



Empowering People to Change the World

## **Easter on the Prairie 2015**

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Worship Team (Kent) playing instrumentally as people are coming...

6am I will open with: Ps 118:21

I will praise You,  
For You have answered me,  
And have become my salvation.

The stone *which* the builders rejected  
Has become the chief cornerstone.

This was the LORD's doing;  
It is marvelous in our eyes.

This *is* the day the LORD has made;  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Worship Team (Kent): one song

My Message: "Fire"

- Matthew says that they came to the Tomb at "dawn"
- Mark says it was "Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James...very early in the morning...when the sun had risen"
- Luke recounts it was "very early in the morning"
- John says "Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, when it was still dark"

It seems that Mary must have left to go to the Tomb while it was still dark and when she arrived, at dawn, then Mary the mother of James, and others arrived, while the sun was rising

- All the Gospels account for an empty tomb on the first day of the week
- All the Gospels account for this story because it is the most important event in human history
- Every major magazine, every major news outlet, every major newspaper will report something about the risen Christ last week, today, and this week
- It doesn't matter whether you live in New York City or Papua New Guinea, the news of the Jesus risen from the grave is known!
- We are here today, we got up early, got our kids ready, bundled up everything and everybody, because that cross over there is empty! That cross is empty!
- We are here today, we came out here today, because that Tomb outside the walls of Jerusalem, that unmarked Tomb, was empty that morning in AD 33
- **Believe me the authorities would have presented the body of Jesus if it were still in that Tomb, that day in AD 33. There was no body! That body rose up and ascended to heaven. That body is coming back on a white horse with an army, behind Him!!**

*CS Lewis wrote, The New Testament writers speak as if Christ's achievement in rising from the dead was the first event of its kind in the whole history of the universe. He is the 'first fruits,' the pioneer of life,' He has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first man. He has met, fought,*

*and beaten the King of Death. Everything is different because He has done so. (Miracles, ch. 16)*

Death and Satan were beaten back that day: Jesus entered into hell, took the keys of sin and death away from Satan, then he triumphed, rose again, came back to life, and announced to the physical and spiritual universe, the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> dimension, that He and He only was the victor!

But it is the next thing he did that awakens us to the true significance of the Resurrection:

### **Worship Team starts coming up and getting ready**

Matthew says that Jesus took his disciples out to a mountain in Galilee:

**And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**

- It is because of the resurrection that Jesus could proclaim that all authority in heaven—the 4<sup>th</sup> dimension spiritual world, and the earth—the 3 dimensional world, all authority was His

**Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."**

- Jesus is inviting us into the greatest, most dangerous, most exciting adventure of the resurrection—going out to our neighbors, our family, the nations—and making disciples
- Building wholehearted disciples

- Teaching them to walk in the joy and power of Jesus

Luke writes,

**And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."**

**But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."**

- Wait for fire from heaven!
- Wait till you have power from God
- But when you are filled with the Spirit, go, make disciples to the ends of the earth!!
- Get filled, then get spilled
- Get fill up and then be spilled out

**Let's take the Resurrection Fire to our family, our city, our world**

**(Tom→BonFires are lit)**

- If you would like to become a Jesus disciple today
- If you would like to be transformed from a Jesus follower to a Jesus disciple
- If you need the filling and power of the Holy Spirit
- If you need the power of Jesus, the power of the resurrection, upon your life, stand with me

- Ex. We had a fire in Waldo Canyon two years ago, we had a fire in Black Forest last year, and God wants to bring a spiritual fire to Colorado Springs this year!
- Stand up if you want to say “Yes” to becoming a Jesus disciple
- Stand up if you want to say “Yes” to the power of the Holy Spirit

**Worship Team (Kent) As people begin to stand, worship team starts to play instrumentally in the background**

I then pray over those standing

**Worship Team (Kent): One song**

I will Introduce Communion

**Worship Team (Kent) Two songs**

I will conclude, Benediction:

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”