



THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH

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HE IS RISEN

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: *Mark 16:1-13*

GOSPEL TRUTH:

Jesus has risen from the dead! The presence of an angel confirmed it. The physical proof was that the stone was rolled away and the tomb where they had laid Him was empty. The stone was removed to let us see in rather than to let Jesus out.

GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming (I Corinthians 15:22-23).

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:

1. With Jesus all things are possible. Even the grip of death could not contain Him in the grave. Death is inevitable for all men; however, we will be reunited and meet Him in the air, translated and transformed (*I Corinthians 15:54-57; Ephesians 2:4-5; Revelation 1:18*).
2. A relationship with Christ is not confined to learning a doctrine about Him (*Acts 9:1-6; Galatians 2:20*).
3. If we die in the Lord, we shall also live with Him (*Isaiah 25:8-9, 53:1-12; I Corinthians 15:3-5, 22-23, 55-57; II Timothy 2:11*).
4. Jesus rose from the grave making way for all believers to attain eternal life (*John 11:25-26*).

BACKGROUND SETTING:

Jesus was born for a specific purpose. God was in Christ reconciling all men to Him. Jesus was the unblemished sacrifice for sin and paid the exact price of sin: death. The Holy One of God was destined to die but not suffer corruption resulting from death. Jesus rose from the dead on His own power conquering death, hell and the grave which guarantees that we too shall live with Him. Jesus ascended bodily into heaven from the Mount of Olives and is coming back again in the same body to the same Mount. The power of His resurrection assures us that our vile body shall be changed (*Philippians 3:21*) and fashioned likened unto His glorious body. Jesus did not promise us long life upon the earth but promised born-again believers eternal life in heaven (*John 11:25-26*). One day we shall be reunited and greet our loved ones and live together along with the family of God in heaven.

LESSON SUMMARY:

Jesus rose from the dead on the morning of the third day after having laid in the tomb part of Friday, the entire day of the Sabbath (Saturday) and part of the first day of the week, Sunday. After honoring the Sabbath (an unconditional dedication and renewal of spirit to God), the three women who went to the tomb to anoint His body found the heavy stone rolled away and an angel greeted them saying, "He is risen!" This passage not only reveals the wonderful work of Christ but also reveals the restraints found in the heart of all men to believe and embrace His word. The disciples did not believe nor remember the words of Jesus and how He would rise from the dead on the third day. After honoring the Sabbath, why didn't the disciples go to the tomb to witness Jesus making the impossible possible? Bring that thought forward to the present, do you cherish the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and His word, and believe that Jesus is coming soon? (*I Thessalonians 4:13-18*) Let Jesus roll that stone of unbelief out of the way and believe.

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