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THE NIGHT AFTER THE RESURRECTION

John 20:19

INTRODUCTION:

Every Body Needs to know how it ended!

I continue our night scenes from the Bible in bringing to you the events of the night after the resurrection. "Then the self same day at evening, being the first day of the week when the doors were shut. Where the Disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst and said unto

them "peace be unto you." *Do you remember little girl visiting Zoo saws Elephant huge bulk, flapping ears, elongated nose said "I Don't Believe it!" some Not Believe Resurrection!*

Two great facts complete and confirm everything else in the Gospel story and they are the crucifixion and the resurrection. The appointed sacrifice of redemption itself was indeed finished when Jesus bowed his head in death on the cross.

Anniversary of that day 1900 yrs have passed 1st Sabbath after Full Moon & The Vernal Equinox Come out this year.

The divine seal was set on that sacrifice with the full and final witness to the world when Jesus arose from the dead. We therefore, truly say, that two of the (greatest days) in the world's history are the Friday when the dark veil of the awful scene of Calvary that was followed by that glorious Sunday when the white robed angel with his countenance like lightning rolled away the stone from the door of the tomb where the body of Jesus was layed. Those two days have exerted and controlled the influence ever since and they still have controlling influence over our lives.

When we think of the (crucifixion) and the (night) after his resurrection, we think of the awful agony of the crucifixion - the darkness of that day. Some recent discoveries by (archaeologists) When they have studied some bones found in Jerusalem that showed that the crucifixion was accomplished not exactly like the pictures of art but they showed that the crucifixion was much slower and much more horrible than originally thought. There are several articles that have been written by James Strange, who has examined bones that were excavated and published in a journal in

1970. The bones found from these excavations where they were building new housing projects in Jerusalem, in 1968, are the first remains of a (crucifixion victim). A nail was found in the heel bone of the victim rather than through the foot as depicted in art. They also found a piece of accacia wood. Where they found at the top of a 6 1/2" nail. The nail had been driven through the board, through both heels, and then into the cross. The accacia board at the top of the nail was used to hold the victim's feet and ankles in place.

There were also scratches on the wrist bones indicating that the nails were driven through the (wrists) as well as through the palms of the hands. The bones were found and have been stored - the bones of the dead after the flesh decayed. And it contained (two) sets of bones. Those of a crucified victim and those of a (small child) believed to be the son of that man. And there was an inscription in this limestone box that was used to store the dead. Which read, "John and the son of the crucified one". The bones are dated about 6 AD.

The man appears to be from a well to do family - probably the Jewish faith. Other than the crucifixion marks there were (no traces of broken bones). And he doesn't look like a person who has led a hard life.

Keith Crim says he was probably crucified for (political) crime and they speculated that he was a patriot and probably took part in one of the revolts during the Roman occupation of Jerusalem.

(Before and after) the crucifixion of (Jesus) of Nazareth (thousands of Jews) were crucified as political prisoners, the historians say. Now the findings of these bones give us a vivid picture of what crucifixion was like. It reminds us that (Jesus) suffered a most agonizing death.

The bones found in 1968 indicate that the body of the crucified victim was

twisted at the hips with the right flank resting against the cross. As kind of a half seat supporting the body. This extra bit of support, while not adding to the comfort of the victim, prolonged his life. By lifting the weight of the victim off the chest cavity.

Now in the case of crucifixion, according to (Dr. Jollie) of the Medical College of Virginia, said that it occurred from some (kind of asphyxiation in reverse). The weight of the body prevented the crucified person from exhaling fully. The result was suffocation due to the bad air collecting in the lungs.

Now the wood used in the crucifixion cross was that of an olive tree since bits of wood was found adhering to the tip of the nail. After death the crucified man was removed from the cross by hanging his (feet) chopped off at the ankles. And his hands chopped off at the wrists. The feet and hands were then pried from the cross.

Darkness - Sun Put on sackcloth 3 hrs. Tombs of Prophets open
Now of course this new evidence which has been brought, reminds us that they were dark days and when Jesus was fastened to the cross on Calvary it was a dark day. *Priest holds sacrificial knife - witness hand taken hold Veil - Tears*
Bottom - Mercy seat - Priest drops the knife the Lamb goes free - Lamb of God slain

Now these events were all purposed and sure in the mind of God. But (to) human judgement it was the most dismal night that ever cast a shadow upon the hearts and the hopes of a man.

