

Title: HE IS RISEN INDEED, LUKE 24:44-47
(Chatham, NJ; 03/31/13, AM, Easter Sunday) [Pc – Topical]

Theme: The Psalms predicted his suffering, death, and resurrection.

Purpose: To affirm the truths about Christ's resurrection that guide us and give us hope.

Introduction:

1. We remember Christ.
2. Chrysostom, a fourth century theologian, included these words in the worship assembly: Remembering, therefore, this command of the Savior and all that came to pass for our sake, the cross, the tomb, the resurrection on the third day, the ascension into heaven, the enthronement at the right hand of the Father, and the second, glorious coming." (*Touchstone*, March/April 2013, 29)
3. In C. S. Lewis' *The Silver Chair* there is a scene where the evil queen tries to make the heroes and heroines forget Narnia.
4. The Psalms are both witnesses to Christ as well as tools of remembrance.
5. Jesus singles them out in Luke 24:44.

Psalm 22 – The Christ Was Destined to Suffer

- 1 – 2, the cry of Jesus on the cross and the experience of the righteous
- 7 – 8, the words of those who pass Jesus by as he hung from the cross
- 16 – 18, more experiences at the cross
- 27 – 28, God is glorified and his rule is exonerated
- That he should suffer and shed his blood was all part of a master plan

Song: Ivory Palaces, 896

Communion

Psalm 16 & 110 – His Resurrection Was Also Divine Destiny

- 10, not abandoned to the grave
- Peter quotes this in Acts 2:24 – 28
- Since David died and was buried, this must refer to the Messiah
- Peter also quotes Psalm 110:1 in 2:34-35
- David did not ascend into heaven; Jesus did
- Heb. 1:13, he is furthermore higher than the angels
- His resurrection and sovereign rule is thus affirmed by Scripture and by the witness of the Apostles: "You are witnesses of these things," Luke 24:48
- We believe them, and today we remember

Song: Low in the Grave He Lay, 344

Psalm 2 & 8, He Is Lord

- 2:1, why do the nations rage? They resist his rule
- 2:6, his kingdom is established in Zion
- 2:7, you are my son
- Hebrews 1:5, God did not say this to angels but to him who is the exact radiance of the glory of God (Heb. 1:3) and who sustains the universe
- 8:5 – 6, he was made a little lower than angels and given dominion over all things
- Hebrews 2:5 – 9 concludes this about Christ

Conclusion:

1. The Resurrection reminds us that he died for us.
2. The Ascension into heaven reminds us that he rules.
3. His love and sovereignty demand a response.
4. Repentance is our response; forgiveness is his sovereign gift of mercy.
5. The church proclaims them in his name (Luke 24:47).
6. We remember them today with thanksgiving and joy.

Song: Savior, Lead Me, 409