

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday October 16, 2016

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading Mark 15:42 - 16:8

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

THE RISEN SAVIOUR

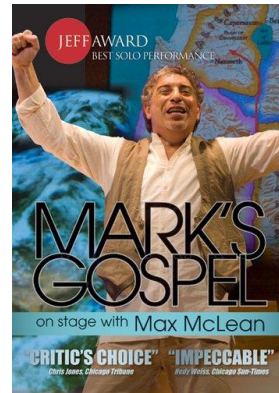
Final Song

Benediction

"I know the resurrection is a fact, and Watergate proved it to me. How? Because 12 men testified they had seen Jesus raised from the dead, then they proclaimed that truth for 40 years, never once denying it. Everyone was beaten, tortured, stoned and put in prison. They would not have endured that if it weren't true. Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world- and they couldn't keep a lie for three weeks. You're telling me 12 Apostles could keep a lie for 40 years? Absolutely impossible."

– Charles Colson

New in the Rosedale Library:



Mark's Gospel: On Stage with Max McLean
Two thousand years ago a drama unfolded that would change the course of history. Now one of the great storytellers of our time presents this life-changing saga in a compelling DVD version of Mark's Gospel.

Families of the Week

Please remember to pray for and to encourage the following people this week

- Monday** Denis, Gaston & Kim
- Tuesday** Denis, David
- Wednesday** Denis, Esther
- Thursday** Doiron, Brenda & Jim
- Friday** Dube, Norm & Susan
- Saturday** Evans, Jim & Daniella
Jessica, Jennifer, Jonathan

ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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This Week at Rosedale

Tuesday: Men's Bible Study – 9:30 am

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm

Saturday: Ladies' Bible Study – 8:00 am

Sunday: Christianity Explored – 9:00 am
Christian Foundations – 9:00 am
Corporate Worship – 10:30 am

Thanksgiving Offering: You may still contribute to our special Thanksgiving offering for the ministry of Gilbert and Laura Bekkatla. Prayerfully consider designating a special gift over and above your regular tithes and offerings.

Ladies' Fellowship: On Saturday November 5th, 11 am we will be hosting a Ladies' Fellowship Luncheon with special guest Carolanne Lovegrove who will sing and share her testimony. Cost is \$8 and you must sign up by October 30th.

Baptism Classes: Baptism classes begin tonight at 6:30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Membership Classes: Several people have recently expressed interest in joining our Rosedale fellowship. We will begin the next session of classes on Wednesday October 19th at 7pm. If you would like to attend please speak with Pastor John.

Christian Foundations: We have recently begun a new video series on Church History that will cover the years 100-600 AD. This excellent and informative series is taught by Dr. W Robert Godfrey of Westminster Seminary, California.

The Risen Saviour -Mark 15:42 -16:8

I. An Unusual Death (15:44)

- 1) Supernatural Events
 - a. Three hours of darkness (v. 33)
 - b. Destruction of the Temple Veil (v. 38)
- 2) An Unexpected Conversion (v. 39)
- 3) Amazement of Pilate (v. 44)
 - a. Death by crucifixion could drag on for days, but Jesus died quickly in a few hours
 - b. Pilate asked the Centurion for confirmation
 - i. Jesus' legs were not broken as was usually done to hasten death (cf. John 19:31-37)
 - ii. Flow of blood and water – medical confirmation of Jesus' death

Application:

- There is no doubt that Jesus died on the cross in a remarkable way. Skeptical theories that he somehow survived crucifixion and later revived in the tomb do not hold up to scrutiny
- The rapidity of Jesus death fulfilled multiple Old Testament prophecies, and shows Jesus to be the true Passover Lamb who takes away sin: Psalm 34:20; Zechariah 12:10; Numbers 9:12

II. An Unusual Burial (15:42-47)

- 1) Corpses of those crucified were often left on the cross as a public warning to others – Golgotha may have been littered with human bones and skulls
- 2) Jesus is buried in the tomb of a wealthy man
 - a. Joseph of Arimathea quickly and courageously asks Pilate for the body
 - i. Expression of dissent against the injustice committed by the Sanhedrin
 - ii. Joseph and Nicodemus declare themselves to be disciples of Jesus
 - b. Jesus burial in the tomb of a wealthy man is a fulfillment of prophecy (cf. Isaiah 53:9)

Application:

- The death of Jesus provoked both Joseph and Nicodemus to emerge from the shadows and declare themselves to be His Disciples. If your Christianity is hiding in the shadows where nobody can see it, it's time for you to go public too! Let's not be afraid or ashamed to declare our allegiance to Jesus Christ.

III. An Unusual Ending (16:1-8)

- 1) An Unlikely Group of Witnesses
 - a. Testimony of women was considered worthless in first-century Jewish courts
 - b. Traditional Orthodox prayer: *"Blessed are you, Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who has not made me a woman."*
- 2) The Empty Tomb
 - a. In spite of Jesus' repeated predictions, the resurrection came as a total shock to everyone!
 - b. Emphasis on God's activity in rolling the stone away and raising Jesus from the dead
- 3) Mark's Abrupt Ending - v. 8
 - a. Verses 9-20 constitute a non-inspired, second-century addition that is not original to Mark
 - i. Verses 9-20 are missing from the earliest and most reliable Greek manuscripts
 - ii. Content and style of vv. 9-20 is not consistent with the rest of Mark's Gospel
 - iii. Odd teaching about snakes and poison
 - b. Possible explanations for Mark's abrupt ending:
 - i. Mark was martyred before he could finish
 - ii. The original papyrus scroll was damaged and Mark's original ending was lost
 - iii. Mark intended to end this way (**Best view**)

Application:

- Christianity stands or falls on the Resurrection
- Testimony of women is a strong supporting argument that Jesus' resurrection is historical fact, not fabrication
- Does God's saving work through the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ leave you in awe and reverent fear? Will you be silent or will you tell others?