

Mosaic Teaching Guide

Easter Sunday, 4 April 2010

Teaching: *“It’s Sunday, but Monday’s Coming”*

1Corinthians 15.51-58

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” 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. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Luke 24.1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Question: On a scale of 1-10, 1 being I have no faith in the bodily resurrection of Jesus to 10 being I am certain of the bodily resurrection of Jesus, where are you on this spectrum?

Introduction: Resurrection Faith is Hard

I want to be honest about the demands and difficulty of faith.

Luke's Easter Story

I want to come to the defense of these ladies in this story. I'm not sure that creatures from heaven should be able to question us earth bound creatures about resurrection faith.

Resurrection faith demands so much of us.

Resurrection Faith is an Invitation

Resurrection faith is an altogether different category of thinking and seeing.

The Haitian Parade

“Apparently the true Christians among us are the unalloyed pessimists who are always prepared to burst the balloon of the goofily optimistic and the stupidly happy. . . . Haitians make me wonder: a truly theological analysis suggests that we may be meant by God for music, destined for joy. . . . The church's relief bulletins rarely include the theology along with its lists of sins and disasters. This is what you get when anthropology over-takes Christology—it's always Good Friday. What's dead stays that way. . . . (William Willimon, *The Christian Century*).

It Was Friday, but Sunday was Coming

I was sitting in Cactus Cantina on Good Friday.

It's Always Sunday

For people who live Resurrection faith, it's always Sunday and Monday is the day we live our resurrection lives.

Your Labor is Not in Vain

What you do now; acts of beauty, acts of justice, acts of mercy, acts of kindness are not in vain because He is Risen!

Singing in Haiti

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!