

# REVIVAL MINISTRY

Sunday Sermonette "If Only I Had Known!", April 12, 2020

*"Are YOU the CHRIST, the SON OF THE BLESSED ONE?" "I am," said JESUS, "and you will see the SON OF MAN sitting at the right hand of POWER and coming with the clouds of Heaven." Mark 14:61b-62 NIV*

*Read: Mark 14:53-65*

The tomb was empty. Now, they would start to understand. They had to see for themselves the burial cloths were there, but our RISEN SAVIOUR was not. It was like each one saying; "If only I had known."

JESUS told them all. At times, they seemed to understand, while at other times they questioned what they had seen and heard for themselves. You have read the scriptures and probably questioned why the disciples seemed not to 'get it' sometimes. Eventually, hindsight told them 'If only I had known.'

Even when JESUS was tortured and dying on the cross, HE told them; "Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.' And they divided up His garments by casting lots." (Luke 23:34) As they looked back, surely they said to themselves; "If only I had known."

Still, it was not over. JESUS was free of the tomb, but still was with them as recorded over and over. Surely, they said. "If only I had known." "Why are you troubled," Jesus asked, "and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" (Luke 24:38). Do you think they thought; "If only I had known."?

And then Thomas, whom we have dubbed Doubting Thomas refused to believe unless he could see the spike marks in JESUS for himself. When he saw, surely he said; "If only I had known."

Paul was next. After having Christians tortured and murdered, JESUS appeared to him and used Paul to be the preacher and teacher of the Gospel. Can you hear Paul saying; "If only I had known."?

Today, we celebrate the resurrection of our SAVIOUR. As you live your life, are you living it as JESUS would have you? Or, are you saying; "If only I had known."? Are you hiding this truth from others? Tell them about your RISEN SAVIOUR today so they can no longer say "If only I had known."

Today's Prayer:

"Thank YOU, JESUS, for telling me of YOUR saving grace so that I do know. Thank YOU for removing the doubts and insecurities I had so I never have to say "If only I had known" ever again. Give me the strength and wisdom to tell others so they will never say again,"If only I had known.". Amen"

Feel HIS Blessings!

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