When you think about the (body) of Jesus resting in the grave. And then think about the (brightest) morning that ever arose on this dark stricken world. When the (two) Mary's ran with wonder and joy from the garden. Joseph to the gate of Jerusalem. To tell the Disciples that the tomb was empty. (That the Lord was risen)

V. 19 - Tidings of Mary Magdalene, Vision - Still They could not believe
The (disappointed) and disheartened disciples refused to believe the words of these forgiven of much-loved men

X companion - let's ask the inn-keeper to show us the path. And so they found it as described. In the very bottom of it he said, my companion grabbed me by the arm and pointing straight up and said, look up. You can see the stars in broad daylight. Then I remembered that old saying, when it is dark enough you can see the stars.

X We picked our way through the gloom and suddenly we came out of the gorge. And there spread out before us the beautiful Lake Lochy. Both of us grasped that wonder of a never forgotten sight. And he said, my companion spoke - I don't believe that we would have ever appreciated the beauty of the lake if we had not traveled the dark mile.

*What A Moment - Hell was preparing for its jubilee But
The grave yields its prey!
Angels been watching - half hour silence in Heaven - Darkness had
had its day - lets go roll stone away!*

Now I think this is the thing that happened to our Lord Jesus. He traveled that dark mile through the crucifixion. You remember in the 23rd Psalm when it says, yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil.

*What A Moment - Hell was preparing for its jubilee!
Grave yields its prey
Christ is Risen from the Dead*

Now when it gets dark enough you can see the stars. And this is the thing that we discover. In the last night - in the night rather after the resurrection.

II. MANY False Fears Corrected Luke 24:13-33

For one thing note two Disciples had their false impressions ^{needed to be} corrected.

There were two Disciples late in the afternoon after the resurrection who had been to Jerusalem but in suspense they were going home now to quiet their excitement and weary minds. They were traveling to a little village about eight miles from Jerusalem. They went out of the city at the Western gates. Their evening walk was sad. They had heavy hearts as they followed that path. And first they had to pass two miles of bleak and barren-level of loose stones. And slabs of rock. I think it must have been somewhere on this barren area as they began to walk, they saw a stranger coming up from behind, with a quicker step. And just silently joined them in their company.

*Luke 24:18
V. 13*

v. 26-7 Scriptures - Shall arise -
v. 30 Sun Going Down - Big stranger - Come in

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and his words continued to burn, in their hearts. When bread is placed on the table which was the food of the poor and he put forth his hands to bless it - now suddenly these Disciples are startled.

They see the print of the nails in the palms. The sign and the scar of the cross. He then breathes forth a blessing and they recognize the tone and the manner - it is the one who hung upon the cross.

It is he whose body was laid in the tomb. He lives and they have been walking with him all the way.

Now they are ready to cast themselves in wonder and in worship at his feet. But Jesus vanishes out of their sight.

v. 33
Joy has filled their hearts. Their discouragements are all gone. They have no thought of hunger nor of rest. They hurry back and tell the tidings to the brethren in the city. In a moment they are out again upon the stoney path which faces toward Jerusalem. It is now night the moon is coming up which was full four days ago. And the moon has not yet risen but is coming. But it is all night in the glad hearts of the Disciples - they have seen the risen Lord. The sad look and the sorrowful words of that afternoon have been exchanged now for joy - even though it is getting dark and night.

The world is all new about them. The one great horror of death is all gone.

If Christ be risen from the dead, then the horror of death has parted from their hearts. They cannot wait to go and carry this joyful tidings to their brethren.

If false fear is filled to correct an Utopia!

- Rancho SANTA Fe, Calif - 39 mm + women catch
 - Spec craft following comet HALE-BOPP - Beep Packed
 - Pockets kind of 5 Bills, Robis of printers
 - Brog "Heaven's Gate" Belief Philosophy Jesus warnings about Satanic Angels taking over the earth
- Wrote World wide Web site - Body is a Container
4 AM Every Day to gaze at a star in Northeastern Sky
they considered their home.

Satanic "space aliens" run this materialistic world.
(Blind human beings) to truth, such a marriage,
mortgages and credit cards.

Applewhite began a mission as an
extraterrestrial Shepherd to lead the chosen
aboard a spaceship into eternity. In 1970
a budding Cult leader with beliefs in
aliens and Armageddon, preached
unorthodox gospel prepares them for ascent
into the stars. (Astrology and
reincarnation and came to the belief
they were the earthly incarnations of
aliens).

