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MESSAGE FROM VICAR

Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." – Mark 14:27

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As the morning began to dawn on the first day of the week after Jesus had died on the cross, some women came to the tomb to finish anointing the body of our Lord for his burial. This anointing process had been started by Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea on the day our Lord died. (John 19:38-42) While these women were heading to the tomb, our Lord's disciples were locked up inside the Upper Room trembling in fear that the same kind of death that Jesus had met awaited them also. (John 20:19)

Certainly, these women were sad and the disciples were scared. Why were they so upset? They had all believed Jesus to be the Messiah. They had placed their faith in him and they had expected that he would set up his kingdom, throwing off the Roman yoke of bondage. Even though he had told them of the cross and of the resurrection, they had never grasped the message, or the meaning of his words. Now that he is dead! The One that they had placed all their hopes in was gone. This man who had so radically changed their lives by his power and had demonstrated the love and power of god to them had died a violent and humiliating death. Surely it was a sad day for his followers!

In the midst of their sadness on that morning, God the Father took great pains to minister to the needs of their hearts. *Aren't you glad that the Lord cares when you hurt?* He moved in several mighty ways to encourage the hearts of these saddened believers. Note a few of the things he did:

1, He rolled the stone away from the tomb (Luke 24:2) not to let Jesus escape, but to allow man the opportunity to look in!

2, He sent an angelic messenger with the good news that Jesus was alive from the dead (Luke 24:4-7) never has the world heard a message like that one! It still reverberates through the halls of time and will throughout eternity – He is alive!

3, He had a word of encouragement for Peter, who had denied him (Mark 16:7)

4, He met Mary Magdalene outside the tomb (John 20:11-17) she had great love for the master. (Mark 16:6) Great love begets great love. (Luke 7:47; 1John 4:19)

5, He left a message for his followers inside the tomb (John 20:5-8)

According to the Oriental custom, when a man with his servants was eating a meal, he would use his napkin to signal them during the course of the meal. If he left the table and wadded his napkin up, it meant that he was finished and would not be back. If however, he neatly folded the napkin, it told his servants that he was stepping away for a moment, he would be back. Jesus was telling his disciples, "I may be out of your sight right now, but I'll be right back"

6, He revealed himself to other disciples as they travelled. (Luke 24:13-35)

There were many other things that took place on that resurrection morning that marked it as a great and glorious day. For us 2,000 years removed from that resurrection, the message has not changed one bit! We still need to hear the good news that Jesus has risen from the dead! He is alive today and there is hope for tomorrow! Let us thank God for the proof that Jesus lives! There is a song we sing sometimes around resurrection Day that says this:

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4-May	Mr. & Mrs. James Mepurath	Sunnyvale
9-May	Mr. & Mrs. Varghese Alexander	Fate
9-May	Mr. & Mrs. George P.C.	Mesquite
17-May	Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Kurien	Mesquite
17-May	Mr. & Mrs. Mathewkutty Geevarghese	Mesquite
18-May	Mr. & Mrs. Saji P. George	Sunnyvale
18-May	Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Johnkutty	Mesquite
22-May	Mr. & Mrs. Jiju Thomas	Mesquite
23-May	Mr. & Mrs. Thomaskutty Thomas	Garland
23-May	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mathew(Valsan)	Mesquite
25-May	Mr. & Mrs. Rubin Thomas	Mesquite
28-May	Mr. & Mrs. John Thomas	Garland
30-May	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Thomas	Garland
31-May	Dr. & Dr. Thomas Varghese	Cedar Hill

BIRTHDAYS

1-May	Rev. Biju P Simon	Garland	21-May	Liana Cherian	Garland
2-May	Asha Abraham	Mesquite	22-May	Abraham N.V.	Mesquite
2-May	Alwin Thomas	Garland	22-May	Princey Varghese	Garland
2-May	Julie Vincent	Mesquite	23-May	Dr. Vinu Ipe	Garland
3-May	Shibu Chacko	Garland	24-May	Sam Koshy	Garland
4-May	Nisha Jacob	Garland	24-May	Susheela Thomas	Mesquite
5-May	Stanley Varghese	Garland	25-May	Anupa Zachariah	Garland
7-May	Leelamma Mammen	Rockwall	25-May	Hanna M.John	Garland
8-May	Janse John	Mesquite	25-May	Alex Koshy	Garland
8-May	John Thomas	Garland	26-May	Chacko T. Oommen	Garland
8-May	M.M.Mathai	Sunnyvale	27-May	Salomi Chacko	Garland
9-May	Abraham Itty	Dallas	27-May	Thomas George	Rockwall
10-May	George C.George	McKinney	27*May	Baby George	Garland
10-May	P.V.George	Sunnyvale	28-May	Babu Mathew	Rockwall
12-May	Phil Mathew	Sunnyvale	28-May	Gemini Mathew	Sunnyvale
12-May	Amalea Edison	Garland	28-May	Mini John	Mesquite
13-May	Ancil Mathew	Sunnyvale	28-May	Philipose M.V.	Dallas
13-May	Vinod Cherian	Garland	28-May	Arun Joel Alex	Garland
13-May	Tiny Thomas	Mesquite	29-May	Mathew Kurien	Mesquite
13-May	John Yohannan	Mesquite	29-May	Aadish Rajith	Mesquite
14-May	Rejimol Paulose	Garland	30-May	Abraham Koshy	Mesquite
15-May	Allen Mathew	Garland	30-May	Podiyamma Johnkutty	Mesquite
15-May	Janet Philip	Rockwall	30-May	Rajankunju C. George	Sunnyvale
15-May	Melvin Idikulla	Garland	30-May	Sherly K Jacob	Mesquite
15-May	Miriam Easo	Mesquite	30-May	Susan Sunny	Sunnyvale
16-May	Abraham Mepurath	Mesquite	30-May	Raji Alex	
16-May	Asha Thomas	Garland	31-May	Babu John	Mesquite
18-May	Thomas Koshy	Mesquite	31-May	Laly Abraham	Mesquite
19-May	Mathai Abraham	Mesquite	31-May	Philip P.S.	Rockwall
20-May	Kurien Easo	Sunnyvale	31-May	Bincy Toby	Mesquite
20-May	Susamma Varghese	Garland	31-May	Alex Abraham	Garland
20-May	Soma Philip	Sunnyvale	31-May	Jaisy Raju	Sunnyvale
21-May	Leelamma Jacob	Garland			

