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Three Witnesses Of The Resurrection

In the twenty-eighth chapter of the gospel according to Matthew there are three different styles in the witnesses of the Resurrection of Jesus.

THE WITNESSES OF THE TWO MARYS

Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, came as it began to dawn on the first day of the week to see the tomb. There was a great earthquake, an angel of the Lord appeared, rolled away the stone, and sat on it, and the guard of Roman soldiers quaked and fell down like dead men.

Even though the angels lightning like appearance scared the two Marys, the angel assured them that all was well, and gave them a method of witnessing to the resurrection. He said, "Jesus has arisen from the dead, and go quickly and tell His disciples He is risen from the dead, and lo, He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him: Lo, I have told you." Then the women ran with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

Ran is the verb that describes the action the women took in telling the story of the resurrection to the disciples. What verb best describes the action of evangelism today? Is it run? No! Is it trot? No! Is it hop, skip, or jump! No! Is it crawl? Many times, Yes!

That angelic method to witness needs to be used by the Church today. The Church, itself needs to hear again the death, burial, resurrection, and the scriptural response to the gospel as Paul illustrates in Romans six when we are buried with Jesus at our immersion into Him, and then we who were once dead in trespasses and sins were raised to walk in newness of life.

Later on in the chapter Jesus repeated this commission, and said the meeting in Galilee was appointed. The Apostles had an appointment, and they kept the appointment. In the Angelic witness we are reminded that Jesus has also made appointments for us as His disciples. One of

the appointments Jesus has made for us is in the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day as taught in Acts 20:7: And upon the first day of the week we were gathered together to break bread.

Another appointment that the Lord has made with us as Christians as well as everyone else is in Acts seventeen. Paul told the Athenians that God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by that Man whom He hath ordained by the resurrection from the dead. That is an appointment that everyone will keep. This appointment is underscored again in Hebrews chapter nine: It is appointed unto men once to die and after this the judgment.

The angelic commission also included the statement that Jesus went before them to Galilee. When they arrived on the scene He was already there, waiting for them. He always goes before us. He has already gone before us into heaven as the first born of them that sleep, and He will be there, waiting for us. He has gone before us in temptation. He was tempted in all points like as we are and yet without sin. He goes before us in prayer. Jesus Himself said in the Sermon on the Mount: He knows what things we have need of before we ask Him. Always He goes before us. Remember the Angelic witness was to do it now there is no time to wait.

THE WITNESS OF SATAN

The guards were a little nervous, they might be held responsible, so some of them went into the city and told unto the chief priests all the things that were come to pass. The chief priests offered them money and said tell everyone the disciples came and stole Him away while we slept. In the event the governor hears about this we will persuade him and rid you of care. So the Satanic witness was stone wall the story, don't tell any one Jesus is alive. So they took the money and did as they were taught and that is the Satanic witness - stonewall the story of the resurrection of Jesus, and take the money.

When they wanted to crucify Jesus they found out the

best way was through money. They paid thirty pieces of silver. That was the price they paid for His blood. Now that Jesus is alive the best way to kill the story of the resurrection was money. However this time they had to up the ante, it took considerably more money. Now it was not just one to be paid off, but all the members of the guard that got in on the deal. They gave them much money. But then when the guards were a little doubtful, the chief priest assured them they had insurance. We will persuade the Governor and rid you of charge. Now the Governor would surely want a bigger price than paid to the guards. In either case they found out that trying to get rid of the resurrection story was the most expensive thing they would ever do. The harder they tried the more expensive it got. Instead of paying off one man they had to pay off Pilate and every member of the Roman guard. Actually their loss cannot be measured in dollars and cents. If they did not repent, it would cost them their souls. Jesus Himself warned about this. What shall a man be profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul. So they took the money.

That statement: "So they took the money, and did as they were taught," has far reaching consequences even today. An elder of a church told me of a preacher being interviewed by the pulpit committee when asked how he preached the various doctrines? He said the preacher said, "How do you want it preached?" He was willing to take the money. Take the money, doctrine is determined by what the people want to hear.

Don't tell anybody. One time there was a man in our town who was an avowed atheist, and the only time he came to services was during a revival. He would stand out side after services, and argue with anyone who would listen, saying there is no God. The years passed and one day he got sick and died. For his funeral the family called a preacher who had been there about fifteen years before my arrival.

During the funeral service the preacher told how this man many years before had told him he wanted to be immersed, and he wanted to have it done outside in running water. The two of them went to a creek and the preacher baptized him. When the man came up out of the water the preacher said; this man told him never to tell any one what happened. Until the day that man died even his wife did not know that this atheist was a quote "Christian." Unquote.

There are many like him in all Churches. People who have been baptized into Christ, and never tell anybody either. That is the Satanic witness, you can't deny Jesus arose from the dead, just take the money, and don't tell anybody Jesus is alive.

