

Tuesday Devotional

March 30th, 2021

“If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.”

– 1 Corinthians 15:14

Today we take a break from our devotional series on the Sermon on the Mount and spent a moment to reflect on what is happening this coming Sunday. Easter! What a great opportunity and a great time to reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This passage in particular has been on my mind as I have been personally reflecting on this Easter season, what Easter is celebrating, and how important Easter is to our faith as Christians.

So, what are we celebrating at Easter? Our culture and our world has given Easter weekend a whole new meaning. According to the world’s standards Easter is about Easter egg hunts, getting yard work done, candy, a long weekend, spring attire, family, a bunny, etc. None of these things are bad or evil in and of themselves. In fact, in my opinion they are all fun things to do! However, as a culture, we have lost sight of what we are truly celebrating at Easter. We are celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are celebrating that truth that Jesus is the very Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, and He came down from Heaven for you and for me. He came to live a perfect life, to die on a cross, and to rise again from the dead. He came to take our sins upon Himself, to take the wrath of God (which we deserve) upon Himself, and He came to rise from the dead, defeating sin and death. Easter (along with every single Sunday) is an amazing celebration of Christ’s accomplished work in His life, death, and resurrection.

How important is the truth that we celebrate at Easter? It is absolutely vital to our faith as Christians. As Paul writes above, Without the resurrection of Christ we have no faith, our faith is in vain. Without Christ rising from the dead, we would still be dead. Christ’s death would mean nothing without His rising from the dead. By His death He defeated sin and death. Later in that same chapter of 1 Corinthians Paul writes, “The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Without Christ’s resurrection we would be a people without victory or hope. As we continue to reflect on Easter, may we know the truth of Jesus Christ’s life, death, and resurrection.

For further study: 1 Peter 1:3-9; Titus 2:11-14