

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 PETER 1:3 NIV



BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH

Service of
Worship & Communion

Sunday, 1 April, 2018

Sunday School 9:30am
Morning Worship - 10:40am | Evening Service - 6:00pm
Midweek Service (Wednesday) - 7:30pm
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ALL ARE WELCOME!



Trick - or Truth?

Harry Houdini, 1874-1926, was a famous stage magician who attracted large crowds for his performances. He was perhaps best known for his skills as an escape artist. He had unusual ability to survive under great pressure within time limitations. Newspapers, magazines and other means of communication made him known throughout the world.

I have watched Andre Kole, one of the outstanding illusionists of our era, do what seemed to be impossible. I enjoy watching illusionists at work. You have also seen them either in person or on television. Right before your eyes they will cause the Statue of Liberty, a skyscraper, a train or whatever they choose to disappear. We saw it, but it didn't really happen. How could that be if seeing is believing? It was an illusion.

Following the first 'Resurrection Sunday' there were those who accused the disciples who had seen Jesus alive again of having illusionary experiences. Or possibly trying to perpetuate a hoax.

When I was a child I heard adults discussing matters of belief. I recall one person saying, "If I could see a blind man's sight restored I would then believe in divine healing." Others said, "If I could see a miracle I would believe." Would we? Still others asked, "Why don't we see more miracles in our day?"

How many witnesses does it take to prove that something really happened? Hundreds of people have been falsely condemned to death or to many years in prison solely on the basis of the testimony of one person. The jury believed the testimony of one witness and the judge handed down the sentence. Many times, years later, sometimes too late to save a life, the real truth was revealed.

How many witnesses does it take to convince us of the absolute truth of any event? How many witnesses would it take to convince any rational and intelligent person that Jesus Christ rose from the tomb of death? More than 500 people saw Him alive after His resurrection from the dead. They heard Him speak. He even served a meal to seven fishermen early one morning with this simple invitation, "Come and have breakfast."

What about this fellow they called Didymus? We know him better as Thomas. Jesus had appeared to ten apostles in Jerusalem. Thomas, who was not present at the time, said in essence, "I have been with you men for three years, I have trusted and believed you, but I will not believe this story about Jesus being resurrected until I see Him and touch Him for myself."

Doubting Thomas, as so many have called him, said, “Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe it” (John 20:25 NIV).

One week later the disciples, including Thomas, were in the house again with the doors locked. Jesus appeared before them and said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and believe.” Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:27-28 NIV).

You can read the rest of the story. You can also be included in it if you want to be. With evidence of His resurrection piled high, even into heaven itself, I choose to believe in Jesus Christ and His resurrection. To do otherwise is foolish. Actually, what you and I might think will not change anything. The verdict is in. He is indeed alive! And He’s coming back again!

- Bill Ellis, Special to ASSIST News Service

HERE IS THE COMPLETE RECORD:

Confucius’ tomb – Occupied

Buddha’s tomb – Occupied

Mohammed’s tomb – Occupied

Jesus’ tomb – EMPTY

*“He is not here;
He has risen, just as He said!”*

– Matthew 28:6



EASTER MORNING

Ann Read and her husband have lived in Spain for almost 30 years and she is an ardent photographer. But nothing like this photo of a sunrise has ever happened before, taken, believe it or not, on Easter Sunday morning itself!

While focusing on the sunrise that morning, Ann didn’t see the cross. “It was only when I glanced at the photo which appeared automatically on the back screen of the camera, that I saw the cross so clearly,” she said. “I was so excited I went upstairs to take a better photo, but from there it was just an ordinary sunrise; no sign of the cross.”

Ann then dashed back downstairs and took another photo. Lo and behold, the cross was visible again! Her husband Clive has declared, “There has been absolutely no retouching this with any product, like Photoshop.”



Order of Service

Ministry of Music - Choir

Invocation

Hymn 176 - Christ arose

Hymn 179 - Christ the Lord is Risen...

Ministry of Music - Sis. B. Fontaine

1st Scripture - Lk 24:1-6; 1 Cor 15:12-21

Hymn 143 - The strife is o'er

Prayer

Notices & Offering

Ministry of Music - Choir

Hymn 377 - He Lives

Sermon - Rev. Dr. Benson Hull

Hymn

Distribution of Elements

Special Offering

2nd Scripture - John 20:1-18

Ministry of Music - Sis. N. Williams

Benediction - Choir



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

- God's guidance for the Pastor and the new board and ministry officers
- Our church youth, the youth of Hothersal and of Barbados
- Our Fun Day outreach on Saturday April 7
- The healing of the sick and shut-ins
- Our evangelism outreach ministry
- Employment for the unemployed
- **REVIVAL** for our Church
- Our Government and economy
- **Pastoral succession**
- The peace of Jerusalem

Join us again at 6pm for

SINGSPARATION!

Come sing your favourite Easter hymns & songs

BRING THE FAMILY & INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO

Berean
Fun Day!

ACROBATIC &
TAI CHI DISPLAYS
LUCKY DIPS
FUN GAMES

Food & Drink
Tombola
Auction Sale

SATURDAY APRIL 7 • 1:30PM - 6:00PM

April Birthdays

1st - Harold Lucas

4th - Anita Eastmond

8th - Signe Watson

12th - Patricia Scott

15th - Kenny St. Cyr

15th - Naomi Williams

17th - Charmaine Brathwaite

22nd - Joy-Ann Beckles

23rd - Chirlene Black

- Dazil Blackman

23rd - Wendy Jones

24th - Susan Greenidge

- Nadia Maycock

27th - Marlene Skinner

29th - Kevin Gaskin

Anniversaries

18th - Ricardo & Julia Licorish