

Vancleave Church of Christ

Sermon Title: The Importance of Jesus' Resurrection

Scripture: Matthew 16:21

Prayer Requests and Announcements

April 9, 2023

Jerry Mobley: His surgery has been rescheduled for 13 April (this Thursday).

Emma Wages: She is scheduled to see her doctor Monday for test results of a recent scan.

Jerry Wages: Please pray for brother Jerry regarding any lingering effects from a possible concussion.

Lisa Hesselrode: She is scheduled to have a biopsy performed near the end of April / early May.

Barbara Patton: She is still dealing with foot pain and limited mobility. Prayers are welcomed!

Traci Herrin (Lisa Patton's sister-in-law): She has been diagnosed as having Lymphoma. Please pray for her strength and healing as she faces treatments following the diagnosis.

Ongoing Prayers

Please be sure to update at: vcocministry@vancleavechurch.org

Ron Webb	Jackie Roach	Maxie Dodson, Jr.	Cheryl Solla	Sue Flurry
David Bosarge	Heath Smith	Zenie George	David Robinson	Tara Forte
Anita Dees	Rick Bedwell	Pete Hankins	Andi Barrett	Lisa Jenkins
Earl Kenney	Linda Kenney			

A Word of Encouragement for the Week Ahead

"It always seems impossible until it is done" — Nelson Mandela

"But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me..." (2 Timothy 4:17)

Announcements / Other:

- To all who contributed to the benevolence effort in Rolling Fork, MS, THANK YOU! We were able to send above \$5,000.00 as a direct result of your very generous support and faith in Christ!
- We welcome all our visitors to our assembly on this very special day today and always! We are thankful for you! Please be safe as you travel to and from your destinations to be with friends and family!
- Please see fliers on table for various, special upcoming local area church events.

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Were Jesus' Appearances Hallucinations?

By Allen Webster

Hallucinations are uncommon and only happen under unusual circumstances.

Hallucinations are:

- Individual-based. More than 500 saw Jesus at once (1 Corinthians 15:6). Could 500 people be fooled at one time? This many could not have been predisposed to see visions.
- Experienced only by certain kinds of people—those highly strung, imaginative, nervous. Hallucinations are most common among paranoid schizophrenics. Do the apostles—fishermen, tax collector, scholar— strike you this way? The disciples were not credulous, excitable persons but men who were reluctant to believe even after seeing the empty tomb.
- Linked to past experience. The opposite happened regarding Jesus' resurrection. The witnesses were not reenacting previous experiences with Jesus.
- Restricted as to when and where they can occur (associated with nostalgia and familiar surroundings). Several persons, at different times, in various moods, and in different places saw Jesus.
- Have an atmosphere of anticipation or hope. Jesus was recognized not by persons who expected to see Him alive, but by women who went to anoint His dead body. His apostles thought the women's report was like idle tales (Luke 24:11). Thomas flatly stated, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe" (John 20:25). Every person to whom He appeared was taken by surprise.
- Long-term. The appearances of Jesus stopped as suddenly as they started, 40 days after the resurrection.

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"For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:21, 22), NKJV).

A Note from your Preacher:

No power on earth or anywhere else should stop you from loving the one who died and rose from death. When we assemble together, we celebrate the victory we have because He died, and the joy we have because He lives! - DP