

Unpacking the Preach

Date: 12th April 2020 (Easter Sunday)
Sermon Title: This changes everything
Bible Passage: Luke 23: 26 - 49

Introduction

Take time to read the passage again and reflect on the below questions:

- Has there been a time in your life when everything changed in a moment, for good or bad? Share your experiences?
- What changing impact has COVID19 had on you and others around you?
- How is your relationship with the Father in this season?
- Was there anything you would like to know more about?
- Was there anything in the passage or preach that you found yourself resisting, pulling away from or wrestling with what is being said?

Recapping the preach:

Stuart described the change that the followers of Jesus would have experienced during the Passion Week, prior to Easter Sunday and the resurrection.

Question for reflection:

- What do you think was the biggest adjustment for them?
- Placing yourself in their shoes, what would be the biggest adjustment for you?
- Do you respond well to change? At home, at work and at church?
- What has been the biggest change in your life in the last 5 years? How did you respond to that time of change?

For the followers of Jesus everything changed (again) when they heard the three words spoken by the angels 'He has risen'.

Question for reflection:

- What difference would it make to your life if there was no resurrection?
- What does the resurrection mean to you in this season of COVID19?

The theological impact of the resurrection is:

- because He has risen, His resurrection insures our regeneration (being born again).
- because He has risen, His resurrection insures our justification (being declared not guilty).
- because He has risen, His resurrection insures that we too will be raised.

Questions for reflection:

- Which of these three theological truths means the most to you at the moment? Why?
- Put into your own words what our Christian hope means to you?

Response

- In what way did the Lord speak to you through the passage and preach?
- What did you take away from the preach which will impact your discipleship?
- Stuart encouraged two practical take-aways. 1) Be steadfast in work for the Lord because our labour is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58) and 2) Focus on heaven by setting your heart and mind on things above (Colossians 3:1-4). Which of these applications do you need to work on?

Prayer pointers

- Pray that every believer at KBC would live in resurrection power.
- Pray for the continued healing of creation.
- Pray for the church - for disciples to grow strong during this time.
- Pray for God's provision for us as a church during this time.

Additional resources:

If you need some additional resources the below websites are useful:

- <https://www.gotquestions.org>
- <https://enduringword.com>
- <https://www.biblica.com>
- <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/>