

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why had Mary come to the tomb early that morning?
2. Why did Mary not recognize Jesus?
3. Can we be in the presence of the Lord and still not recognize Him or know Him?

### SUMMARY:

Even though the disciples and followers had spent much time walking and talking with Jesus, they could not understand His plan. They were very shocked to go to His grave and find Him gone. Many people today read God's Word and try to follow all of His commandments, but have very little strength over sin because they fail to recognize the risen Lord.

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #13

March 27, 2005

First Quarter

### THE RESURRECTED CHRIST

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**LESSON TEXT:** *John 20:1-18*

**LESSON SETTING:** In the vicinity of Mt. Calvary and in Jerusalem.

**TIME:** Approximately 33 A.D.

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- I. APPROACH OF THE DISCIPLES.** John 20:1-10
  - A. Mary's Early Morning Report (vs. 1-2)
  - B. Peter and John Go To See For themselves (vs. 3-10)
- II. APPEARANCE OF THE ANGELS.** John 20:11-13
  - A. Mary Communes with Angels (vs. 11-13)
- III. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MASTER.** John 20:14-18
  - A. Mary Fails to Recognize the Master (vs. 14-15)
  - B. Jesus the Risen Savior (vs. 16-17)

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVETH, AND THAT HE SHALL STAND AT THE LATTER DAY UPON THE EARTH.*

Job 19:25

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** John 11:47-57 through 12:19  
**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** 1 Chronicles 29:1-22;  
Psalm 118:1-29

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Christ, the Son of God

**TOPIC:** HONORING CHRIST

**INTRODUCTION:**

When the people wished to honor Jesus, they took palm branches and spread them before Him as He rode on a colt into Jerusalem. They shouted "Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord." How can we honor Him today?

When Jesus saved us, He really purchased us and we became His. Being His possession, He can do with us whatever He pleases. He is our Savior, but also our Lord and Master. We are truly His and in this we have no right to do as we please. We must obey Him and permit Him to rule our heart and mind. We no longer belong to ourselves nor have the right to live to ourselves.

So often we are happy to accept Him as our Savior, but unwilling to let Him rule us. We still wish to cling to our own selfish desires. If so, we do not honor Him. We can only honor Him by accepting Him as King and Ruler permitting Him to graciously reign over us.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Christ should and must be honored as King of our life.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** ***BLESSED IS THE KING OF ISRAEL THAT COMETH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.***

John 12:13

There was a strange feeling of expectation in and around Jerusalem as the Passover Week approached that year when God's plan of salvation was to unfold. Something was in the very air. The chief priests and Pharisees were troubled at the power and influence of Jesus. A strange thing happened when the high priest Caiaphas uttered his prophesy. He, himself, did not realize how true his words were when he said, "it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not." (John 11:50) So while Jesus' enemies sought to destroy Him, many people looked and hoped for Him to become the King of Israel. These also fulfilled scripture when they placed Jesus on a colt and proclaimed Him King with shouts of joy. These were all mistaken about the purpose of the Son of God's earthly sojourn as the Son of Man. Only those to whom the Holy Spirit revealed it later, understood how God's promises were fulfilled.

Now again, it surely must be near the end of an age. Many are troubled at world conditions, many strive to turn the misfortune of others to their gain, while Israel unknowingly helps fulfill "all that the prophets have spoken." (Luke 24:25) May we all be of those who have allowed Jesus to become our Savior and Master, for then we shall soon be able to say, "Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord."

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 27 – April 3**

M. A King Dishonored. 2 Samuel 15:13-23  
T. \*A King Conspired Against. John 11:47-57  
W. A King Defended. 2 Samuel 18:1-8  
T. A King Welcomed. 2 Samuel 19:9-17  
F. A King Exalted. Psalm 118:19-29  
S. \*A King Anointed. John 12:1-8  
S. \*A King Honored. John 12:9-19