

REMEMBER HIS WORDS – by Andrew Roberts

Some nearly 2000 years ago, a group of mourning Jewish women hurriedly passed through the gates of Jerusalem in the dusky dawn of the first day of the week. They carried spices and fragrant oils they would use to anoint and prepare the body of a young man they had witnessed publicly executed on a cross three days prior. How unfortunate that his beaten, crucified body had laid in the tomb unprepared these past two days. But the women had to observe the Sabbath. Now they would prepare his body and properly lay him to rest.

But as they approached the tomb, they were shocked to find it open. The stone that sealed it had been rolled away! Upon entering the tomb they found that the body they came to prepare was gone! Suddenly two men were standing by them in shining garments.

Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here but is risen! Remember how he spoke to you when he was still 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.’” And they remembered His words (Luke 24:5-8).

Today, millions of people the world over will gather in church buildings and cathedrals to hear the story of a crucified Christ and an empty tomb. It is the old, old story and truly good news to all that hear it. But please notice that when confronted with the empty tomb, it caused these women of old to remember His words.

As you take the bread and cup and recall the broken body and shed blood of Jesus...remember His words. As you sing songs about the Lord or bow your head in prayer...remember His words. As you enjoy a hearty lunch with your family...remember His words. As your children gobble up chocolate bunnies and marshmallow chicks...remember His words. As you plan *next* Sunday morning...remember His words.

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” – John 14:6

“If you love Me, keep My commandments.” – John 14:15

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” – John 3:16

“I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.” – Luke 13:3

“Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.” – Matthew 10:32

“He who believes and is baptized will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned.” – Mark 16:16

The death and resurrection of Jesus is impressive. But evermore poignant is that He did it for you and for me. He did it for our salvation. So we must consider Him, and remember His words.

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.”