

A.M. "Easter Peace" (Preden 3 mem  
4-25-48

Scripture: - St. John 20: 18-22 <sup>Union</sup>  
4/19/48

Text: - St. John 20: 19+21. "Peace be unto you!" <sup>A.M.</sup>

Sub: - Spoken by Jesus on evening of first Easter day. Spoken by Jesus to disciples. They were assembled behind closed doors. They had had testimony of Mary of Magdala that she had seen Lord and had talked with him.

They were afraid. Assembled behind closed doors. They were still in confusion and bewildered. They were not sure of tomorrow. No peace in mind and heart. Into their midst came Jesus. His greeting was - "Peace be unto you." These words - and his presence surely did bring peace to disciples.

## I. Peace Concerning Jesus.

1. Distressed - "we thought it was he who should have redeemed Israel. They had seen him lie - buried - sealed in tomb - guarded by soldiers.
2. Now comes report of empty Tomb. - Greater despair and disappointment. They were here

Peace concerning themselves.

II Assembled to make plans for the future. They did remember that he had told them of his impending death, yet they did not believe & would not comprehend its significance. Now they felt as though he had been defeated - and they with him. Found need that they would have to go back to old pursuit.

"I did not know you" service to men, found here

III Peace from Fear of Enemies.

1. Fearing for own personal safety.
2. The master had fled with those who arrested him, to let disciples go.
3. Jews now on defensive - were in fear. Jesus comes and says "peace unto you".
4. Christian has had no fear. He has fearlessly preached Christ - ignored personal dangers - etc.

IV. Peace & Freedom from Sin.

1. Sin had come to destroy - but Christ had destroyed sin - great atonement was made for sin.
2. Salvation for all who believe - simple faith in saving power of a crucified Lord.

Peace from sin - deliverance  
from its guilt & power - for  
individual.

3. Peace, & God-will on earth -  
among men - possible.

When nations believe in God  
& trust him - there is peace -

When they despise & reject  
him - war.

Has always been so - always  
will -

Nations today have forgotten God -  
he has left them to own wicked  
devices - helpless without him.

Brought on themselves strife -  
bloodshed - heartache - sorrow -

And in very midst stands  
the risen son of God - at this  
Easter time saying - "I would  
but ye would not; - peace be  
unto you - my peace I  
give unto you!" -

Conc:- Jesus stands among us  
today saying, "Peace be  
unto you". What peace.

1. Concerning himself -

1. Divine Redeemer. no man -  
Son of God.

2. Concerning ourselves

1. "So send you".

3. Concerning Enemies.

1. with Jews by his  
side - Christian Jews  
no one.

4. Concerning Cardow  
& Salvation,