

A New Day
Colossians 3:1-4

Introduction

1. We are gathered to celebrate the greatest day of Christianity.
 - A. The resurrection of the Son of God, Jesus.
2. Without this day there would be not Church.
 - A. There would be no hope.
 - B. There would be no promise of better things to come.
3. In this world we are guaranteed to have heartaches.

John 16:33

33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

4. Easter Week – Week of opposites
 - A. Joy excitement – Jesus’ riding in on the donkey.
 - 1) To the shouts of Hosana
 - 2) Turned to the shouts of crucifying him.
 - B. Eating the Passover with his disciples.
 - 1) Identifying his betrayer
 - C. Jesus arrested in the garden, a rushed trail
 - 1) Jesus hanging on a cross.
5. Jesus disciples were now dazed and confused.
 - A. Everything they had given up.
 - B. They followed Jesus, the Messiah.
 - C. He was now dead.
 - D. Their life turned upside down.
 - 1) Confusion
 - 2) Anxiety
 - 3) Desperation
 - 4) Uncertainty
6. On this new day (resurrection day).
 - A. Confusion gave way to hope.
 - B. Anxiety to serenity and peace.
 - C. Desperation turned to hopefulness
 - D. Uncertainty gave way to new beginnings
7. Jesus the eternal light of hope, joy, assurance, purpose, & direction.
 - A. A new day, a new way!
8. What did it all mean?
 - A. They weren’t quite sure.

But JESUS IS ALIVE

The dawn of a new day is made possible through the transformative power of Jesus Christ. Vs. 1

1. How are we risen with Christ?
 - A. Col. 1:13-14
 - B. Col. 2:12

A new day, a new desire. Vs. 1

1. Our desire is now on the things of Christ.
2. Followers of Christ are called to intently look and seek heavenly things.

2 Corinthians 4:18

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

A new day, a new mind. Vs. 2

1. We begin to realize this world is not our home.

John 14:2-3

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

2. Our mind is set on the things above.
 - A. Things of God.
 - B. Things of eternal promise.
 - C. Things of eternal hope.

Focusing our thoughts on heavenly things equips us with the strength and remedy to overcome the temptations and distractions of this world.

A new day is seeing ourselves as God now see's us. Vs. 3

- A. The tarnished sin filled person we once were.
 - B. Jesus removed the stain of sin.
1. God now see's you in Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

John 10:28-29

28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

A new day, a new destination. Vs. 4