

I. THE REMEMBERING DISCIPLES

A. Reading John 2:13-22 (2 weeks ago and this week together)

B. PRAY

1. Love to see how He did it alone
2. No one could stop Him
3. He did it without causing loss
4. He did it in Righteous Anger (nowhere else do you see Him act physically)

C. His disciples remembered

1. They had had good Bible training from youth up
2. Vs. 15 – they remembered then apparently – when they saw
3. But look at vs. 22
 - a. This one is different
 - b. This is something that happens years later that John put in here
 - c. After the resurrection they remembered
 - d. Joh 14:26 - “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”
4. They also “believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said”
 - a. Vs. 22 – They equated all of what Jesus spoke as Scripture!
 - b. And no wonder! John 1:1 – He IS the Word
 - c. They would have a more perfect understanding
 - d. And so, should we who are also viewing this after the resurrection
 - e. But we will talk more about that at the end of the message

II. A SIGN DEMANDED

A. The Jews demand a sign (vs. 18)

1. This is nothing new – it would keep happening throughout the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ
 - a. 1Co 1:22 – “For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:”
 - b. Look ahead to vs. 23 in John 2 – Many believed – WHEN?
 - c. When they SAW the miracles!
2. Luke 11:29 – “And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet.”

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 - b. Matt. 12:38-40 (turn if there's time) or vs. 40 - "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."
 - c. We know the story of Jonah
 - i. Jonah had to graduate from Whale University
 - ii. He preached an eight word message
 - iii. Jon 3:4 – "And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown."
 - iv. And the city repented!
 - v. You can see it (Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah)
 - vi. Jonah 3:6-10
- B. They were admitting their own guilt
- 1. Look back at John 2:18 – "seeing thou doest these things?"
 - a. They wouldn't have been asking for a sign
 - b. If they didn't already know He had done something right
 - c. If they didn't already know they were doing something wrong
 - d. They would have called the guards
 - i. Called the police
 - ii. Hauled Jesus off to jail!
 - 2. He had done something with no office
 - a. He had not claimed to be a Levite
 - b. Or a priest
 - c. He had no "official" position
 - d. And they they stood helplessly by and could only demand a sign!
- C. Remember Lazarus and the Rich Man from Luke 16?
- 1. "And in hell he lift up his eyes being in torment"
 - a. Yes, Hell is a real place filled with real people who are really aware
 - b. Christ taught more on hell than He did on heaven
 - 2. What did that rich man want in vs 27?
 - a. To send Lazarus to his brethren
 - b. SO they wouldn't not come to this place
 - 3. But Abraham told him that was impossible
 - a. The rich man's brethren already had the Bible
 - b. And furthermore, it wouldn't work...
 - c. Luke 16:31 – "And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."
 - 4. One has ALREADY risen from the dead! His name is Jesus!

III. THE TEMPLE DESTROYED

- A. This temple, started by Zerubbabel in the book of Ezra
 - 1. It WOULD be destroyed just as Christ said
 - 2. Less than 40 years later. In February of 70 AD, the Roman general Titus surrounded Jerusalem with 80,000 men to crush a revolt.
 - 3. Jerusalem fell, with over a half million Hebrew dead, many by crucifixion.
 - 4. The Romans leveled the Temple, pulling apart every stone and removing the layers of gold found between them.
- B. But of course, He spake of his body
 - 1. 2Co 5:1 – “For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”
 - 2. And that only makes sense – He is Immanuel – “God with us”
 - a. He was the living embodiment of the temple! He was the tabernacle!
 - b. Just like in the Old Testament, when the smoke filled the Temple with the Shekinah Glory
 - 3. God Himself was filling this temple!
- C. They heard but they didn’t listen
 - 1. The Jews would even use this statement as false evidence
 - a. At the phony and illegal trial of Jesus Christ!
 - b. Mat 26:61 – “And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.”
 - 2. Jesus did not bother to explain Himself to them
 - a. The Bible tells us to answer not a fool according to his folly
 - b. They had already defiled one temple with their merchandizing
 - c. They would soon seek to destroy another with the crucifixion

IV. THE RESURRECTION DISPLAYED

- A. Resurrection is the ONLY sign we need
 - 1. It is not “a” sign, it is “THE” sign
 - 2. It is the blessed hope we see in Titus 2:13
 - 3. The Gospel is not complete with a risen Savior!
 - a. 1Co 15:3 – “For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;”
 - b. 1Co 15:4 – “And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:”
 - 4. Baptism makes NO SENSE without the Resurrection!
 - 5. 1Co 15:29 – “Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?”

6. Praise God for the RESURRECTION of CHRIST
 7. It is the difference maker
- B. The Father acted in the Resurrection
1. Rom 6:4 – “Therefore 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.”
- C. The Son acted in the Resurrection
1. Joh 10:17 – “Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.”
 2. Joh 10:18 – “No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.”
- D. The Spirit acted in the Resurrection
1. Rom 1:4 - “And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:”

V. OUR SALVATION DELIVERED

- A. God has already done His part
1. Salvation is complete, it is offered freely
 2. It is a gift that must only be accepted
 3. Rom 10:9 – “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”
 4. Eph 2:1 – “And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins”
- B. Those two verses together tell a story
1. God created man as a three part being (body soul and spirit)
 2. That the heart must believe, that’s the soul
 3. The mouth must confess, that’s the body
 4. And then He will move in and quicken, that’s the spirit
- C. Will you be Saved today?