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***A Sermon Summary
"Of Dying and Yet Living"
by Rev Jack Sin
Preached at SHBPC
Resurrection Sunday***



Predictions of Resurrection in the Old Testament

- Isaiah 26:19 - "The dead man shall arise and live. and sing .." - prophecy of Jesus's death and resurrection. See also Job 19 :5,26 and Dan 12:2.
- Resurrection in the physical sense at that time was not commonly believed in 700 BC (not a human concept...but a divine one)
- Daniel 12:2 (All including non-Christians will be resurrected, but some for judgement.)
- Acts 3-14-18 Luke used the phrase "you killed the Prince of life who died and rose again." The resurrection of Christ gives us the soundness in our lives.
- Resurrection of Christ is the chief cornerstone of our faith according to a famous apologist Lee Strobel.

The Background to Matt 28:1-10

- Christ was already buried by Joseph and Nicodemus.
- The 2 persons who came to the tomb were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of Cleopas and Salome.
 - Women are not culturally well regarded in the first century.
 - Although their credibility worked against them, Bible still mentioned that they came first because it was true, hence proving that the Bible is authentic as it recorded the fact.

The 3 Main Points of the Sermon

1. Ardent Ladies at the Empty Tomb (v1)

A harmony of Gospels according to John, Luke and Matthew shows the following order of events:



- Luke 24:1-7
"the women came to the sepulcher bringing spices which they had prepared" ie. myrrh to preserve the body and smell. This was not mentioned in the other 2 gospels.
- John 20:1-7
Mary Magdalene upon discovering that the stone was rolled away, ran to inform Peter and John who also then came to the empty tomb and found the linen clothes neatly folded, then went away back to their own homes.
- Matt 28:1-7, John 20:11-14
the angels spoke to the two women John 20:14-17 Jesus then spoke to the women, who later told the disciples to whom Jesus later showed Himself.
- Luke 24:15-24
Jesus also showed Himself to the two persons on the road to Emmaus whose hearts were moved and revived as they heard the teaching of the risen Christ.

Wrong theories on the Resurrection:

The Hallucination Theory

- The disciples were so overwhelmed emotionally and mentally that Master died that they started to see things mentally when it is not there
- Even 2 persons cannot hallucinate the same thing at the same time and place; with 500 people hallucinating the same thing at the same time is impossible.

The Swoon Theory

- Jesus may have fainted at the cross, brought down as the soldiers thought He had died and since He was not dead, He subsequently revived in the coolness of the tomb.

- The rock (of at least 1000kg) covering the tomb was guarded by a group of trained and equipped Roman soldiers. In addition, could Jesus who had suffered massive blood loss and was emaciated, have moved the stone by Himself, appeared to the disciples and revived them to preach the gospel, etc.?

The Theft Theory

- The Jewish leaders came up with a conspiracy by the disciples to steal body at night.
- Could the few fearful unarmed disciples overcome the trained guards. Pilate had more than 1 Roman legion (about 6000 soldiers) who could have easily overcome the disciples and easily taken back the body of Christ if this theory is true.

The Wrong Tomb Theory

- The disciples were so distraught that they went to the wrong tomb instead.
- The character of the disciples is an important consideration - Paul was a top Jewish leader (In fact, all disciples were of high integrity). Luke as a credible physician recorded used the phrase "Infallible truth" Acts 1:3 which referred to resurrection of Christ.
- If it was the wrong tomb, the Romans could have easily showed the right tomb. But the body of Christ was not to be found anywhere.

The resurrection was the most well-attested event in antiquity according to apologists.

2. Antidote to Fear by Angels (v2-7)

- "Fear not"
- There are many phobias and especially so in these past 2 years due to pandemic was real.
- One of the greatest fears that some have is the fear of death, and there is nothing we can do about it. but there's victory over death.
- In Luke 2:10-11, the first words by the angel at birth of Christ were "Fear not" and these were exactly the same words also at His resurrection.



- Matthew 10:27, 28 says, "let us fear him who is able to destroy the soul only and not the body only"
- The antidote for our fear is the reverential fear of God by faith in Him and not in self. We are to "seek the Lord".

