

Monuments to the Resurrection

TEXT: Josh. 4:1-4, 19-24

INTRODUCTION:

- A. JOSHUA SETS UP **TWO** "MONUMENTS."
 - 1. "Something set p to keep alive the memory of some thing, person, time or event."
 - 2. Joshua's monuments memorialized the **entry into Canaan**.
- B. HISTORY BUFF – SEEK OUT AND STUMBLE UPON MONUMENTS.
- C. JESUS HAS LEFT **MONUMENTS TO HIS RESURRECTION** (Acts 14:17).

I. THE CHURCH.

- A. THE **foundation** OF THE CHURCH RESTS ON **Christ's Deity** (**Matt. 16:16-18**).
- B. **Christ's CLAIM TO Deity** RESTS ON THE **Resurrection** (**Matt. 12:38-40; Rom 1:3-4**).
- C. THO HATED AND PERSECUTED, THE CHURCH IS STILL HERE!

II. THE BIBLE.

- A. THE BIBLE **testifies concerning his life** (**John 20:30-31**).
- B. IT RECORDS THE **testimony** OF **eyewitnesses** (**1 Cor. 15-1-8; 1 John 1:1-4**).
- C. THE BIBLE IS A UNIQUE BOOK - How do we know? What are its proofs?
 - 1. It is **trustworthy** - the witnesses skeptics (**Mark 16:9-13**).
 - 2. It is **demanding** (**John 20:30-21**).
 - 3. It is **guaranteed** (**2 Cor. 4:7-12**).

III. THE LORD'S DAY.

- A. FROM PENTECOST - EARLY WRITERS REFER TO THE "LORD'S DAY."
- B. **Rev. 1:10**. JOHN, BY INSPIRATION, USES THE TERM.
- C. A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE(**Acts 20:7**).
 - 1. Resurrection day(**Luke 24:1-3**).
 - 2. Pentecost - 50 days after Passover Sabbath (**1 Cor. 15:20-23**). Also called the Feast of Weeks or First Harvest.

IV. THE LORD'S SUPPER.

- A. HERE IS ANOTHER INSTITUTION FROM THE BEGINNING (**Acts 2:42**).
- B. IT PROCLAIMS HIS DEATH (**1 Cor. 11:23-26, 29**).
- C. IT ALSO AFFIRMS A BELIEF IN THE RESURRECTION (**vs. 26**).

V. THE NEW SIGNIFICANCE OF BAPTISM.

- A. JOHN'S WORK WAS **preparatory** (**Mat. 3:1-3; John 1:7-8**).
 - 1. So was his baptism (**John 1:29-31**).
 - 2. John's baptism was for remission of sins (**Mark 1:1-5**).
- B. FROM PENTECOST - **a new significance** - INTO HIS DEATH (**Rom 6:3-4**).
- C. BAPTISM ALSO **affirms the resurrection** (**Rom. 6:4-5**).

CONCLUSION:

- A. SOME MONUMENTS PROVE HIS RESURRECTION.
- B. SOME MERELY KEEP IT BEFORE US.
- C. WE MAY PARTAKE IN BOTH HIS DEATH AND HIS RESURRECTION (**Rom 6:3-4**).