I serve the risen Savior, He's in the world today;

I know that he is living, whatever men may say;

I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer;

And just the time I need him he's always near.

He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me,

along life's narrow way.

He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives?

He lives within my heart!

May this hope and joy of resurrection enable us to rededicate ourselves and empower us to fulfill God's plan and purpose in our lives. – Sam Achen

VBS

June 22—28

Early Registration \$20—Ends April 12

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Blood of Jesus
By *Mariam Chacko*

Jesus shed His precious blood at Calvary for our salvation. He died in our place. He suffered and bruised. By His stripes we are healed. I believe in the blood of Jesus, so I am living today. We can't achieve our salvation by our own merits or good deeds. We must apply His blood to our family, children, job and so on. It is a wonder working power. We must apply His blood to our church, so the enemies will not come near with his tactics. Our enemy is like a roaring lion, looking to devour any one.

Children of Israel believed in His blood and they escaped from pharaoh. Death angel passed over from the houses where blood was applied which had the power of God. It was the foreshadow of Jesus' precious blood which He shed at Calvary. Standing at the foot of the cross, we see the falling blood from Jesus' hands, feet, and side - crimson stream of precious blood - which has the redeeming and atoning efficacy. By it, sins of His people are atoned for. They are redeemed from under the law and reconciled to God and made one with Him. Jesus' blood cleanse us from all sin (1 John 1:7). Though our sins be like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow (Isa. 1:18). His blood which makes us clean, removes the stains of abundant iniquities and permits us to stand "accepted in the beloved (Eph. 1:6), notwithstanding the many ways in which we have rebelled against our God. The blood of Christ is precious also in its sanctifying influence. It is unspeakably precious because it has an overcoming power. It is written, "they overcame by the blood of the Lamb (Rev. 12:11). By the blood of Jesus, sin dies at its presence, death cease to be death and heaven's gates are opened. The blood of Jesus! We will march on, conquering and to conquer as long as we trust in its power.

Let us remember that God never really forsake us. Apply means, I do believe, to set our families from the generational curses and financial problems.

Thank you Jesus, for our deliverance from sins and curses. We give you, Jesus, all Glory, Honor and exalt your name. Promise of peace that passes all understanding. Finally we must decide to live by the love of God because faith without action is dead. Faith works by Love. Let us sprinkle our door posts fresh with blood and then feast on the Lamb (Jesus) assured that the destroying angel must pass us by.

Lectionary/Worship Information

Sunday, May 3, 2015 Believing in the Risen Christ	
Lesson 1: 2 King 4:27:37	Epistle: 1 Pet. 1:3-12
Lesson 2: Acts 26:12-23	Gospel: John 11:17-28
Sunday, May 10, 2015 Christ's Invitation to be an Expression of Mission	
Lesson 1: Ezek. 34:15-24	Epistle: Eph. 5:1-14
Lesson 2: 1 Pet. 2:1-10	Gospel: John 20:19-23
Sunday, May 17, 2015 Waiting upon the Holy Spirit	
Lesson 1: Isa. 40:25-31	Epistle: Acts 1:12-14
Lesson 2: Acts 1:1-11	Gospel: John 14:25-31
Sunday, May 24, 2015 The feast of Pentecost—Come Holy Spirit renew us DSMC Sunday	
Lesson 1: Ezek. 37:1-14	Epistle: Titus 3:5-8
Lesson 2: Acts 2:1-13	Gospel: John 16:1-11
Sunday, May 31, 2015 Trinity Sunday—We worship in the Triune God	
Lesson 1: Gen 1:1-28	Epistle: 2 Cor. 13:11-14
Lesson 2: 1 John 1:1-10	Gospel: John 1:1-18