

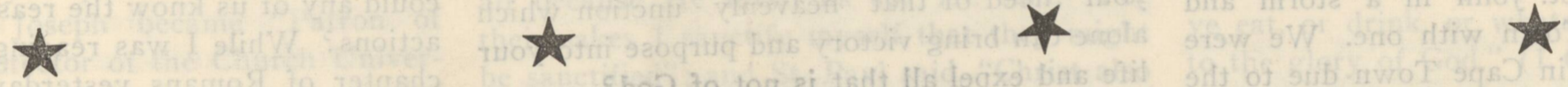
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“But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth, for ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.”



WITH CHRIST AT GALILEE

“Go quickly, and tell His disciples that . . . He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him.” (Matthew 28:7). That message, later confirmed by Jesus Himself, was faithfully delivered, with the result given in verse 16: “Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.” The sequel we are to consider.

Galilee is a most significant place. To the disciples it was **THE PLACE OF DIVINE APPOINTMENT**. “Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee . . . where Jesus had appointed them.” It was also **THE PLACE OF REVELATION**. “There shall ye see Him.” Verse 17 would suggest that it was **THE PLACE OF ADORATION**. They worshipped Him.” And, strange as it may seem, for some, it was **THE PLACE OF DOUBTING**. “But some doubted.” Yet, as Luke informs us, it soon became **THE PLACE OF EXPLANATION** — the place where doubts were removed and minds illumined through the teaching of Jesus. It is likely too, that, for some, Galilee was **THE PLACE OF HEART SEARCHINGS, CONFESSIONS, TEARS, AND ADJUSTMENTS**, following their recent failures.

There are other important things we might quickly observe, but let us note particularly that for the disciples Galilee was **THE PLACE OF DIVINE COMMAND AND COMMISSION**. “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,” said Jesus in that place of His appointment. Mark gives His words as: “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” And from Luke’s writings one would appear that the great missionary words of Acts 1:8 were first spoken at Galilee. Then came the command to tarry at Jerusalem for the promised Holy Ghost, and the necessary power for witnessing and work. All this would surely indicate that, for the disciples, Galilee not only preceded Pentecost, but prepared them for it.

But the application to us. What do we know

of Galilee, this place of divine appointment? Not all may need to know its meaning, yet surely many of Christ’s followers do. Perhaps much of the Christian church does. The preaching of Pentecost is a little premature for many. Meeting Christ at Galilee to prepare the way, and prepare them is the need.

Have you met Him there? Have you permitted Him there to deal with you, to overhaul you, as He did His disciples? Have you seen the missionary vision of Galilee—the gospel to “every creature” in “all the world?” Have you really heard Christ’s Galilee command: “Go ye therefore and teach all nations?” Have you given Christ time to talk to you about your part in witnessing unto the uttermost part of the earth?”

In a letter received a while back was written: “It is so sad that so many centuries after Jesus died for the world, over half of it has never heard of His death.” And in a missionary booklet is this statement: “It is said that the population of the earth now amounts to one billion, nine hundred millions of persons. And it is admitted that one billion of these are heathen.” Sickening indeed are such statements, yet how little is being done to remedy the situation. In the light of the appalling need, the many appeals for help bring comparatively little result. Many do not seem even to care.

Evidently then something more than human appeals is the need. Something more than programmes and competitions. Even the machinery of church organization is insufficient. Suppose we tarry at Galilee. We have not made too much of Jerusalem with its “Calvary” and its “Upper Room,” but have we not made all too little of Galilee? A Galilee experience would result in another “Pentecost.” O that the Christian church would meet Christ at this sacred place of His appointment, linger long in His presence until there comes a revelation of Himself, and a vision of a needy world; then tarry for the Spirit’s presence and power, and go to the uttermost parts of the earth, with the gospel for every creature! Will you meet Christ at Galilee? “He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him.”

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GRAHAM TO CONDUCT NEW YORK REVIVAL

NEW YORK—(RNS)—Revival meetings to be conducted under the auspices of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Foundation, Minneapolis, Minn., are scheduled for this city in the spring of 1952.

Seven hundred clergymen and laymen from all sections of the metropolitan area met here to consider such a program and invited the 32-year-old evangelist to lead it.

The churchmen elected a sixty-one man committee to explore the possibilities. It included Dr. John Hess McComb, minister of the Broadway Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. John Summerfield Wimbish, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, who served as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively, of the meeting.

Dr. John Sutherland, minister of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, conferred with the evangelist later.

Saying that he was neither an alarmist nor war-monger, he cautioned that New York would logically be the first target of the enemy in the event of a general war.

Dr. Graham asked fundamental agreement on essential methods of evangelizing the city’s millions: “plain teaching of the Scriptures and bringing souls to God, presentation of Christ and the good news, worship services and the building of spirituality in our churches so that a wandering sinner happening in would fall on his knees to be saved.”

AS DARLINGTON SEES IT

“The world at large is utterly lost, and totally depraved; a world out of whose thoughts God has entirely vanished, being replaced by magnificent idolatry, sensual pleasure, appalling selfishness and moral degradation. . . . It is recognized that something drastic, dynamic and Divine is needed if the moral and spiritual condition of our land is to be changed.”