My Truth & False Teachers in Bible

Trying to find their roots. God & outer space
Turn of millennium 1800 people disturbed on streets - Confused &
lonely - Human need, Deceptive promises - armageddon.
Jim Jones 900 -

Hele Bopp Comet etc. -9-

They hurry up the mountain road. They cross the steep ridge. They go down the slippery path - slipping on the smooth stones and the ledge.

That night (Cleopas) and his companion must have had light hearts as they started back to Jerusalem. For the moon was rising on the horizon.

But they (carried) in their hearts tidings of the greatest victory ever gained in the world - the (victory over death). The unbarring of the gates of the dead and the grave for the whole human race.

I don't expect they could travel fast enough.

They were bearers of the (best tidings) that human lips ever told. They could testify to the fact upon which all the hopes of man for eternity must depend.

III
John 20:
19
Memorable Night Meeting John 20:19

The (memorable meeting) in the Upper Room - V. 19.

They reached the (city) at a (late hour) and passing through one of the gates which was kept - perhaps the (Eastern gate) open all night through the great festival of the Jewish peoples. They gained admission - they hurried through the narrow streets. And guided by now by the light of the moon.

The (doors are shut.) And the walls of the stone houses give no sign of life within. They (make) their way to the place - that memorable house where they had the Passover in the Upper Chamber - where Jesus spent the last evening with the Disciples before he suffered.

Late as the hour was, they felt confident that the (band) of Disciples would still be there.

The excitement of the day had been so great that they could not think about sleep.

When they reached that door - they found it barred, from within. They knocked but none replied. They cry aloud and announce their names. And then they hear steps and voices within. And swift cautious hands of the brethren unbolting the door.

And it seems they do not have time to unburden their hearts of the great joy which they bring. The Lord is risen indeed and has appeared unto Simon. And now all are within - and the door is barred again. The excitement of the travelers take their turn and they tell the wondrous story. The strange companion - the burning words. The evening meal they had together. The print of the nails that they saw plainly in his hands. The familiar beloved Lord and his face - giving thanks.

This is the night after the resurrection.

*John 20:
V. 19 -*
They have scarcely finished their story. Amid the wonder and joy of the listening throng when behold, another stands in the midst of the room. They are startled. They are terrified. They saw this bright one and every eye is fixed upon this stranger. There was no knocking without. The door was not unbarred. There was no sound of entering footsteps. And yet there stands one right in their midst - a living man.

Now this was the first day of the week - this was the Christian Sabbath. And this was a private meeting. And Christ and his Disciples were here met together in this house. They were there because of the fear of persecution - some thought his body had been stolen. And when we think about what took place at that meeting,

Jesus came.

Did not our Lord promise that where two or three were gathered together, in His name that he would come. Yes, the door is shut. And he came inspite of that.

This was a clear manifestation of himself. As he came, as he showed them the marks.

Second What I want to say is, that here is a startling fact the door did not keep the Master out. There are many kinds of doors that close in on us as individuals. And I am so glad that Jesus can get in. And we do not want to lock him out.

There is the door of trouble that closes in on us. Like it did on this night after the resurrection. The Disciples were troubled. And tonight there are people who are troubled. Some people are troubled by sickness. Some people are troubled by falsehoods. Some people are troubled like the woman at the well, by her sins. Some people are troubled like the jailer. And how he might save his home, his family, and his own soul.

There is the door of poverty that closes in on us. Now maybe there are some people who have little to get along on tonight. And there are those who are blind and those who are beggers. And those in many parts of the world that are starving tonight because of poverty.

There is the door of failing health that closes in on us. Time wears us out. We are old, we have wrinkles to come. We get stiff joints. And yet aren't you happy that Jesus can come through that door.

for Edwin McNeill Poter W.F. College few days before home going; Robbiant
Selecting inscription for Tombstone "For ever with the Lord";
Paraday, Astronomer "I'm resting - on certainty
John Knox - wife Read John 17:3 "Life Eternal, Life Eternal" I have cast my
Anchor

There is another door - the door of death. These Disciples knew about this
Blood of wildest of zeal - By his grace I shall not fail - my Anchor holds - my A body
on this night after the resurrection. Death was a fearful thing to them. It had
even claimed their Lord and Master. Every family regardless of rank, we die alone.
And the door swings shut on us and we face eternity alone. These doors that I have
mentioned here - the door of trouble, poverty, and death, or failing health - really
cannot deter or hinder Jesus. Why Was The Stone rolled away? Not that he
might come out but that they might go in. Not for exit But Entrance -
Pledge!

