

Sermon Outline
Remember How He Spoke to You
Easter Sunday
Luke 24:1-12
April 8, 2007

“Oh Aslan! cried both the children, staring up at him...aren’t you dead then, dear Aslan?” “Not now.” “But what does it all mean?,” asked Susan when they were all a bit calmer. “It means...the Table would crack and Death itself would start working backwards. And now - Oh children,” said the lion, “I feel my strength coming back to me. Oh, children, catch me if you can!”

The bare facts were apparent enough: a stone rolled away, a body missing. But what did this mean? One of the assumptions of modernity is that we can interpret the “facts” on their own, a myth that postmodern thought has shattered. But the new god of postmodernism which declares that the facts have no meaning at all is also an idol equally destined for destruction. God the Creator and Sovereign is the “interpreter” of his creation and indeed of all his works. He does not leave us alone in idle speculation about the “truth.” God is a God who reveals himself, and does so supremely in Jesus Christ and the Scriptures. God has spoken – and done so loudly and clearly in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus, making known his holy love, wisdom, justice, and power.

As the women stand in the tomb, empty now except for abandoned grave clothes, two messengers appear to help them understand the “facts” of the situation. They rebuke them, and instruct them to remember the words of Jesus – he told you about these events; he interpreted them for you: **“remember how he spoke to you.”**

I. Remember His Word of Purpose

- A. Handed Over...Crucified...Raised on the Third Day
- B. Betrayal, Death, Resurrection
 - This is why he came. **Remember!**
 - Because of Good Friday we can look back without fear; because of Easter we can look forward without fear. **Remember!**

II. Remember His Word of Power

- A. Resurrection Fulfills the Promised Hope of Israel – Luke 24:7, 26
- B. Resurrection Displays the Promised New Creation – Isaiah 65
- C. Resurrection Reverses the Fall in Adam - 1 Corinthians 15:21-22
- D. Resurrection Secures the Forgiveness of Sins – 1 Corinthians 15:17

III. Remember His Word of Promise – 1 Corinthians 15:23-26

- A. His Resurrection is the Promise of Our Own
- B. His Resurrection is the Power that Brings New Life to Dead Souls – Now and on the Great Day!
- C. “Children, **remember** what day this is!”

We understand reality not “by brute facts,” but by Christ’s word of purpose, power, and promise. We interpret reality under his Lordship and because he who died has been raised and exalted as Lord, and will come again with glory, we will rejoice now in the reality of hearts resurrected from the death of sin and guilt, and rejoice in hope of our full inheritance. And all along the journey, we will **remember**.