**R845 Rumination for April 4, 2021 [Resurrection Sunday] by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **As He Said…ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext:*Christ died for our sins* ***according to the scriptures****; and that He was buried,*

 *and that* *He rose again the third day* ***according to the scriptures****:* I Cor. 15:3, 4

The **T**hots:

Intro.: Today while **C**hristendom rightly or wrongly **C**elebrates “*Easter*”, we would **C**ontinue to **C**ommemorate

 our Lord as He **C**ommanded us to, to remember, His death, burial and **resurrection** at the Lord’s Supper.

1. **Jesus’ Resurrection was *according to the Scriptures*. I Cor. 15:3, 4**
2. Likewise, **His Death** – *Christ died for our sins* ***according to the scriptures***Cf. Isa. 53
3. He would **S**uffer – *He is despised and rejected, a man of* ***S****orrows, and acquainted with grief.* Isa. 53:3
4. He would be **S**acrificed – *he is brought as a lamb to the* ***S****laughter, and as a* ***S****heep*

 *before her* ***S****hearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth*. Isa. 53:7

1. He was the **S**inner’s **S**ubstitute – *He was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his* ***S****tripes we are healed.* Isa. 53:5
* Cf. *I am the good Shepherd: the good* ***S****hepherd giveth His life for the sheep.* Jn. 10:11
1. Likewise, **His Burial** – ***according to the scriptures****…He was buried…* I Cor. 15:3, 4
2. The **I**llustrative **I**ncident:

*As Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man*

 *be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.* Matt. 12:40, NKJV

1. Normal **B**uried **B**odies would Stink. Jn. 11:39

*Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto Him, Lord, by this time he stinketh:*

*for he hath been dead four days.*

1. The **E**xclusive **E**xception for Jesus’ Body – it would not see Corruption.
2. As **C**ited by the **P**salmist in **P**rophecy: Psa. 16:10, NKJV

*For You will not leave My soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.*

1. As **C**onfirmed by **P**eter in his **P**reaching – Acts 13:35-37

*Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.*

*…He, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.*

1. Likewise, **His Resurrection** - *He rose again the third day* ***according to the scriptures****:* I Cor. 15:3, 4
2. **A**ccording to the **W**ritten **W**ord (*Scriptures*) – Psa. 16:10, NKJV

*For You will not leave My soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.*

1. **A**uthenticated by Living **W**orthy **W**itnesses – ***He was seen*** by them after His resurrection. I Cor. 15:5-8
2. *And that He was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:*
3. *After that, He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.*
4. *After that, He was seen of James; then of all the apostles.*

*And last of all He was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.*

* Thus, Lk 24:44 — *And He said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you,*

*while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me.* Lk. 24:4

1. **Jesus’ Resurrection was *As He Said*. Mt. 28:6**

*He is not here: for He is risen,* ***as He said****. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.*

1. As He **P**redicted it: Matt.16:21
2. *From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto His disciples, how that He must go unto Jerusalem,*

*and suffer many things…, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.*

1. *While they abode in Galilee,* ***Jesus said*** *unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men: And they shall kill him, and the third day He shall be raised again.* Mt. 17:22-23
2. *And shall deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify Him:*

*and the third day He shall rise again.* Mt 20:19

1. As the two angelic beings in the tomb **P**roclaimed – Lk 24:6-8

*He is not here, but is risen…****R****emember how He spake unto you…*

*When He was yet in Galilee* ***saying,*** *The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men,*

*and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they* ***R****emembered His words.*

1. As His enemies **R**emembered and **R**ecalled it to Pilate: Mt. 27:63 *Sir, we* ***R****emember that that Deceiver* ***said****, while He was yet alive, After three days I will* ***R****ise again.*
2. As **P**eter confirmed it in his **P**reaching. Acts 13:35-38

*David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption: But He, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.*

*Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me; Buried, He carried my sins far away;*

*Rising, He justified freely forever; One day He’s coming—O glorious day!*

J. Wilbur Chapman

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK: R. 845**

1. *“Easter”* has nothing to do with Christ and His Cross, though the word is found in the King James Version of the Bible in Acts 12:4 **–** *When he* [Herod] *had apprehended him* [Peter], *he put him in prison…intending after* ***Easter*** *to bring him forth to the people.*

“*Easter*” is a mistranslation of the original Greek word: “*pascha”* which is translated “*Easter*” here, but “*Passover*” in its other 28 occurrences in the New Testament*.* Indeed, “*Easter*” is not a biblical word nor a biblical event, yea, it is not even “Christian” for all that matters, but unfortunately Christendom has adopted it and those who are ignorant of its origin have adapted it into its present “Christian” form.

And today we have pagan rituals and practices associated with Easter as Easter bunnies, Easter eggs, Easter Sunrise services, etc. etc. which have no relevance at all with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, during this “season” we need to go back to remember, *Christ, our Passover…sacrificed for us* (I Cor. 5:7) and be identified with Him in His death, burial and resurrection as in the following scriptural challenges to all born-gain believers in Jesus Christ.

**We need to… Be Crucified with Him –**

* Rom. 6:6 – *Knowing this, that our old man is* ***crucified*** *with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.*
* Gal. 2:20 – *I am* ***crucified*** *with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me:*

*and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God,*

*who loved me, and gave Himself for me.*

 **Die with Him –**

* Rom. 6:8 – *Now if we be* ***dead*** *with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him*:
* II Tim. 2:11 – *It is a faithful saying…if we be* ***dead*** *with Him, we shall also live with Him:*

 **Be Buried and Risen with Him –**

* Rom. 6:4 – *We are* ***buried*** *with Him by baptism into death that like as Christ was* ***raised*** *up from*

 *the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

* Col. 2:12 – ***Buried*** *with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are* ***risen*** *with Him through the faith of*

 *the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead.*

* Today, as you Remember the Resurrection of Jesus, Can you fulfil the Conditions, Consequences and Challenges of having Died, been Buried and Raised with Him (as listed above)

to be what He wants you to be? **REFLECT**

1. Today as we Remember the Resurrection of Jesus, what does it mean to you?

 Why is the Resurrection of Jesus so important?

* It **A**uthenticates His **Deity** as the **S**overeign God, the Almighty.

Rev.1:8 – *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord,*

Cf. 22:13 *which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.*

Rev. 1:18 *– I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore,*

 *Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death*.

* It **A**ttests to the **Veracity** of **S**cripture which predicts His Resurrection.

I Cor. 15:3, 4 – *Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that He was*

Cf. Lk. 24:44 *buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures*:

* It **A**cclaims His **Authority** as the **S**aviour and Life-Giver, having been dead and is risen again.

Jn. 11:25 – *Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life:*

Cf. Rom. 10:9 *he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.*

* It **A**ffirms His **Priestly Ministry** in Heaven and His **P**romise one day to return for His **P**eople.

Heb. 1:3 – *When He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of*

Cf. Heb. 7:25 *the Majesty on high…Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost*

 *that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them*

Cf. Jn. 14:2, 3 *…In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.* *And …I will come again, and receive you*

 *unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.* Cf. I Thes. 4:14-17

* Do you believe in the Resurrection of Jesus?

If you do not, i.e. …*If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.*

*Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.* I Cor. 15:13-19. **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:** *If you do not believe in the* ***R****esurrection of Jesus, He will never* ***R****eturn to take you Home with Him; you will* ***R****emain in your Sinful condition waiting for your* ***R****etribution.*