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## EDITORIALS

### "COME . . . SEE . . . GO . . . TELL!"

"Come, see the place where the Lord lay..." is an invitation of perennial importance to Christian believers. The angelic announcement to Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary", mother of James and John, is renewed each year and in response pilgrims from every country in the universe pause to ponder the wondrous significance of Christianity's unique shrine, an empty tomb.

In the garden of Joseph, listening to the angel's word "He is not here, He is risen", looking into the open and empty sepulchre, faith and hope are renewed. If there has been any inclination to believe that ours is a lost cause, confidence in ultimate victory will quickly displace it. If we have been plagued with a feeling of discouragement, a "what's the use" spirit, assurance of final and blessed success will here disperse it.

Belief in the resurrection of Christ may be, and often is, more credal than creative, more of a theological formula than a thrilling fact.

The announcement of Christ's victory over the tomb had an electrifying effect upon those early disciples. The women to whom the word was first given "departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word". And when they broke the news to Peter and John, they "...went forth...and ran to-gether...to the sepulchre". And the joy and wonder of that great event never left them. It is reported that the early Christians, meeting one another in post-resurrection fellowship would exchange greetings as follows: "The Lord is risen!", with the answering word being "The Lord is risen indeed!"

The tomb is open, the invitation extended. "Come, see the place where the Lord lay". It will do us good to spend some time in meditation at this historic spot. Hearing and seeing the words and signs which bear evidence of the Saviour's great victory may renew the thrill in our hearts and in our church services. And the effect of the joyous excitement which belongs to the Gospel of a risen, triumphant Lord and Leader, will be felt by a world that is in desperate need of such a witness.

## — Guest Editorial —

### THE UPWARD LOOK

Editor "American Holiness Journal"

During periods of deep distress men look for help beyond themselves. The more intense the feeling of desperation the more earnestly does man seek for the necessary guidance and help. The darker the night, the greater the need for a light. The history of man records many dark hours—times when the need was great, the situation desperate.

Even the most casual observer of world affairs today realizes the depth of human need this hour. While men may plan for a better and brighter world, they are ever conscious that there may be no time to realize their dreams. Man seems to be tottering drunkenly between a future of glory and a abyss of despair. The Bible student looks with eagerness into the word of God for the answer, for only there will we find anything of authority.

There we find that the end times will be marked by wars and rumors of wars, perplexities, men's hearts failing them for fear, signs and wonders appearing. Then amidst these trying and awesome things there appears the promise of God, "Look up for your redemption draweth nigh."

It is significant to note that the redemption is to come from above. It is not going to be man made, nor man powered, nor man guided; it was Divine in its origin, Divine in its power, and Divine in its destiny. The glory and power of God is in this redemption. It will be a vindication of right and a defeat of all that lifts up itself against God and His kingdom.

In this dark night of international chaos, there shines out in the life of the Christian a glorious hope—we look to Christ, the Author and the Finisher of our faith. We must believe that He will care for His own, that He will shelter them under His wing. We have a hope of comfort and full redemption.

The preaching of the Gospel will never revolutionize the world in this dispensation. We are not led to believe that it will change the course of men's wickedness enough to prevent the outpouring of God's judgment upon this world and its order. But the Gospel will raise and transform those who want to go with God. Those God will keep by the power and protect by His might.

Thus the darkening clouds of disaster gather thicker and thicker, look ever more intensely to the great Deliverer, the God of all might and power. Look up for your redemption draweth nigh.

We can have this upward look today only because of the events that we celebrate at this season of the year. Had there been no cross, and no empty tomb, we would be of all men most miserable. Can we imagine what must have surged through the mind and soul of Christ as He hung there on the cross? For it was probably six long, horrible hours that our Lord hung there without uttering a single word. Why? Because He loved. But Christ triumphed! Death could not keep its prey; He broke the bands of death, and came forth the eternal Conqueror. We do not need to trek to some distant mausoleum to worship the remains of our Spiritual Leader, for He is not there. He is risen. Because He is risen, we have hope; we have the assurance of eternal life through Christ.

The spectacle of a nation praying is more awe-inspiring than the explosion of an atomic bomb. The force of prayer is greater than any possible combination of man-made or man-controlled powers, because prayer is man's greatest means of tapping the infinite resources of God.

—J. Edgar Hoover

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