✓ I remember going into a lady's home one day and she had lost her brother.
She used to wait up for him to come home from work. And she said, the thing that
makes it so sad is - he is gone. And he never will come back. "

Dear friend (left John) wife go to for did, break awful, she always met me at the door! Need
gone? No now -

This was the same thought of Lazarus and Mary and Martha. As they said to
Jesus, he is gone, he is never going to come back. Now Jesus said he is (asleep)

And so there are some doors that seem to be shut in our faces. And here was
a door that was locked in that room because those Disciples had barred it - making
sure that none of the enemy could get in. Somehow Jesus came right on in. And
when he came in, he spoke to them. And then he showed them his hands and his feet
- and they leaned forward with fear and wonder as they looked upon the prints of
the nails, the signs of the sacrificial suffering, which he wears even now upon the
throne of Heaven. He layed there his wounded side and they shuttered as they see
the dreadful scar where the soldier thrust in his sphere. He bids them to drag
near and lay their hands upon him and thus be sure that he is the real, living,
body. While they tremble and dare not approach, he calls for food and eats in
their presence. And now at last they are glad and they are satisfied, they see
their Lord. It is he that was nailed to the cross. It is Jesus himself who died
- was buried, and behold he lives and he is alive forevermore.

The night after the resurrection, there was one sad note. Because there was one

~~now vacant.~~ That was usually occupied. There was one chair in that Upper Room - that no one was in that chair.

John 20:19-24 - It tells us that Thomas, one of the 12, was not with them when Jesus came. You know, that was an unfortunate thing not to be there on that night after the resurrection. And Jesus came in the closed doors - had he known of that wonderful service, I don't think that he would have ever missed it.

Sometimes today, meetings are dull, just talk about the Bible - tell what Jesus has done.

Now it wasn't dull. Every service, when Jesus met with people - there will be joy. I would not absent myself. I'll tell you as a Christian, I wouldn't miss the services.

→ Why do you think that Thomas failed to be present that night after the resurrection.

Was he sick?

Was he indifferent?

Was he finding satisfaction somewhere else?

Was he away on some worldly venture?

Had he lost hope?

And I imagine that the Disciples talked to each other. Now we are going to meet tonight to pray together, sing together. You know, many times we have services

and I say to people, I wish you had been there. What a blessing. And you know the blessing will never be repeated. What happened in that service or the other service will never be repeated. Today, I plead to Christians to attend worship and be present - that here was sorrowful Thomas that was not there.

Now what would it have meant to Thomas to have been there that night after the resurrection? Well, I imagine what he missed.

✓ First, the privilege (of seeing Jesus) one who has gone through death and the grave. He missed that privilege.

✓ Second, there was a great spiritual thrill missed - the others were glad when they saw the Lord.

✓ Third, he missed the (gift of peace) And that was what Thomas needed. There are a lot of people out on the highway of life tonight who need peace. And they need to hear the commission of our Lord speaking to them.

✓ Fourth, he missed the fellowship of being with his fellow disciples and with his Lord.

✓ He missed the (privilege of giving) Of giving of himself - of being there and offering his help to others. Encouragement and strength - all of this was well worthwhile.

IV. MESSAGE of PEACE JOHN 20:19

Smith
This last thing about the night after the resurrection - I want to fix in your mind. The message that Jesus had for them. He spoke this word. Peace be unto you.

This was the first word our risen Lord brings to the assembling of the Disciples.

On that first night after the resurrection.

This night scene in the Bible is worth our consideration and what a thrill as Jesus stands in the midst and blesses them with the words - Peace be unto you. His first appearance on earth was announced by angels voices you remember - with the same blessed word - peace.

After he had completed his work, passed away from this world, he comes back from the grasp of death and the grave, to these sorrowing people and saying - peace

be with you.

John Huss - Bohemian Martyr, burned stake, Nov. 24, 1415 - Crown painted Devils on it - soul was thorns - Hands lifted in prayer "unto Thy hands, O Lord, do I commit my spirit. Thou hast redeemed me - assist me with Thy peace of mind, I am condemned for preaching Thy word. - - - word piled about his neck - fire - "What I have taught with my lips, I now seal with my Blood!"