3. Action by the Disciples (v 8-10)

- They did the following as Christ instructed – **Come, See...Go** quickly and **Tell**.
- Go quickly and tell that He is risen from the dead (do not drag your feet to do evangelism).
- The sharing of the Gospel must not be without the death and resurrection of Christ
- Matthew 28:8: "fear (reverent fear) and great joy" - joy overcomes the fear
- Matthew 28:10 "Don't be afraid" - both angel and the Lord knows people are full of fear of the unknown and death



Conclusion

Will you have faith and believe God? Overcome your fear in Christ with faith in the Lord Jesus and be saved.

Rosabelle Tan (16 year old)

Sovereign Hope BPC Chinese Ministry 2nd Thanksgiving Anniversary



权望堂笃信圣经长老会



线上中文黄昏聚会

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2 years have passed since the circuit breaker in April 2020. The Lord gave us a burden to start a Sunday evening Zoom Chinese Fellowship to minister God’s Word to Chinese brethren who could not go to church for worship. There were 6 of us initially, namely Jian Lian, Tang Shuai, Chen Xia, Ti Ying and Angie and I who commenced the first meeting on 19 April 2020.

We met regularly at 7pm on Sundays to worship the Lord with hymns, prayed and shared the Word of God for about an hour. Thank God for others who joined us including in due time Paul, Amber, Grace, Esther, Xiong Yuan, Yu Yuet, including most recently Huang Xia, Wai Kin and Lan Lan, together with some brethren from SHBPC and country X. We had more structured fellowship meetings with messages and discussion. At times, we had invited speakers to share the Word of God and subsequently included a series of church history lessons too.

By the higher hand of God, this ministry has grown to about 16 brethren every Sunday night from Country X, Hong Kong, Malaysia, and Singapore.

The ministry of the Lord is not static but dynamic. The intent of this ministry is edification; to provide a platform for Chinese speaking brethren both local and abroad to attend and be built up in the knowledge of God with the teaching of the word of God in a time of worship fellowship and sharing.

It is not meant to be a totally formal worship but to provide the participants a time of singing, praying, sharing and learning of the Word and interaction. This is a virtual platform for edifying exchange when it is relevant to the biblical topic under discussion that day. It is a time of constructive mutual edification in the Word of the Lord and mutual encouragement.

It is also not limited to Chinese foreign workers only for we welcome Chinese speaking brethren both locally and overseas.

We thank God that he has brought new people into this ministry who are blessed by it. I was touched by Sis Amber who texted me to thank us for the benefit of this Chinese evening ministry to her. Grace also has shared her testimony below that she is blessed by this Sunday evening fellowship and service.

I appreciate the recent series of Chinese Church History that we covered these 10 months taught by another Chinese Pastor which has deepened our knowledge and understanding of the history of the church in Country X.

All Chinese speaking friends are welcome to join us for this service. We intend to invite some speakers from time to time where we can learn from them. We will have some relevant themes that will exhort and strengthen and edify the brethren and do pray for us.

感谢赞美主!

Jack and Angie Sin



In the midst of this epidemic, having an evening fellowship to worship with the body of God everywhere is a precious opportunity I cherish. I have benefited from the fellowship in the following ways:

1. As the servant of God shared the Holy Word, I am encouraged to further contemplate on His Word.
2. I have deepened my understanding of faith through the study of church history, and the testimony of my predecessors has been an inspiration to me.
3. Communication among brethren gives me a deeper understanding of the challenges that the body of God faces in every country and enables me to pray for them.

From Grace Chan, Hong Kong

感謝上帝。

晚間崇拜在這段疫情期間，給我一個與各地主內肢體一同敬拜的黃昏，是我珍惜的寶貴時段。這聚會帶給我以下的益處：

1. 牧者對聖言的分享，能激勵我多思想祂的話語。
2. 教會歷史的學習，加深我對信仰的認識，前人的見證，更是我學習的榜樣
3. 各人相互溝通時，能使我對各地各國主內肢體所面對的困難加深了解，可以為他們禱告。也使我謙卑自己，原來自己所處之地所知的事非常狹隘。