THE LORD'S WITNESS

And now the method of witness according to Matthew, Jesus said, "All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you, and lo, I am with you always even into the end of the world."

Mark says it this way, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and

is baptized shall be saved. He that believeth not shall be damned."

Luke puts it this way, "Thus it is written that the Christ must suffer, and rise again from the dead, and that repentance, and remission of sins should be preached in His name unto all the nations beginning from Jerusalem."

A preacher wrote and graciously sent a contribution, and said, "I surely did preach the message faithfully." However, he added, "I follow the traditions of Rome, Geneva, and Scotland." I wrote back, and thanked him for his gift, and fine spirit, and tactfully added: "I follow the traditions of the apostles of Jesus Christ at Jerusalem, because that is where it began Sunday morning on the Day of Pentecost ten days after the ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ into heaven.

LETTERS

Sir Ed Bousman:

I could not imagine how much you love us, thanks so much again for the incoming two packages of used clothings & shoes! I might receive them next week. I am intending to email you in an internet cafe by the time I've got them, and so as I can send you also the photos I said I would share you in the net. For now I am borrowing this cell phone with internet access to check emails. SIR ED, you are really doing an outstanding work for the Lord. I know your country has been experiencing in-depth recession from your economy. May God uplift you and America on behalf of those citizens who are faithful in Him & for those who share their best gifts amidst difficulties, as in the days of the patriarch Abraham! May you share this thought to all the DONORS and STAFF of ED BOUSMAN EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION. May GOD BLESS them for the gifts and services THEY put forth in YOUR MINISTRY! May you also relay once again my appreciation & thanks to REG RICE. He has been helpful with our works with the two congregations I am serving now. May GOD BLESS HIM & HIS FAMILY. Please give my continued thoughts on him!

*Sunset Beach Church of Christ, Ed Domingo,
Evangelist in Philippines*

Beloved Bousman,

Thanks so much we received one of the two boxes you sent last week and today also we have received the other one. Thanks so much, dear brother Bousman and sister Naomi. We shall be checking up at the post office soon for these latest one's you've just sent. Definitely you are assisting us so much in the Lord's work on this hard soil. Nice family, God will keep on blessing you and bless you again and again in Jesus' name Amen. Our entire congregations here are all happy of your great help to us, we always need more Bibles and used clothing and shoes on this hard soil.

This year evangelistic work has been so nice and we always need your prayers. I met only one small congregation here from Ghana some few years back, but now to the Glory of God Jehovah we have four, Amen. Surely this is through the grace of God. We always thank God so much

for this great achievement. Every body here knows clearly that your support has been very very helpful in achieving this goal. We thank you so much in the Lord. Glory be to God in The Highest through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen. I salute hardworking sister Naomi in the Lord.

Thanks once again, Alexander Ofori, a servant of the Most High God. London Corner Church of Christ in The Gambia

Good morning to you all this morning. How are you and everybody at GIJAPA? Ed sermon interpretation program has been known that people are inviting us to come run the program for them to hear the word of God through Ed's sermons. As I told you, we are beginning this program again in March next year but the calls to us for them is too much so we went yesterday and had 15 people listening and out of this 1 person confessed to worship with us but there was no baptism. God willing, as from March, we shall use the sermons in the news letters instead of the CDs and tapes so that we won't carry along machines and stuffs. The newsletter will be simple for us to use. Keep praying for us.

The newly designed Ed's sermon translation program is working. Yesterday, we had 25 people listening to us. Each person was handed a newsletter and through it we preached the word of God by translating the sermons by Ed; 6 people vowed to worship with us. 3 will baptized today by a brother in the church today (they might have been baptized by now). We thank you so much for the things you are supporting us with for the work we are doing here. Together we are winning souls.

The soul that promised to worship with us among the 15 people who listened to us was at church too last Sunday and was baptized last Sunday. We had another 3 baptisms last Sunday of people who came to church without us talking to them. We had 167 adults attending church service last Sunday and it was very inspirational. All I did was to do the announcement. I was not appointed to do anything last Sunday. Yesterday too, when I went alone, God saved one more soul into His church and this soul will worship with the Obrachire Church of Christ started by the Bawjiase Church of Christ. In all we did not without God and you for your support so together we won these souls.

*Thank you and may God bless you all.
Ike from Ghana, W. Africa*

Dear Ed, Wife, family and loved ones:

Keep up the great and wonderful work which you are doing, Ed. I try to listen to you every Sunday and you are a wonderful inspiration and a joy to hear and listen to when I hear you and your program every Sunday on WLW 700 Cincinnati. Keep up the wonderful work and preaching. "Keep on Keepin' On" Preach the word tell it like it is and thank you so much for your faithfulness.

