



SCRIPTURE: Mark 16:18; John 21:1-17; 1 Corinthians 15:12-19
DEVOTIONAL READING: Luke 24:21-32

Conquest of Death

Lesson for June 19, 1949

DOCTORS TALK about conquering death, but they never do. All they can manage is to put it off a little. In all the long sad story of mankind there is only one absolute conquest of death. It happened on the first Easter morning, and it was a turning point in the history of the world. The few lines about the Resurrection, in our New Testament, would not cover the front page of this newspaper. We do not know all we want to know. But those few lines Dr. Foreman tells us enough to set us singing, they are a solid foundation for a soaring faith.

The Mighty Act of God

WE shall be disappointed if we expect the Gospels to "explain" the Resurrection. If there is anything the stories show clearly, it is that the first persons who knew of the Resurrection were confused and shaken by it. The disciples had not expected anything like this, and they may not fully have understood what was going on.

What they were sure of, what they could not deny, was first of all that Christ rose from the dead, and also that it was God who raised him from the dead. God had beaten the one unbeatable power — death. Death, the universal conqueror, turned out for once to be the conquered.

It is only those who can believe in an all-powerful God who can fully believe in the Resurrection.

It Is The Lord

WHAT MANNER of person was Jesus, after that first Easter morning? There were some differences hard to describe, and in fact not described, only hinted at. You notice that at times it was not easy to recognize him. Paul refers to Christ's "glorious body" and surely there must be a glory in a person who has actually proved too strong for death to hold — a glory such as even Christ, before Calvary, had not shown. And yet — and yet, it was the same Jesus they had always known.

No Ghost

BY NIGHT, in many a "seance," mediums profess to get in touch with the spirits of the dead. If you could believe the spiritists, Shakespeare and Queen Victoria and innumerable other famous people, have come back and talked from beyond the grave. But the thing that makes the Christian church more than doubtful about such performances, is that somehow the dead-and-come-back genius is never a genius any more. Neither Shakespeare nor any other famous person has said anything worth saying through a "medium." And even these feeble ghosts cannot endure the daylight. They have to come at night.

How different were the comings of Jesus! There was nothing weird or uncanny about him. Around the supper table, or on an afternoon walk, or out on the lake shore under the morning sun . . . never the poor mumbbling ghost of a seance, never any stupid trifles from his lips, but words of truth and comfort which the church cherishes as among the best from our Lord's mind. Jesus' resurrection is not the story of the survival of a ghost, still less the mere return of a revived and walking corpse.

It is the story of a Divine Person who conquered death, and who came back from that conquest in power and majesty, yet with all the tenderness, love and brilliance he had ever shown.

Our Hope in Him

PAUL (in 1 Cor. 15) makes it clear that our hope of life-beyond-death grows right out of Christ's resurrection. The enemies of Christ would have given their right eyes to stop the mouths of the men who told that story, and to prove it a lie.

But they could never do it. You cannot well stop people from believing what they have seen with their own eyes. So our hope of eternal life is not just a hope.

As Paul says, if that were all, we should be miserable men.

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RURAL CHURCHES

Calvary Evangelical
United Brethren Church
Albert N. Straley, minister
Sunday School at 9:30 (CDST).
Lloyd Lichtenberger, Superintendent.
Preaching Service at 10:30 (CDST).

Pleasant Hill & Salem Methodist
Ralph R. Johnson, Minister
Salem — Unified Worship 9:30-11:15. Prayer service Wednesday 8:00.

Pleasant Mills — Sunday School 9:30. Junior and senior M. Y. F. 6:30. Evening preaching 7:30.

Prayer Service Thursday at 8:00.

Linn Grove Christian Church
Homer Studabaker, Minister
Sunday school 9:30. Lester Rayhols, superintendent.

Morning Worship 10:30. Father's Day.

Come Worship with us.

Monroe Methodist
W. L. Hall, pastor
9:30 Morning Worship.
10:30 Sunday School.

6:45 MYF with Virginia Mitchell as leader.
7:30 Closing program of the daily vacation Bible school. The general public is invited to attend this and all services of the church.

Wednesday: 7:30. Prayer meeting.
8:30, Choir practice.

Rivarre Circuit
U. B. Church
L. A. Middaugh, Pastor
Mt. Zion

9:30 a. m. Sunday school.

10:30 a. m. Preaching service.
7:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor.
8:00 p. m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

Pleasant Grove

9:30 a. m. Sunday school.
10:30 a. m. Class meeting.

7:00 p. m. Christian Endeavor.
8:00 p. m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

Mt. Victory

9:30 a. m. Sunday school.
10:30 a. m. Class meeting.

7:00 p. m. Christian Endeavor.

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Dale Osborn, pastor

Winchester:

Sunday School 9:30 a. m.
Preaching 10:30 a. m.

Prayer meeting, Wednesday 8 p. m.

Vacation Bible school will start next Monday.

St. Paul

Sunday School 9:15 a. m.

Sunday evening attend C. E. convention at Berne

Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 p. m.

Pleasant Mills Baptist

Dward B. Gehres, pastor

9:30 a. m. Sunday School, Lowell Noll, superintendent.

Special feature of interest to the younger members of the congregation.

10:30 a. m. Worship service. Sermon by the pastor.

Saturday 8:00 p. m. will be a business meeting of the congregation. Also an important session of the church membership. Count it your duty to be present at this meeting.

