSO ON THAT DAY AFTER RESURRECTION SUNDAY, THE DISCIPLES WERE DIGGING INTO THE WORD. LUKE 27:45-48 TELLS US THAT ON THE NIGHT OF HIS RESURRECTION, JESUS OPENED THEIR MINDS SO THAT THEY COULD UNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURES. NOW THEY WERE VORACIOUSLY READING WITH SPIRIT-ENABLED INSIGHT!

WHAT ARE WE DOING THE DAY AFTER EASTER? MIGHT WE CONSIDER THESE EVENTS AND BE WISE.

LOOKING UP!

PASTOR CHUCK CIRCLE