"Preaching The Lord Jesus"

Acts 11:20

April 4, 2021 **Easter**

INTRO:

- Welcome to our Resurrection Sunday worship…
- Before we get started this morning, let me ask you a couple really important questions:
  - Did you <u>actively listen</u> to and pray Pastor Charlie's prayer? (I'll come back to that…)
  - **Why are you here** & **what do you want?**

(cf. Galop poll… only 47% in U.S. claim a faith family now)

T/S: While you're thinking about your answers, let me give you a sweet piece of encouragement :-)

PRAYER

VIDEO: *"He's Still Risen!"*

CONTEXT:

- Series: ***"Show And Tell"*** *The Word of God*
- Scripture: **Acts 11:20**

But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, ***<u>preaching the Lord Jesus</u>****.*

BIG IDEA: Preaching the Lord Jesus exemplifies <u>the A,B,C's of Easter</u>

PREVIEW: **The A,B,C's of Preaching Jesus**

- **The ALL's**
- **The BIBLE**
- **The CHRIST**

I. The **10 ALL's** of **Easter**

A. ALL Scripture is God-breathed… (2 Tim. 3:16-17)
B. ALMIGTY God is the ONLY true God!
C. ALL your heart, soul, mind, & strength…
D. Always BE ready to give a defense…HOPE in you
E. ALL authority… nations… commands… times
F. ALL in… *(live a life worthy of the Gospel!* ***Phil. 1:27****)*
G. ALL the time!
H. ALL by God's Grace (Ephesians 2:1-10)
I. ALL thru His miraculous Gospel
    a. By grace alone
    b. Thru faith alone
    c. In Christ alone
    d. Per the Word of God alone… AND…
J. ALL for God's glory alone!

II. 5 **BIBLICAL** Helps for **Easter**

A. Structure - see our BRIDGE graphic(s)
B. Simplify - BRIDGE family teaching tools…
    a. Stickman Gospel
    b. Family Tree
    c. ComeAndSeeChristianity.com

C. Scrutinize & Specify - *"hermeneutical umbrella"*

a. O.T.: Anticipation: Jesus is coming!

b. N.T.: Incarnation: Jesus is God!

c. Gospels: Proclamation: Jesus is Lord!

d. Epistles: Explanation: Jesus is serious!

e. Revelation: Consummation: Jesus is coming!

D. Show And Tell (**Bible CLOTH**)

a. #2 Creation

b. #26 Prophecies of Jesus

c. #36 Lazarus & the first empty tomb

d. #42 Acts 1:8 & 1:9

E. Sequence **VIDEO:** *"Bible Clock 2"*

III. The **CHRIST** of **Easter**

Preaching the Lord Jesus means BE-ing His witness & living life in light of the biblical cross AND empty cave!

1. **Creation**
   a. Creation declares a Creator!
   b. Genesis 1 & John 1
   c. Ps. 118:24… *Today is the day the Lord has made*

2. **Creativity** (James 1:17… *all good things…above*)

3. **Communion**
   a. John 17… Unified Father, Son, & Spirit
   b. Uniting: Justify… Sanctify… Glorify!
   c. Supernaturally unified family of God :-)

4. **Continuity** (Matthew 24:13… *persevere to the end*)

5. **Compatibilism** (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

6. **Cleansing of Corruption** (Genesis 3:15)

7. **Covenants**
   a. Promise Maker
   b. Promise Sustainer
   c. Promise KEEPER!

8. **Commandments** (Mark 12:28ff)

9. **Commission** (Matt 28:18ff; Acts 1:8; Jn. 20:21)

10. **Challenges** (2 Peter 1:3)

11. **Calamities & Catastrophes** (Romans 8:28)

12. **Confrontation** (Titus 1:11 & 2 Corinthians 5:20)
    a. Stephen
    b. Peter & John *("ordinary men")*
    c. Paul & Silas
    d. Hebrews 11…
    e. JESUS on the cross & drinking the cup!

13. **Combat** (Ephesians 6:10ff… 1 Peter 5:8…)

14. **Christian-ity** (John 6:44 & Mark 1:15 & 1 Jn. 2:6)

15. **Clarifying** (1 Timothy 4:16)

16. **Children** (Matthew 19:14)

17. **Constructing** (2 Timothy 2:1-6)

18. **Coordination** (Ephesians 4:1-7 one…one…one)

19. **Concentration** (1 Cor. 1:23… *a stumbling block*)

20. **Church** (Acts 2:41ff… Love UP, IN, & OUT!)

21. **Conquering** (Romans 8:37)

22. **Consecrated** (Leviticus 19:2 & 1 Peter 1:16)

23. **Culturally-conformed** (Romans 1:16; 12:1-2)

24. **Cancelled** (John 19:30 - ***"It is finished!"***)

25. **Contrast** (2 Cor. 2:16… *"smell like life/death…"*)
    a. Truth / Lies
    b. Love / Hate
    c. Heaven / Hell
    d. Light / Dark
    e. Holy / Evil
    f. Children of God / Children of the Devil

26. **Consideration** (Hebrews 12:3)

27. **Captivation** (2 Corinthians 10:5)

28. **Cross** (Luke 14:27… **see 2 crosses!)**
    a. He was forsaken for us to be forgiven!
    b. The is NO resurrection Sunday without a great crucifixion Friday!
    c. The cross is where the work of Christ was finished!
    d. Christ's cross is the Christian's greatest proof of His truth, love, grace, mercy, & joy!

29. **Cave** (Luke 24:5… *Why do you look for…*)

His empty tomb is our eternal proof! – JDP

30. **Christ** (Matthew 28:6… ***He is RISEN!***)
    a. **Hebrews 12:1-2**
    b. **John 3:3,16, 36**
    c. **1 Peter 2:24** ***by His wounds we are healed***

31. **Comeback**
    a. **John 14:3**: if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also

    b. **Matthew 24:30-31**: Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. **31**And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

    c. **Acts 1:11**: "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

d. **Revelation 1:7**: BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will wail/mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

e. **Revelation 22:12-13**: "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to reward each one as his work deserves. 13I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

32. **Celebration!** (Titus 2:11-15)

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. 15Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

CLOSE:

I want to close by making this "A,B,C's of Easter" message practical & personal… biblical & missional…

Are you truly able to celebrate Christ's changing you?

33. **Changed / Changing** (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

<u>Let's go back to Pastor Charlie's opening prayer</u>
Do you remember my question?

Did you actively & personally pray with him?
These were his prayerful words…

Father, we thank You SO MUCH…
We can only say "Thank You!"

I pray that EACH ONE of us…
will have a DEEPER, GREATER grasp of Your love…
that it will be LIVED OUT…
IN our WITNESS…
AND thru our PROCLAMATION of The Gospel…
THROUGH our LOVING of one-another…
and our SERVING of one-another.

AND… we pray that we will be more like You.
…that we will be CONFORMED to Your image Jesus.

That's our prayer!

May our hearts be opened…
AND…
may our lives be CHANGED!

May YOU be GLORIFIED…
through the preaching of Your Word…
AND…
the MOVEMENT of our HEARTS!

In JESUS' name,
AMEN!

Let's PRAY!

a. He WAS…
b. He IS…
c. He is to COME!

Amen & AMEN!!!

(Praise God for the **baptisms** after today's worship service!)

Worship:

- ***For God So Loved The World***
- ***Just As I Am***
- ***Love God, Love People***
- ***Revelation Song***