Peace to be to the trouble (conscience) for the blood of the cross takes away the penalty from our soul. Peace to the weary and the heavy-laden. For Jesus will give you rest.

Peace to those who have destroyed their own happiness. For he is able to reconcile you.

John 20:23 The Binding and loosing power! Hold good in Heaven given to the church, Terms of Remission of Peace to all restless and doubting, and dissatisfied souls. Jesus can come and save you.

God can do this - They are to declare the terms! What must I do to be saved? Paul said terms of salvation Believe on Lord Jesus Christ! Whosoever believes, his sins are remitted

Peace to all whom the message of the Gospel is given. For the risen Christ lives in this truth Cornelius - Peter - told him Christ remit sins!

How shall we Tell the Redemption story?

Nothingham England - little chapel - wall - Bronze plaque of peace for which every bosom longs is never ours until we unbar the hard heart marking spot where St. Booth received call of God, one day Feb. Day of prayer - look, transfixed, custodian if this was spot Booth knelt + prayed - yes this is it & can a man kneel here? yes this is place of prayer - on to new "Lord do it again, do it again" your life on this earth is continual conflict. And you are working against Lord!

⑤ ULTIMATE VICTORY IN CHRIST. b.

COTTIGADOT - MAGIC WORD IN AMERICAN HISTORY. THE GENERAL WAS GEN. DOUGLAS McARTHUR. CHAPLAIN SAID EVERYTIME HE HELD SERVICES THERE THE GENERAL WAS PRESENT. ONE DAY CHAPLAIN SAID, THANK YOU FOR BEING A PADLET AND COMING TO THE SERVICES. GEN. SAID I DON'T COME BECAUSE I'M A LEADER. I COME BECAUSE I NEED IT. HE SAID - YOU SEE CHAPLAIN. I'M A 4 STAR GEN. ONE DAY I'M GOING TO STAND BEFORE A 7 STAR GENERAL AS IS DESCRIBED IN THE BOOK OF REV. WHEN I DO I WANT HIM TO KNOW WHO I AM AND INVITE ME TO BE IN HIS ARMY. BECAUSE YOU SEE CHAPLAIN, THE BIBLE SAYS HIS ARMY IS GOING TO BE VICTORIOUS AND HIS ARMY WILL NEVER BE DEFEATED, AND HIS KINGDOM WILL NEVER END. AND I WANT TO BE A PART OF THAT ARMY.

ARE YOU IN GOD'S ARMY? ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS, MARCHING AS TO WAR - WITH THE CROSS OF JESUS, GOING ON BEFORE.

Easter sunrise will never fade!

My Heavenly home is bright and fair,
I feel like traveling on,
No harm or death can enter there,
I feel like traveling on "

Old Time Religion is still good enough for me.

They were busy with their sad thoughts. He was so gentle and courteous in his approach that they kept on their conversation as if they were alone.

The stranger saw their faces were sad and they were burdened and sorrowing. He gently drove from them the cause of their grief.

In a few moments he entered into their feelings with earnestness and tenderness and spoke with them. And they were silently glancing at each other. They went along their way. The stranger talked about the Scriptures. He reviewed for them that how Christ must suffer and be crucified, and that he was going to arise and enter his glory.

The three walked on together - delighted and not knowing that they were listening to the risen Christ. They just heard his steps on the stoney road. Just like theirs - as they would hit a rock and slip along the path. There was nothing that caused them to think otherwise. And as they immediately climbed that narrow glen and across the dry bed of a narrow winding river, the zig-zaggy path cut out on the rock.

And all the way the divine Saviour, the son of God, who could say all power is given to me in Heaven and in earth walks with these two men taking as many steps as they. And talking all the while as they go climbing the steep places together.

They are despondent, it is the first day of his resurrection life. This mighty conqueror of death who had unbarred the gates of the tomb, for a lost world.

In his risen and glorified state he is still the son of man. He is still near and they desire his company.

These two men had talked about shall we rise again? And this has been the

thing that is in man's heart. As the countless armies of the dead have set sail from the shores of time. No traveler has returned. Generations have gone. And there is not a whisper from the grave. We talk about man's worth, we talk about the difference between a man, and an elephant or an ape. But man is but yesterday.