香花，香港（Grace Chan, Hong Kong）



关于中文晚间在线敬拜，我（雷敏）个人获益匪浅。

第一，是听孙牧师讲道很有得着。让我的信仰更加扎根于圣经中神的话语，同时又可以与现实生活相联系，就不会觉得信仰单单是空洞的说教。

第二，视频学习教会历史，让我对中国教会的发展史有一个系统的了解和宏观蓝图。每一次视频的文字版我都整理成 Word 文档，打印出来再次学习。

第三，和主内弟兄姐妹们的讨论分享是我最喜欢的一个环节。我们可以在讨论中得到更多不同的思想火花，在彼此的分享和扶持中坚固信仰。团契的力量就在于此。

对我来说，中文晚间在线敬拜团结了世界各地的华人基督徒，使我们的信仰归正，彼此团契，互相坚固，使爱神的我们更加得着属灵的益处

感谢牧师！愿神祝福您和您的侍奉！

The Chinese evening fellowship has been a great learning experience for me. First of all, listening to Pastor Jack's sermon is very rewarding. As my faith is grounded in the Holy Word of God and it connected to real life, I would not feel that it is just empty words.

Secondly, a systematic understanding and macro blueprint of the development history of the Church in China from the video learning of church history is so helpful to me. In order to study them again, I printed out the text versions of each video in Word documents.

Thirdly, I really enjoy discussions and sharing with my brothers and sisters in Christ; this is my favourite part. During the discussion, we get more sparks of different ideas and build our faith in sharing and supporting one another. This is what fellowship in Christ is all about.

For me, Chinese evening fellowship is a way to bring together Chinese Christians all over the world, to make our faith sound & biblical, to unify and strengthen one another, and to enhance the spiritual benefits of our love for God.

Thank you, pastor!

Thank you for your ministry and may God bless you!

雷敏，西安 (Amber, currently working in Singapore)



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2.5.2022
CHURCH MAY DAY SEMINAR

**Biblical Insights & Practical Approaches
For One's Physical & Mental Health**

MESSAGE 1

by Dr Johannah Soo

Lecturer, Food and Consumer Science, NIE

**Nutrition and
our Physical Health**

MESSAGE 2

by Rev Dr Jack Sin

Pastor and Lecturer

**Biblical Insights for
Preserving our Sanity
in an Insane World**



MONDAY, 2 MAY 2022



Interested participants need
to register with Dn Yue Kay at
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9.30AM - 12.30PM



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Memory Verse

2 Cor 6:2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Resurrection Sunday Worship Service! For our visitors, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave.
2. Pastor speaks this morning on “**Sorrowful Yet Rejoicing**” (2 Cor 6:1-10), continuing the new quarterly series on “**Biblical Paradoxes of Life Expounded**”.
3. Pastor speaks next Sunday on “**Poor & Yet Rich**” (Matt 5:5, Phil 4:10-19),
4. Sunday School classes continues after worship service:
 - WCF Shorter Catechism Class – Pastor Jack
 - Study on 4 Early Old Testament Characters – Joseph
 - Studies in Deuteronomy – Dn Kwong Leen
 - Burmese Bible Class - James
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. Included in the programme is a study on Church History in China on alternate Sundays. Join us for a time of profitable learning.
6. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church.
7. In accordance with the Vaccination-Differentiated Safe Management Measures (VDS) that is effective from 1Feb, our Sunday worship services are for vaccinated worshippers. The measures do not apply to religious classes ie. Sun School and Bible Study classes and hence all are welcome to attend.
8. **May Day Seminar will be held on Mon, 2 May 2022 in church** on the theme “**Biblical Insights & Practical Guidelines on Physical and Mental Health**”. Interested to attend are to register with Dn Yue Kay by 21 Apr.
9. **The Church camp will be from 16 -18 June at Changi Cove** on the theme “**Biblical Precepts for a Vibrant Christian Walk**” by Dr Jack Sin. Registration Forms are available from Dn Yue Kay and all are encouraged to register as soon as possible as there is a limited capacity.
10. Monthly Neighbourhood Bible Class will next meet on **Fri 6 May 2022, 7.30pm in church** on the study of 2 Samuel. Come and join us!
11. Those who wish to bring a new friend to the worship service, kindly inform the safety officer Dn Yue Kay or Pastor at least a day in advance.
12. Do kindly observe the safety measures of the church and assist with the weekly cleaning of the premises.
13. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
 - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
 - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB** Account **392-308-825-1**
 - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**