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ministry of the word.

Acts 6: 4 ASV

## Fear not, only believe

A Message for Adults

Week of Sunday 30 April, 2017 A.D.  
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- On the night of betrayal Jesus Christ does not ask disciples be taken out of Satan's sieve. Instead He asks that faith may not abate. Father help Thou their unbelief ...
- Jesus put it on the line. He came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance (Mark 2: 17). God breathed this Word to you. 18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith Jehovah: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isaiah 1: 18 ASV Calvary is a

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welcome, not a warning ! <sup>36</sup> Fear not, only believe. Mark 5: 36 ASV

- You have missed opportunities ! But the invitation remains, Come ! <sup>25</sup> O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Luke 24: 25 ASV
- Jesus' disciples discussed godly things. They talked together of all the things which had happened (Luke 24: 14). They were interested in the things of God. When that happens; <sup>20</sup> where two or three gather together in my name, there

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am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18: 20 ASV The problem was lack of faith. They were busy reasoning instead of believing. 9 If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.

Isaiah 7: 9 ASV Grief and sadness unnerved these men. They were groping.

- They were talking religion. In fact they were talking about Jesus. They were talking about His mighty deeds and works. What subject could be more choice? But they were talking in the wrong tense. It was something they had

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known to be true in the past. The present was something quite different. Jesus asked <sup>17</sup> What communications are these that ye have one with another, as ye walk? And they stood still, looking sad. Luke 24: 17 ASV Unbelief grows in the soil of sadness! <sup>6</sup> In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Philippians 4: 6 ASV Heaven wants to know the subjects you discuss.

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- They set it forth in order.  
He was mighty in works.  
He was mighty in words.  
He was mighty before God.  
He was mighty before all the people.
- This is an extremely fine evangelical position.  
The tragedy is in the historic position that Jesus of Nazareth was a prophet (Luke 24:19). The sinner and the sick are asking, What is He now?

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- These men weren't up to believing fresh evangelism, especially when it was preached by women. <sup>21</sup> Besides all this, it is now the third day since these things came to pass. <sup>22</sup> Moreover certain women of our company amazed us, having been early at the tomb; <sup>23</sup> and when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.  
Luke 24: 21-23 ASV It was too much for these men, so they were leaving town. They had to get away

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from it all. They weren't as ready to accept the mighty works and the mighty words as they thought they were. Was their theory better than their testimony?

- The very pride of the evangelical is penalty. His love of the Word is indictment. He reads but does not accept. Pride and willfulness are the enemy. A closed mind can often padlock a heart.
- They needed a fresh revelation of a Living Christ. Then it happened ! Christ set forth the



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Word. He quickens. The heart leaps to embrace His victory. Something within is kindled. <sup>32</sup> And they said one to another, Was not our heart burning within us, while he spake to us in the way, while he opened to us the scriptures? Luke 24: 32 ASV When He first caught up with them, they addressed Him as stranger. Now they addressed Him as Lord; <sup>31</sup> their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. Luke 24: 31 ASV

- The challenge is this; Open the Scriptures !

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Don't impound it with a denominational viewpoint. See Christ as He is ! That Sunday walk and talk changed the lives of these men. Remember He loves you ! He is walking in your direction. He will catch up with you, and if you will listen, then love Him, He will turn you around and back again toward your brethren.

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*We continue stedfastly in the apostles' teaching  
and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and  
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6:30 p.m.*