And we look at all of this without Christ, and we cannot tell whether it is possible to escape. Now the sun is going down beyond the trees. A little life of yesterday and today is almost done. And here is one talking with them.

v29
It is (sundown) And they have come into this narrow valley and they have reached their home. They beg very earnestly for the stranger to go in and abide with them.

He made as though he was going a little further, but he came in and yielded to their impulse.

Now this leads me to say that Jesus never forces himself upon anyone. He joins the company of many. Who are toiling and at hard labor on the journey of life. In our sorrows, when we are pressed down - he comes to warm our hearts.

He comes in on invitation.

It was towards evening and the day of life is far spent and the shadows of the evening are gathering. They say abide with us.

The humblest home becomes a palace, fit for a king when Jesus enters and tarries there. Blessed is the home and sweet is the rest of those who open their homes - who walked from Jerusalem.

v30
The (travelers sat down together) in the cottage home and they continued to speak

them the wounds in his hands and his side. He walked with them in their journeys. He met with them in their assemblies. He appeared with them on the shore and on the lake. He led them out as far as Bethany talking to them - all the way to the brow of Olivet.

How could he better teach us - the human and home-like reality of the blessed life that will come to us after the resurrection. Think of that heavenly home. A home of human and loving grateful hearts. Think of it's society as the purest and the best - being glorified.

Think of Jesus your Saviour, calling you by name. Think of waking up beyond the grave and finding yourself in full possession of such a life with all the horror and agony behind.

Nothing but blessedness and glory before you. To possess and enjoy forever.

First word he spoke - "Why weepest thou"

Let the first word which Jesus spoke - peace.

Governor Duncan's Triumphant Death - Jan 15, 1844
General war 1812, Senator, Ill., Congress of Ill 1834
 Hero - consistent Ch. member - highest honor state -
 Death & judgment drew near - 3 wks before - fitness for heaven -
 (Needed Peace) - Struggling soul - Finally - "el see no use, el must die
 fit myself for heaven el can not. O, Lord Jesus, el must throw myself
 upon Thy mercy, & die as el am".

This hopeless abandonment - Beginning of Rest & Peace Soul. - joye unbounded.
 Snowing family - around his Bed -
 1. Charged them Peace, worth more than riches, honors, office -
 2. Ask him about an absent Relative - thy last words - provided for
 in my will. tell her to find Peace in x worth more than el left, though left her world.
 3. Distinguished family - any message - tell him el found way salvation
 + Peace - better than highest offices in land.
 "O that el had known this before" - "How happy el should have been"
 "much good el could have done".

the countless temptations that you must resist. You are beset by the cares, the fears, and the anxieties - we have a great work to do. And we are liable at any moment to be called out of time into eternity - to have our destiny fixed forever.

Now Jesus showed himself alive on that first night after the resurrection to real living men - in conditions just like ours. He steps behind the curtain that hides the unseen world - and the first word is peace. About the awful mystery of death - they were terrified. I have suffered all the agony and seen all the mystery of death. And I have come back to calm your troubled hearts and to bring you peace. This blessed word of the risen Christ is for us as well as for the Disciples.

Now Jesus comes to us tonight in his Spirit. In reality, as he came to those in his body - to give us peace and to abide in our hearts. There is absolutely nothing to fear behind the veil of death in the unseen world. Fear not death because I live - ye shall live also.

When the peace of Christ comes into the soul, the calmness and it enables the suffering and the afflicted to sing for joy. Paul and Silas in the jail at midnight were singing and rejoicing - give hope and triumphant.

The early Christians had joy in their hearts. They were exiled in mountains and deserts, outcasts, and left to die of hunger, cold, and torture. Cast into the arena - and torn into pieces by wild beasts. And when the loving hands picked up those bodies, quite often they wrote upon the stone of their resting place, he rests in peace.

John McNea tells of his boyhood days in Glasgow, Scotland. He leaves the store late at night. Walks across a deep ravine - robbers and dangerous men hide

themselves and cease defenseless people and take their money. This particular evening he was scared almost out of his wits. He made the journey alone. Suddenly he became conscious someone was walking along the narrow path. He backed up against an overhanging rock and flattened himself out. Hoping that the man might pass without recognizing his presence. His heart was pounding. Suddenly, he heard the voice, John, John, without a moment's hesitation he threw himself forward. He threw his arms around the man who had called. It was his father. John filled his heart with joy - as fear fled. No one could harm him now. The two walked together along the narrow path toward their humble home.

