



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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A Strange Thing Happened at the Funeral

Jesus once came across a funeral procession and did something strange. He walked up to the boy's grieving mother and said: "*don't cry.*"

That poor lady might have said: "*Why not weep? It is time. I have lost my only son.*"

But Jesus reached out and touched the open coffin. This was a strange thing for a Jew to do. You see, when a Jew came in contact with the dead, it made him unclean for several days. But this didn't stop Jesus. He touched that open coffin and said: "*Young man, I tell you, get up!*" And, immediately, that young man sat up and started talking.

He had been dead but now was alive – by the power of Jesus Christ! How happy that mother must have been. Her son was dead but now he was alive again. I am certain that mother thanked Jesus from the bottom of her heart.

News of this event spread far and wide. Here was a young man. He had been dead for some time – for there was always a period of preparation in those early days.

Therefore, there was no doubt in anyone's mind. This young man had been dead. But now, through the power of God, he now lived (**Luke 7:11-18**).

Such a miracle was truly wonderful. Here, the power of God was demonstrated. It could not be faked. There was no attempt to fool someone. Jesus spoke a command and that young man awoke from the sleep of death.

Jesus has power over death.

Did you know that when we are baptized into Christ, we are brought back to life from a spiritual death? Before baptism, we were slaves to sin and death but by our commitment to Christ we were resurrected to a new life with a new hope (**Romans 6:1-5**).

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Cross For Me

“There they crucified Him” (**Luke 23:33**). At the heart of the gospel is a cross. Three important events took place at the cross.

Jesus died there. Matthew says that Jesus “*Yielded up His spirit*” (**Matthew 27:50**). Luke says “*He breathed His last*” (**Luke 23:46**), John said the soldiers who examined the body of Jesus at the cross “*Saw He was already dead*” (**John 19:33**). Mark says Pilate confirmed by asking a centurion if Jesus was already dead so he could release His body to Joseph to be buried and “*He was already dead*” (**Mark 15:43-45**).

Jesus poured out His blood there. Jesus had earlier said when He instituted the Lord’s Supper in the upper room that His blood would be poured out (**Matt.26:28**). He gave His life on the cross and poured out His blood of the new covenant.

Jesus poured out His blood there “for forgiveness of sins” (**Matt. 26:28**). Peter said that Jesus “*Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross*” or literally, “*He Himself carried our sins in His body up to the wood*” (**1 Peter 2:24**). Paul said that God “*Made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf. so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him*” (**2 Cor 5:21**).

How are we to respond to the cross? Our response to the cross of Christ should be one of faith (**Romans 6:8**), which includes conviction (**Romans 6:11**), trust (**Romans 6:22**) and obedience (**Romans 6:17-18**). Have you “*become obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed*” (**Romans 6: 17**)? The form (pattern or model) of teaching is dying, being buried, and raised with Christ in baptism (**Romans 6:3-4**).

The cross of Christ, His burial and resurrection from the grave is the most important event of history! He did it all for you!

What are you doing for Him?

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