Because our savior lives and loves us, Art & Thelma from Columbus, OH

Dear Brother Ed Bousman,

It is such a wonderful privilege I've obtained from our almighty God. I apologize for the submission of my answer

sheets. It is due to the inflating currencies in our country which sometimes faults me to buy a stamp. But thanks at last I have managed to post these answer sheets. The purpose of this letter is I am appreciating the Bible knowledge that I am benefiting from the Bible studies that I am doing thorough your ministry.

May the God of all bless thee. I am being spiritually strengthened every time I finish a lesson. I would like to continue doing the lessons. Thank you.

Your long time student Abel Y. from Cheqitu, Zimbabwe

Ed Bousman,

Just a quick note of thanks for the Bible and studies I received yesterday. I will be sending the study sheets later as I look forward to using the Bible and learning through the study. Keep me and my family in your prayers as you are in mine. Thank you again.

In Christ Larry from Federal Incarcerated Medical Center in Lexington, KY

Sir,

I would be much happy if you could enroll me as a student in your Bible correspondence course class over seas for free that was announced at the end of your Beacon of Hope short-wave broadcast. However, I am highly interested in studying the Bible about our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Hope my application will be accepted favorably. Thank you in advance.

Yours in Christ Luseni from Sierra Leone, W. Africa

Dear Brother Ed:

Just a note to let you know how important your work is. Far too many souls are lost due to the far left movement in our nation and the world. I pray you will continue to preaching the WORD as you are now. God bless you and yours.

Dale and Nancy from Two Harbors, MN

Dear Sir,

Please send me your publication Gospel Bible lessons and Bible correspondence first lesson you advertised for free at the end of your GOD IS JUST A PRAYER AWAY broadcast over Sri Lanka, India.

Dear Ed Bousman,

Of course we do not know each other. I see you in your picture in your book, in which you explain to me best the interpretation of the New Testament. Sir, to my appreciation you are to be loved and respected. I took a Bible course of yours, that is how I got the book, plus I got a Bible. A King James Version giant print and red letters of Christ in English. The Lord of Lords and our creator has a place for you in heaven.

I just thought I would write you a few lines to show my appreciation of people like you. I do hope that you get this, if you don't you already know you are a fine American as there were in our history. A prayer from a prisoner who appreciates you more than you know.

Charles from DCRU in Malvern, AR

“WE CAN’T WASH OUR HANDS OF IT . . .”

*Tho’ Pilate washed his hands before the crowd
And proclaimed he wasn’t to blame,
He was still just as guilty as all the rest,
No matter how he tries to play the game.*

*Despite his apparent reluctance
And his politicking to appease the Jews,
He was just as much a party to it,
As all of us who populate the pews.*

*For none of us can wash our hands of it
‘Cuz we’re all just as guilty as sin
And even if we weren’t among them
That cried, “Crucify! Crucify!”
We might as well have been.*

*For ‘was our sins that did the shoutin’ that day
And demanded that Christ’s blood be shed
And no mater how hard we try to avoid the subject
Jesus went to the cross in our stead.*

*We could wash our hands a thousand times
And wiggle and squirm and fervently deny
But we cannot escape this one true fact
‘Twas for my sins and your that Jesus had to die.*

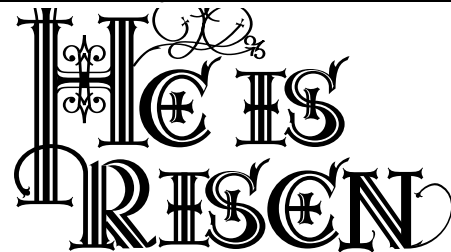
*We can’t wash our hands of it
And we could never pay off the debt we owe
But by His grade and redeeming love
His blood can wash us whiter than snow.*

*So all we can do is repent for our sins,
And humbly confess that we are to blame
And pray! Believe in His power to
Save your soul and be baptized in Jesus’ name.*

*By Bob Wickline, Evangelist,
Saltair Church of Christ; Bethel, Ohio*

**2009 Men’s Clinic Schedule
May 12-14**

Time	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:30	Worship led by Art Bush	Singing	Singing
9:45		“One Spirit” Glenn Bourne	“One God” George Faulk
10:30		Break	Break
10:45		Singing	Singing
11:00	Accompanied by Steve Foster	“One Hope” Tom Claibourne	“A Transformed Life” Bob Stacy
2:00	Singing	Singing	Evening Sessions are open for the whole family. All sessions will be recorded and will be available for purchase at the clinic or following the clinic. All meals and housing are on your own.
2:10	“The Authority of Scripture” Tom Postle	“One Lord” Lee Mason	
2:55	Break	Break	
3:10	Singing	Singing	
3:15	“Grace” Jack Cottrell	“One Faith” Phil Young	
7:00	Singing	Singing	
7:30	“One Body” Harvey Bream	“One Baptism” Ed Bousman	



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