

DELIVERANCE Sunday School- April 20, 2014

Unifying Topic: THE THIRD DAY

Lesson Text:

I. The Third Day (Hosea 6:1-3)

II. Resurrection (Luke 24:1-6)

II. Deliverance (Luke 24:7-12)

The Main Thought: He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, Saying, the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again (Luke 24:6-7), KJV).

Unifying Principle: Sometimes people do not recognize the accomplishment of long-held goals because they are achieved in a different form from what was expected. What sustains the motivation of people to keep going when victory looks improbable? Jesus' forecast of His resurrection on the third day alluded to the Hebrew Scripture theme (tradition) of deliverance in defiance of the horror of the crucifixion.

Lesson Aim: To celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day.

Life Aim: To be encouraged by the assurance that God's promises are true although not always achieved in the way we expect them.

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- 6: 1 Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.
6: 2 After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.
6: 3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

24: 1 Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.

24: 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

24: 3 And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

24: 4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:

24: 5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

24: 6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

24: 7 Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

24: 8 And they remembered his words,

24: 9 And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

24: 10 It was Mary Magdalene and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles.

24: 11 And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.

24: 12 Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass.

HISTORY:

Hosea, son of Beeri; his name means salvation. The book of Hosea was written to illustrate God's love for His sinful people. Hosea was a prophet in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. He began his ministry during the end of the prosperous but morally declining reign of Jeroboam II of Israel (the upper classes were doing well, but they were oppressing the poor); much like today. The Lord accuses Israel and the priests in **Chapter 4**. And in **Chapter 5**, the Lord becomes angry with the priests and all of Israel's leaders. Hosea condemns Israel and Judah for sinning. They have been a snare and not a help. Their idolatry has led Israel to stumble, even Judah as well and God has withdrawn Himself from them. The Lord's impending sentence is that Ephraim (Israel) shall be laid waste, and Judah shall not escape either. Like a lion, God will come upon them and tear them away. They will have to confess their sin and diligently seek the Lord before he returns to them again.

LESSON:

Hosea 6:1-3 The Third Day

6:1 Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

The people didn't understand the depth of their sins. They did not turn from idols, pledge to change, or regret their sins. They thought God's wrath would last only a few days. Little did they know that their nation would soon be

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taken into exile. Israel was only interested in God for the material benefits He provided; they did not value the eternal benefits that come from worshipping Him. The Lord had withdrawn from Israel and Judah (5:15), and Hosea lets them know by including himself that it's time to come back to God. *"He was the One that wounded and struck us down, and He is the One who can bind us and pick us back up again."* His care is what they needed; His healing is what they could not do without. The invitation has been extended!

6:2 After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. God will no longer stay away. ¹The "two days", here, is not speaking of two twenty-four hour periods. It is speaking of two relatively small periods of time in God's sight. With God, a day can be as a thousand years. After two days God will revive and on the third day raise them up. God's healing is a picture of a complete metamorphosis: rising from the dead on the third day; from their deadness of sin! Hosea was not writing about the Messiah directly, however, it was about the people of Israel. But we know that the picture of Israel's death and resurrection sets the pattern for what would eventually be accomplished through Christ Jesus. Then the people of Israel shall live before Him in His kindness and care again.

6:3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth. God will no longer deal with them like a moth and rottenness stated in (5:12). He knew how they behaved (5:3). Now, instead, He will deal with them like life-giving and refreshing rain. Hosea reiterate that to know God they had to follow Him, for He's the One going forth to prepare everything, and He's the One that shall come unto them as the rain. Rain refreshes and replenishes what's needed in the earth for us.

Luke 24:1-6 Resurrection

24:1 Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. The first day of the week, very early in the morning Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the certain other women came to the tomb of Jesus expecting to anoint His body with the spices they had brought. The women strictly obeyed the observance of the Sabbath which prevented them to do nothing at that time to Jesus' body after His death. However, the Sabbath Law and its observances had no authority over Jesus, being that He was dead and buried in the grave on the Sabbath.

