

I. POWERFUL RESURRECTION

A. Jesus is Lord ALSO of the Sabbath Day!

1. Remember last week

- a. Our Lord and Savior healed a man on the Sabbath day
- b. And told him, take up thy bed and WALK
- c. We spoke about how he had likely been injured
 - i. Maybe by disease or by hard living
 - ii. Jesus told him to “sin no more” (vs. 14)
 - iii. While is sometimes true that bad things happen because of sin it is NOT always true!
 - Love the soul like Jesus did
 - Pray for them like a Christian should
 - But NEVER make excuses for sin
- d. And the Jews (the religion not the people) were offended
 - i. Legalists always reject Jesus
 - A legalist wants to “earn” his or her way to Heaven
 - Salvation by Grace is too easy for their pride
 - Truth be told: They want ownership!
 - ii. What man is that which said!
 - iii. Vs. 16 – And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus
 - iv. Lest we become too proud of ourselves
 - Remember please that while the Jews convicted Jesus before the Sanhedrin
 - It was the Gentiles that nailed him to the cross!
 - It was OUR sin that required a payment
 - It was His LOVE that held Him there

2. The Sabbath was made for man

- a. Mark 2:27 – “And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:”
 - i. Well of course we know the Genesis Story
 - ii. Gen 2:1-3 – “Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. (2) And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. (3) And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.”

- iii. But we must never come to the conclusion that God was tired
 - He was not tired then
 - Nor is He tired NOW!
- b. Look at their first biggest problem with the Lord
 - i. That he broke the Sabbath (vs. 16)
 - ii. What was His answer? (vs. 17)
 - iii. And that became their second biggest problem with Jesus
 - iv. That He made Himself equal with God (vs. 18)
- c. But isn't it obvious? The Sabbath was made for Man, not for God
 - i. God didn't need to rest on the seventh day
 - ii. He has always / will continue to work EVEN on sabbath!
 - iii. Col 1:17 – "And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."
 - He holds the Universe together, the stars in their courses, the planets in their orbits!
 - He holds the particles together in the atoms, and the atoms together in the molecules, and the molecules together into complex compounds!
 - If HE ceased His work for a single sabbath
 - 1. We'd never know another!
 - 2. This Universe would become unbound!
 - iv. What about Worship?
 - He receives worship all seven days of the week
 - He saves souls all seven days of the week
 - His Holy Spirit tries hearts seven days of the week
- 3. Of course, Christ would work on the Sabbath day (vs. 17)
 - a. Of course, that makes Him equal with God (vs. 18)
 - b. It would be impossible for Jesus to work INDEPENDENTLY!
 - c. Why? Because He IS God!
- B. He has all power (vs. 19)
 - 1. He is not claiming to have a smaller amount of power
 - 2. He is stating the simple fact – God is not divided neither can be!
 - 3. All three Persons of the Godhead agree always and in all things
- C. He has all judgment (vs. 22)
 - 1. Jesus may judge righteously because He came to Earth
 - 2. Jesus may judge righteously because He is the Word
 - 3. Rom 14:11 – "For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. (12) So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."
 - 4. Rom 2:2 – "But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things."

5. John 17:17 – “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”

II. PARTICULAR RESURRECTION (VS. 25)

A. Life in Himself (vs. 26)

1. He is speaking to multiple types of resurrection here (specific, future, and a third very special kind)
2. As the Father, so the Son (vs. 21)
3. John 14:6 – “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

B. Lazarus

1. We spoke of him last week. A time when illness did not come because of sin in a person’s life, but for God’s own purposes.
2. You know the story – Lazarus come forth!
3. If you or I had said that, nothing would have happened
4. But because HE has life in HIMSELF
 - a. He had to make sure to call only one name
 - b. Or else the graveyard would have emptied!

C. Himself

1. John 10:17&18 – “Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. (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.”
2. Notice: He said the hour now “IS”
3. He spoke of particular resurrection

III. PROSPECTIVE RESURRECTION

A. Notice: He says the hour is “COMING” (vs. 28)

B. Not because they have done “good deeds” (vs. 29) but because they have done well by getting Saved - John 3:18 – “He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

C. He also spoke of general resurrection in the future

1. An appointment all will meet (some say death and taxes – but not so!)
2. Two resurrections – one unto life and one unto death

D. Unto Life

1. I Thessalonians 4:16&17 – “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: (17) Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord”

- 2. All the Saved from all time
- E. Unto Death
 - 1. Rev 20:13 – “And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.”
 - 2. All the Lost from all time
- F. He speaks of a prospective resurrection

IV. PRESENT RESURRECTION

- A. But He also speaks of a present resurrection
 - 1. One that can be obtained right now!
 - 2. One to life and that life more abundantly!
- B. The Kingdom of God is at hand
- C. I was dead in my trespasses and sin, but He Saved me!
- D. His Holy Spirit moved in and brought my dead spirit to life!

V. PERSONAL RESURRECTION

- A. Sought to Slay Him (vs. 16)
 - 1. Isn't it ironic?
 - a. The work He choose to do on the Sabbath:
 - b. Made a man whole
 - c. And the work THEY choose on the Sabbath:
 - d. Would have been too kill?
 - 2. How will you deal with Jesus today?
 - a. He seeks to heal your sin-sick soul
 - b. He wants to make you every whit clean
 - c. Will you reject His gift or receive it?
- B. Greater Works (vs. 20)
 - 1. These people had already seen great miracles
 - a. If nothing else, there was a crippled man walking around
 - b. And yet Jesus said the Father would do even greater works
 - c. Why? So that we can marvel
 - 2. Salvation is a great miracle
 - a. I've seen God do amazing things in people's lives
 - b. I've seen addicts turn their backs on their addictions
 - c. Many other can testify of similar things
 - d. But we also might agree on the greatest miracle
 - i. When God saved me.
 - ii. I knew how wicked I was and yet He still loved me.
 - e. And I'm guessing if you're Saved, you feel a little the same way
 - 3. He resurrected my spirit, dead in trespasses and sins
 - 4. And he can do the same thing for you!

C. Today is the Day

1. Be saved today!
2. II Corinthians 6:2 – “(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)”