

Proclaiming the Gospel after Easter Sunday

Scripture Readings: John 20: 26-31, Romans 1:1-7

Opening Story: Keeping Focus on the Message of Easter

Focusing on the Word we Hear

John 20:30-31

We Tell the Story so Others may Experience Life in the Kingdom

Focusing on the Word we have Heard

Romans 1:1-7

- 1) Paul-called to be an apostle
- 2) Paul-set apart to proclaim the Gospel
- 3) What is the Gospel?
 - a. It is promised in the Old Testament
 - b. It concerns God's Son, Jesus
 - i. He is Lord
 - ii. He is Raised from the Dead
 - c. It involves Faithful Obedience

We Tell the Story so Others may Experience Life in the Kingdom through Faithful Obedience

Focusing on the Word we Proclaim

Romans 10:6-13

- 1) Confess Jesus as Lord
- 2) Believe God Raised him from the Dead

Jesus is Lord

- 1) Lord as Kurios-title given to the ultimate Ruler
 - a. Jesus, not Caesar is Lord
 - b. Total, absolute power and authority
- 2) Lord as Kurios-Adonai name used for YHWH
 - a. Jesus is the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, Jeremiah and countless others in the Old Testament
 - b. Jesus is God, fully divine who took on Flesh to dwell among us

God Raised Jesus from the Dead

- 1) Death is not the ultimate power
- 2) God can bring life into Death
 - a. Physical Death
 - b. Spiritual Death
 - c. Physical Despair
 - d. Spiritual Despair

We Tell the Story so Others may Experience Life in the Kingdom through Faithful Obedience to the Living Lord

How Then shall we Speak?

Speak words affirming the Lordship/Godness of Jesus

Speak words affirming God's life brought to your deadness

We Tell OUR Story so others may share OUR experience of Life in the Kingdom through Faithful Obedience to the Living Lord