St. Luke Evangelical and Reformed

Honduras

H. H. Meckstroth, pastor

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9 a. m. Worship service.

10 a. m. Sunday school.

6:45 p. m. Youth fellowship.

Youth day program at the 9 a. m. worship service will be as follows:

Prelude — Alice Dick.

Invocation — Rev. Meckstroth.

Hymn 436 — Congregation.

Scripture, Luke 15:11-32 — Pauline Seesenguth.

Prayer — Junior Bertsch.

Hymn 453 — Congregation.

Announcements — Rev. Meckstroth.

Choir — "Follow the Gleam."

Sermon, "A Father's Joy" — Rev. Meckstroth.

Special number — Mary Ellen Schnepf.

Talk, "Youth" — Beulah J. Bertsch.

Benediction — Rev. Meckstroth.

Offering — the Rev. F. H. Willard.

Children Program

To Meet Sunday

The monthly meeting of the Adams county holiness association will be held at the Monroe Tabernacle Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The guest speaker will be Rev. William Wright, of Fort Wayne, who broadcasts over radio station WFTW each morning. Special music will be provided.

Los Angeles Woman Tortured To Death

Ninth Mutilation Slaying In City

Los Angeles, June 17. — (UPI) —

The torture murder of Mrs. Louise Springer left police baffled today by nine mutilation slayings of attractive women beginning with the "black Dahlia" case 29 months ago. None of the cases was ever solved.

Mrs. Springer, a 28-year-old safewoman, was found strangled in the back seat of her sleek new convertible yesterday.

The car was parked only a short distance from the spot where the body of Elizabeth Short, who became known as the "black Dahlia," was found cut into two sections in January, 1947.

Mrs. Springer's 97-pound body had been twisted so that it lay face down. Her dress was pulled above her hips. A clothesline was knotted around her neck. Her body had been violated.

Mrs. Springer's husband, Lawrence, a short, mustached hair stylist, sobbed when he learned of her death. He had reported her missing Monday night, when he returned to a parking lot from an errand and found his wife and the car gone.

Police believe the slaying was committed within an hour after that.

They said several witnesses apparently saw the slayer park the car on a residential street and casually stroll away.

"He seemed to adjust something in the back seat before he got out," said 15-year-old Carmen Arvizu, before whose home the car was parked.

Another witness said the man seemed to be wearing a gray navy uniform.

Named Delegate To K. P. Convention

The Knights of Pythias have elected Judge Myles F. Parrish as delegate to the 81st annual convention of the Indiana grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, at Indianapolis, from June 29 to July 1, at the Claypool hotel. The alternate delegate will be Fred Mills. Other local members are expected to attend.

Employed at the jail as a cook after having served a term there, Murray said he gave the blades to Messamore for \$13.50. Murray was held in jail here in default of bond pending action by the next grand jury for aiding a prisoner escape.

Messamore was in the McCracken jail awaiting trial for his part in the robbery of the Kevil, Ky., bank last August. He sawed and slugged his way to his second jail break Tuesday and was recaptured at Princeton Wednesday. Three months earlier he had escaped from the Corydon, Ind., jail.

Now in prison at Louisville, Messamore said he did not know who gave him the hacksaw blades. He will be returned to Paducah Sunday to stand trial Monday in federal court for the bank robbery.

Is Graduated With Scholastic Honors

Bloomington, Ind., June 17. — Donald E. Schlaginhaufen, of Decatur, who was graduated from Indiana University Sunday evening, received his degree with scholastic honors. One hundred and sixty-three of the University's graduating class of 2,854 members were recognized for their scholastic achievements. Of this number five diplomas were awarded with highest honors, 31 with high honors and 127 with honors.

Mr. Schlaginhaufen received the B. S. degree in business with distinction.

Famous Last Words:

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Attend Methodist Assembly Program

Silver Jubilee To Highlight Program

Several carloads of people from the First Methodist church will attend the assembly program at Lake Webster June 19-26. Two young people, Nancy Callow and Marilyn Vanhorn, will attend camp Yo-Pe-Mi-Ca. This is the camp conducted for a special group of 100 high school students chosen from the churches of the North Indiana conference, who are interested in the missionary activities of the church.

The men will attend the laymen's retreat, the women of the church will attend the school of Christian service, and the teachers of the church school have an opportunity to take training in a laboratory school conducted by experts.

This year the whole program will be highlighted by the silver jubilee celebration of the founding of the site for institute and assembly activities. The Rev. Fred R. Hill, pastor of the Main Street Methodist church, Kokomo, is dean of the assembly and will preside over the sessions of the week.

The program will begin with the morning worship at 10:30 o'clock Sunday, at which time Bishop Richard C. Raines, resident bishop of Indiana, will deliver the anniversary sermon. Dr. John G. Benson, of Indianapolis, will preach at the lakeside service each evening at 7. Dr. Benson will be remembered by the people of Decatur for the spiritual emphasis week, Dr. Charles M. Laymon, dean of Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., will conduct a course in "New Testament Studies in the New Birth" at the Bible hour each day.

Other faculty members include Miss Ellen Clark, director of the laboratory school; Mervin D. Meyers of Purdue University, director

of music; Miss Marie Adams, missionary to Peiping, China, instructor in missions; and Mrs. G. Law and Mrs. John Seward, who will present the study courses for the women's society of Christian service.

The special jubilee observance will feature "A Trip with the Founders" and the presentation of

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