

Quidnick Baptist Church

Resurrection Sunday

01 April 2018

Communion Service

“Before the world’s sun arose on the third day, the Son of righteousness had already risen!”

The Bridegroom has already gone forth out of His chamber.

“This just in: Mary Magdalene reporting from Jerusalem;

‘I’ve seen the Lord!’”

John 20:1-18

When John Owen, the great Puritan, lay on his deathbed, his secretary wrote (in his name) to a friend, "I am still in the land of the living." "Stop," said Owen. "Change that and say, I am yet in the land of the dying, but I hope soon to be in the land of the living." John M. Drescher

Jewish Christians in the early church celebrated Jesus Christ as Passover, the true paschal lamb, commemorating

His death and resurrection as an

Easter feast.

The Easter feast is regarded as the greatest in the Christian church, since it commemorates the most important event in the life of its Founder.

The demon-possessed were considered by Jesus’ disciples as diseased victims of an evil power, not accomplices to it.

Jesus did not cast demons out of the sinful woman of Luke 7 and Mary of Magdala is not anointing the Lord's feet; the two statements are not connected.

The stone was removed from the entrance so that Mary and the others could see the empty tomb; it was NOT removed to let Jesus out but to let the world in.

The grave has been robbed of its victory because the resurrection of Christ removed the crown of death forever!

Neither John nor Peter fully understood the significance of the empty tomb at this point!

When people are upset, they seek refuge and comfort with those whom they are closest to.

Mary doesn’t go toward people because the person she loves most is dead and gone in her mind!

Because she has virtue as a responder, Mary cannot break away from her only true love, who first loved her by showing it in casting demons out of her.

In contrast to Peter and John, Mary kept on standing outside, literally facing the tomb because her love would not let her leave.

Love for the Lord Jesus Christ must be coupled with faith and yes, Mary is weeping because she loves Him but also because she doesn’t believe what He said!

Privacy and free-will are the main ingredients of a woman's love.

When a woman falls in love, she starts thinking and when a man falls in love, he stops thinking.

By reclining or relaxing at the Lord Jesus Christ's grave, the angels teach us that we need not fear death.

The presence of angels proves that the body of Jesus has not been stolen as Mary presumed.

Proper frame of reference would see the empty tomb and say: *'He is risen!'*

To live life without objective truth brings self-induced misery as it did in Mary's temporary short circuiting.

Before someone can recognize the truth, he must stop being a slave to his emotions.

Can you imagine Mary's relief as her sorrow turns to joy as Jesus wipes away every fear she ever had in an instant and if you are a Christian, you'll have that moment with Him, also.

God chose to demonstrate the validity of the resurrection through a fantastic women's love.

The fact that Jesus chose Mary Magdalene indicates that she was the most capable person!

The fact that a woman would be the first to see Jesus Christ risen certainly commands out attention because no Jewish author in the ancient world would have invented a story with a woman as the first witness to history's most important event!