

20 April 2014 (Easter): Preached by Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo

Topic: **Not Here, But Risen**

Scripture Text: Luke 24:1-9

1. Christians must be very sure and certain of our place in Heaven. It is not that we are worthy but that God is very good and merciful to save us. The promise is in Jesus Christ saving us. This record of Jesus Christ dying for us, buried for us and then rising for us is a historical fact. It is recorded for us in the Word of God which is perfectly inspired and preserved for us.
2. Jesus said that He is the resurrection and the life. If we believe in Him, we will never die. Every believer must know this promise of God and be very sure of it.
3. It is sad that many people in this world live with no certainty of the future and their lives are in fear and worry. They do not know where they will go when they die. For every believer in Jesus Christ, we live our lives with confidence and comfort knowing the promise of God that one day we will be with Jesus in Heaven.
4. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not by accident. It is all in the perfect plan of God. The Old Testament has more than 300 prophecies of Jesus Christ and each one is fulfilled precisely by Jesus when He was on earth. Before Jesus died on the cross, He told the disciples 4 times that He would suffer and die and then rise again on the 3rd day.
5. Jesus was very precise in His predictions that He would rise on the 3rd day and indeed He rose on Easter Sunday early morning. The tomb was empty when the disciples came. The angels told them Jesus had risen. He is no more in the tomb. After that, Jesus appeared 11 times to prove to the people His resurrection is real and that He is alive.