

DON'T FORGET THE RESURRECTION!

TEXT: Lk. 24:1-12; Matt. 28:1-10.

INTRODUCTION:

Email I received:

I have an idea for a ribbon program that I would like to share and see organized all around the world. I would like to see the Church of Christ support the return of Jesus Christ by representing and wearing "**Purple Ribbons**" as a remembrance for His death and relief for His imminent return. Decorating the church and our cities with purple ribbons is a powerful declaration on the return of Christ! All of our children should be aware of the greatest event that the world will ever experience. And the purple ribbons will represent "Jesus return in the sky and not on the land," and the purple ribbons will be honored in His imminent return. I believe that this a wonderful program for our children to engage in, actively participating in something positive and special! It's time to make our world a place of beauty and harmony once again with ribbons declaring a wonderful event!

- A. The cross is the center of Religion, Christ died on the cross.
- B. But, w/o the resurrection the cross would only have been a tragic thing.
- C. The cross is meaningless w/o the resurrection.
- D. As someone once said, "If Jesus were not raised from the dead, nothing flowed from Calvary but the memory of a tragedy."
- E. Paul said 1 Cor. 15:1-8.
- F. Jesus linked His death and resurrection together many times.
 - 1. Matt. 16:21.
 - 2. Matt. 17:22-23.
 - 3. Matt. 20:17-19.
 - 4. Mk. 9:31-32.

BODY:

I. WHAT DOES THE RESURRECTION SHOW?

- A. It shows Christ is the Servant Messiah of the Old Testament.

1. Psa. 2:
2. Isa. 53:
3. Acts 13:26-30.

B. It shows that Christ is to be the Judge that God has ordained.

1. Acts 17:30-31.
2. Matt. 25:31-32.

3. Jn. 5:22 "For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son."

C. It shows that Christ is the Conqueror over Death- Rev. 1:17-18.

D. It Shows that Christ is the Great High Priest- Rom. 8:33-34.

II. WHAT DOES THE RESURRECTION MEAN TO YOU AND ME?

A. It is Our Guarantee of life after death- 2 Cor. 4:13-14.

B. The Resurrection is our Guarantee for Strength in time of need- Eph. 1:18-20.

C. The Resurrection is the Basis for Christian Living.

1. 2 Cor. 5:14-15.
2. Heb. 13:20-21.

III. CONCLUSION:

A. We don't remember the Lord's resurrection once a year. Or by wearing purple ribbons.

B. We remember his death and resurrection every Lord's Day, the day that he rose from the grave.

C. We do that by our worship and the Lord's Supper.

D. Rom. 6:1-14.