

Noticeboard

<p>Date for your Diary Emmanuel Baptist Church Annual Church Members Meeting 18th July 2017 at 7.30pm. Please make every effort to be at the important meeting</p>	<p>Foodbank needs: Cereals Tins: veg, meats, pulses fruits, rice pudding, potatoes, spam, corned beef Jams/marmalade Long-life fruit juices Biscuits Sweet treats Long-life milk Orange/blackcurrant squash Coffee Toilet rolls Soap Shower gel</p>
<p>Food for Thought This Thurs 13th July. Last one for the summer and is a Cream Tea. Starts at 2.30pm.</p>	<p>Safeguarding Course Don't forget to sign up for this course on 16th September. It is free to the people of Emmanuel</p>
<p>Sunday 23rd July Join us for an All Age service led by the children and their leaders. Followed by a bring and share BBQ (please bring something to cook on the BBQ and a dessert), rolls, condiments and drinks will be provided. It will also be a chance for us to say goodbye to Nessa, Robin, Ben and Sam as it will be their last Sunday with us.</p>	
<p>Sunday Evening Open Worship Tonight at 7pm, only two more left before we break for summer. Please come along if you can.</p>	

Sunday 16th July

10.30am **Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**
Main Door Lynne Pellow
Inner Door Barry & Betty Hearn
Easy Worship Vicki Kneebone
Coffees Before Service & After Service Chris & Kristine Trueman

Sunday 9th July 2017

10.30am **Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**
A warm welcome to you all. We would love to get to know each other better, so please introduce yourself. If you can, join us for refreshments after the service.

11am **Children and youth groups leave**
due to many children and leaders being away at Spree the children **WILL NOT** be out for the whole service but will go out at 11am.
Salt: Year 7 and up (meets in the Power House)

7pm **Open Worship 7 - 8pm.** An opportunity to pray and praise together; to listen and give space to the Holy Spirit.
Prayer Ministry
Members of the Prayer Ministry Team wear ministry badges. Please speak to one of them if you would like prayer for any reason.

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Sermon outline notes:

Resurrection Part 8

The Gospel Narratives

Introduction

When Paul speaks of Jesus' resurrection he connects it again and again with the resurrection of God's people—Paul's greatest passages on the subject 1 Corinthians 15 and 2 Corinthians 4 and 5 are focussed on that connection. Peter in his first letter does exactly the same (see 1 Peter 1:3). But the gospel writers rarely if ever do that. There is a strange absence of personal resurrection hope in the gospel stories: at no stage do they mention the future hope of the Christian. In other words they are not about life after death for the believer, they are about something different!

The gospel stories of Jesus' resurrection are about something else—the validation of Jesus' messianic claim and the commissioning of his followers to act as the heralds, announcing to the world its new, surprising, but rightful Lord, Jesus himself.

1) Mark

- Jesus is raised—'go to Galilee and see him there' Jesus is raised just as he said he would be—in other words all that he said about the coming of the Kingdom through his own work, through his death and resurrection has come true. The resurrection completes the inauguration of God's Kingdom.
- In Mark's perspective the resurrection is at least part of what Jesus meant when he said that some listening to him would not taste death before they saw the Kingdom of God come with power.

2) Matthew

- When the disciples go to Galilee and see the risen Jesus there, they worship him. This is the culmination of the teaching about who Jesus is which has been building up throughout the gospel. Jesus is vindicated as the Emmanuel, the man who is God with us.
- Jesus is now enthroned as the Lord of heaven and earth. His Kingdom has been established and this kingdom is to be put into practice by his followers summoning all the nations to obedient allegiance to him, marking them out in baptism.

3) Luke

The story of the two on the road to Emmaus is about the fact that with the resurrection of Jesus the entire story of God and Israel, and God and the world must be told in a new way. The resurrection is the point at which all the old promises come true at last: the promise of David's unshakable Kingdom, the promise that all the nations would now be blessed through the seed of Abraham.

4) John

- John 20 stresses twice (in verses 1 and 19) that the resurrection of Jesus occurred on the first day of the week. Jesus dies on the sixth day; his 'resting in the tomb' happens on the seventh; His resurrection functions as the beginning of the new creation. 'The Word through whom all things were made is now the Word through whom all things are remade.'
- Mary supposes that Jesus is the gardener and that's the right mistake to make because like Adam Jesus is charged with bringing God's new world to order. He has come to uproot the thorns and thistles and to plant myrtle and cypress as Isaiah promised in his great picture of the new creation. (Isaiah 55:4-11).

Conclusion

In the gospel resurrection narratives there is little if anything about the theme 'go to heaven when we die'! But there is a great deal about a new commission given to the disciples—to preach and build for the Kingdom. And that commission is accompanied by the necessary equipment: to be Jesus' agents in the world, his followers need and are given his own Spirit. Easter and Pentecost belong together—Easter commissions Jesus' followers for a task; Pentecost gives them the necessary equipment to accomplish it.

Points to Ponder

- 1) What was your reaction to the sermon? Were there things which particularly struck you? Were there things with which you disagreed? Why?
- 2) How do you understand the phrase 'the Kingdom of God'? When we pray 'Your Kingdom come' what are we praying for?
- 3) 'In the Book of Acts the apostles are not offering people a new religious experience though that will come as well. They are not telling them that they can go to 'heaven' when they die though they will if they believe. Nor are they telling them that God has done an extraordinary miracle which shows how powerful he is, though he has. They are to go and tell the world that Jesus the Jewish messiah is the world's true Lord and to summon them to believing obedience. And that is exactly what they do!' How far would you agree with this statement?