24:2 And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. However, when the women came after the Sabbath, early in the morning, the stone that had been sealed by the Roman guards was rolled away from the tomb. The stone had not been rolled back for the benefit of Jesus, but for the witnesses to the resurrection. When Jesus arose, He was in His resurrected body, the heavenly body of the spiritual dimension, and the spiritual dimension has no physical bounds. But the witnesses needed to enter the tomb to see the truth.

24:3 And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. Upon seeing this, they went in and found not the Lord's body which left them puzzled.

24:4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: In their perplexing moment, they saw two men arrayed in dazzling robes in or beside the tomb. The angels' appearance looked just like other men except for the bright and shining garments.

24:5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? This really caused the women to be afraid and thereby bowed their faces to the ground. They were bowing to angelic beings who said unto them: *"Why seek ye the living among the dead?"*

24:6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,— Their voices rang out! This was only a reminder of what Jesus had said to them. This meant that they didn't mean to be in the place of the dead because He Lives; he is Alive; He is Risen!

Luke 24:7-12 Deliverance

¹ <http://www.lovetheLord.com/books/hosea/06.html>
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24:7 Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

These are the very words proclaimed by Jesus in Galilee predicting to His disciples (Matt.17:22-23) to get them ready for His death burial, and resurrection. They didn't accept it then and now these words have come up again to them.

24:8 And they remembered his words,— The angels proclaimed the glorious news which made them remember. It finally clicked with them and they remembered Jesus' Words.

24:9 And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest. After the women came from the sepulcher, they begin to tell the 11 disciples and all the rest of what had occurred at the tomb and of the conversation with the angels.

24:10 It was Mary Magdalene and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles. This verse identified the women who were at the sepulcher, being witnesses of Jesus' Resurrection and to tell the Good News to the disciples or apostles. The women are an example to us in taking care of our loved ones. They are God's vessels to spread the glorious Gospel of Christ!

1. Mary Magdalene stands out as the most prominent of the women witnessing the resurrection of the Lord. Her love and devotion was very deep, for Jesus cast seven devils out of her Mk.16:9. In Matt.26:6 Mary displayed a special quality of devotion as she anointed Jesus by pouring an expensive ointment upon His head at a feast at Simon the leper's home. To love the Lord with our best requires a revelation concerning Him.
2. Joanna was the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward (Lk.8:3); (is believed to be the family whose dying son was healed by Jesus) (Jh.4:46).
3. Mary the mother of James. She also could not tear herself away from the body of Jesus indicating her love and devotion for her Son, Jesus (Matt.13:55; 27:56). Mary's son, James, brother of Jesus was chosen as one of Jesus' disciples. These, and many other women who are not named in Scripture, all played a part in the ministry of Jesus Christ, and they each had been touched by his love and compassion.

24:11 And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not. Of course the men did not believe the women for it sounded like nonsense or idle tales to them. As if to say, this could not have happened and the men not know anything about it first? Well the disciples were always confused about the prophecy of Jesus' death and resurrection. They would not accept His words literally at face value, so why believe the women!

24:12 Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass. But Peter had to see for himself. He got up and ran to the tomb. As he peered into the tomb, he saw the linen clothes which Joseph of Arimathea brought (when he claimed Jesus' body after death), and wrapped the Lord's body in, laid out in a place by itself, but there was no body. Jesus' body was not there. The evidence tells it all, but he was still wondering within himself what had really happened.

SUMMARY:

The prophet Hosea exhorts the people of Israel and Judah to repent and return unto the Lord their God. The problem was that they were so deep in sin; they did not really want to know Him. However, after two days God would revive them and on the third day He would raise them up, that they can live before Him (Hosea 6:1-3).

The women came to the sepulcher early the first day of the week to anoint the body of Jesus but found the stone had been rolled away and Jesus' body gone. Being bothered by this, two angelic beings spoke to them and the women bowed with faces to the ground before them in fear. The angels reminded them of the words spoken by Jesus that on the third day He would arise. With this news they had to tell the apostles. The only one to search these tales out was Peter. He saw only the clothes in which His body had been buried with Him in the tomb and he began to wonder to himself (Luke 24:1-12).

APPLICATION:

A borrowed tomb and borrowed clothing could not keep Jesus in the tomb. On the third day He arose! If He said it, believe it!