

Where Have They Put My Lord?

I want us to look at John 20:13 "Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Now let us make a few observations. Mary was ask, "Why weepest thou?" She replied, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him." Mary has come early to the sepulcher and found the stone rolled away(V1). She goes to Peter and John with the story of what she had found(V2). Peter and John go and investigate and leave(3-10). Mary stays, weeping(V11). While weeping she stoops down to take another look, perhaps a last one. We are told that she saw two angles, one at the head and the other at the foot where Jesus had lain(12). A conversation issues and Mary is ask, "Why weepest thou?" Her reply reveals a heart that longs to be with the Lord, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him." How sad! This sad seen will soon change for Mary, BUT what of us today?

Among other things, there has always been an effort to take Christ out of the pulpit. In the Old Testament we have this recorded for our instruction; In ancient Judah they were crying, "Peace, peace" (Jer.6:14). The destructive use of the sword was already apparent, yet they were saying, "all is well"(Jer4:10). And, this is not much unlike what you and I observe in the pulpits today. Men winking at the very sort of evil; men who will not cry out against religious error or immorality either one. Error enters on both right and left, yet no warning is sounded. The spirit of toleration emanates from pulpits like a river from mountains of snow; and it lights like a dove on the ears of the faint-hearted. My Beloved, please listen to what God has revealed to US in 2Timothy 4:3-4 "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, {because} they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn {their} ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables." This is a good commentary on all this. Personal experiences and the "social gospel" echo from pulpits; "All is well," so they tell us. Yet, true Christianity is all but gone-in so many places! Listen again from the WARNING OF OUR HOLY FATHER, Matthew 15:14 "Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch." Such men are not in the same class as Jesus, Paul and Peter. Remember how subtle the Devil is, what his primary purpose is, and to what depths he will turn to destroy mine and your soul.

The Word must be preached, 2Timothy 4:1-2 "I charge {you } therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season {and} out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching." The precious Word must be taught in it's entirety, Acts 20:27 "For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God." To preach Christ we must preach more than just the person of Christ. We must preach what He preached; we must have the same respect for TRUTH, all TRUTH, that He had. Yes, "They have taken away my Lord" from the pulpits. Our cry and plea is "Put Him Back Where He Belongs".

Some Parallel Thoughts

Isa.9:16 and 2John 9-11-Both the false teacher and they that follow shall be lost!

Jer. 9:3 and 2Thess.2:7-12-Rejecting the truth is fatal to all!

Jer.26:2 and Gal.1:8-9-Don't leave out a word of God's message!

Jer.29:13 and Rom.6:17-18-Submission to God begins in the heart!

Ecc1.5:5 and Rom.12:17-Keep your word, to all!

Psa.119:6 and Rom 1:16-Not to be ashamed of the commandments of the Lord's!