

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

April 16, 2017

“The Witnesses of the Resurrection”

Defining Witness

- Attestation of a fact or of an event. Public affirmation by word or example.
- Biblically, one can bear witness to something that will occur in the future or which has occurred in the past.
 - ⇒ Bearing witness to something that will occur in the future is known as _____
 - ⇒ Bearing witness to that which has occurred in the past is known as _____

Luke 24:1-12

- Having arrived at the tomb on the first day of the week, the women who went to put spices on the body encountered an angel who reminded them of what Jesus Himself had borne witness to concerning the events which had occurred.

The First Witness: The Words of _____

Luke 9:21-22 — 21 And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, 22 saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

Luke 9:44-45 — 44 “Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men.” 45 But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them, so that they might not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

Luke 18:31-34 — 31 And taking the twelve, he said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. 32 For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. 33 And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” 34 But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

Luke 24:13-35

- Later that day, two disciples were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus and encountered the risen Christ. Upon realizing that they were perplexed about the events of His death, He rebuked them and reminded them of what the Scriptures foretold.

The Second Witness: The Writings of the _____

From the Writings of Moses:

Gen. 3:15 — I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

Gen. 22:13 — And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

Ex. 12:5, 7 — 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats... 7 “Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

From the Prophets:

Isa. 53:7-11 — 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? 9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. 11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Luke 24:36-49

- Jesus then appeared to the disciples, confirming for them in their experience the things which they had heard from others.
- Notice that He grounds their experience of seeing and touching Him with the previous two witnesses.

Luke 24:44 — Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

The Third Witness: The Testimony of the _____

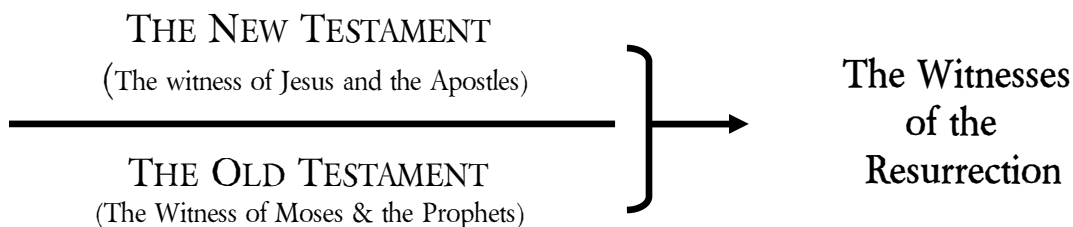
The Content of the Their Witness:

1. They will have _____ into the OT Scriptures.

Luke 24:45 — 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures

2. The focus of their proclamation will be His _____, _____, and _____.

Luke 24:46-47 — 46 and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer And on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.



Our Response:

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

We ourselves are to be His _____!