Now this is what happened that night - there was fear and dread about going through this dark hour and this dark night after the resurrection. But when Jesus came like John McNeal's daddy, and he said peace be unto you. We read in V. 20 - then were (the Disciples glad) when they saw the Lord. It make his cross a throne, his death a triumph, his open tomb the gate of Heaven.

Now it is our privilege to make as much of it as they did. If they believed in Jesus - we shall arise and share with him the victory over death. His resurrection is the pattern of our own. He came forth from the tomb. Here in the fullness of the glorified form. The (tone) of his voice, the glance of his eye, the sacred sign upon his hands.

Now (in like manner), our beloved who sleep in Jesus will rise again. They shall remember the past. As Jesus remembered and reminded the disciples of his own words while he was yet with them. They shall speak that so when we meet them and they call our names as Jesus called the name of Mary in the garden, (it) shall be all (we) need to know them in the shining streets of the new Jerusalem. And gathered in the numbers without number around the throne of Jesus and follow his steps. (We) love to hear in our earthly homes those voices - there will be faces, that need no introduction to tell us who they are. How plain they look in their

earthly life. They shall still be themselves and yet their faces shall be radiant. With immortal beauty in the resurrection.

No wonder the poet would say, I'd rather walk with God in the dark, than to walk alone in the light. I'd rather walk with Him by faith, than walk alone by sight.

Dr. W. A. Cronch - felt dark cloud - Member family, Typhoid Fever - side 12 miles for a physician - He informed us "hope of recovery had fled forever" - 50 yrs later his (grave) fresh in mind as yesterday - (I felt loss) of a companion, influence, pleasure (transfer uncertainty of all prospects of life -

Therefore, the night after the resurrection brings hope to us that in that last day - the faces that we saw last on this earth wrinkled with age, wasted with suffering, and void of all commonness shall be the same when seen in the light of Heaven - yet clothed with immortal beauty. And fit for the companionship of angels.

The little babies that had smiles of joy, cries of pain that linger in a mother's memory after years when the death and the grave have been sealed - amid all the glories of Heaven - they will look at once on that lost child. The aged mother who died in faith with children and grandchildren around her, to receive her parting blessing will appear the same in the resurrection. And yet the glorified form made supremely beautiful by the expression of the saints spirit.

The parents who prayed for their beloved children, teachers who labored to convert their scholars and class members, and pastors who have worn out their lives and health for the lives and salvation of the flock. Have died without seeing much results of their labor, on earth - will find many faces that will hear and will hear many voices that they will recognize in the garden of paradise. Even as Mary knew the risen Lord when she heard.

To me this is something of a lesson that we get from the night after the resurrection. This lesson taught when Jesus met with his Disciples after the resurrection - he spoke with the same voice. He wore the same look. He showed

excited women. And when the tidings came from Mary Magdalene that she had seen Jesus in the garden and that a vision of angels had appeared to others - it affirmed the resurrection but still they could not believe it.

Now the day which might have been a day of rejoicing was one of confusion. And one of perplexity of mind.

Friday had taken from them their living Master. And now it seems that Sunday will deprive them of the last sad privilege of embowling his dead body in the tomb.

How often do the sad thoughts of those who linger about the grave cling to perishable forms - but here the beloved sleeps forgetful of the angel's voice which had spoken - "He is not here, he is risen."

The great fact of the actual rising from the dead - and that he was living a continued, glorified life after death had done its worst.

They still find it easier to talk about their lost friends and their buried hopes and broken hearts - than about a better life and a better home which the Disciples of Jesus go through the gates of death and through the tomb.

Dr. Richard Hutton tells a story about traveling in Scotland by bicycle and sometimes by horseback. How that he inquired of the inn-keeper about Lake Lochy. But no one goes that way, the inn-keeper instructed them. It runs through a dark mile which is a deep gorge. He asked the inn-keeper why they called it the "dark mile". Why it is just what the name implies he said, it is gloomy, dark, and frightening. There are big over hanging ledges of rock dripping water - and it is just a tread of a path. Vegetation is pale. And people stay out of the dark mile. No body travels it by choice. Dr. Hutton continued, he says, I said to my

There Is A Man On The Cross

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One lived and died for self, one died for you and me.
The Greek died on the throne, the Jew died on a cross;
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One shed the whole world's, the other gave his own.

One won the world in life, and lost it all in death.
The other lost his life, to win a whole world's faith."

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