

WEDNESDAY April 1, 2015	THURSDAY April 2, 2015
<p>The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.” (Matthew 28:5-7)</p> <p>It is the testimony of this angel that announces the foundational belief of what it means to follow Jesus. We follow Jesus, the one who has conquered death, fear, darkness and evil. Oh, yes, we live in the reality of an imperfect world but we look back to the moment of his resurrection. We remember that he is in the process of making all things new and we wait for his triumphant return when heaven rules on earth.</p> <p><i>In the chaos of this world help me remember, Lord, that I follow the one who has conquered death! Help me live as a citizen of Heaven, bringing peace to the people I meet.</i></p>	<p>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. (Matthew 28:19-20a)</p> <p>The life, death and resurrection of Christ was not simply an event. It was the beginning of the establishment of the body of Christ – the church! In perhaps the best mission statement ever written Jesus gives his disciples the work they are to do, “go, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey me.” This is our work today as individuals who follow Jesus and corporately. It is easy to lose sight of this calling Christ has given to us. How can you live this out at school, at work, in your community?</p> <p><i>Lord, help me be a person who follows you in a way that points people to the hope they can have in you. May I be one who helps others follow you, love you, and obey you. May I be your disciple today!</i></p>
FRIDAY April 3, 2015	SATURDAY April 4, 2015
<p>“And surely I am with you always...” (Matthew 28:20b)</p> <p>The ancient Greeks followed gods who were often at war with one another. A god was someone you appeased. As followers of the great “I AM” we follow a God who from the beginning of time has sought out relationship with us, his created. In Christ’s very last words he reminds us that he is with us always. He is with us. Let those words sink in! The Creator and Saviour is with us – you – at all times, right now!</p> <p><i>Thank you, Lord, for your presence in my life at all times. May I take comfort in times of unrest, may I take pleasure in times of peace, knowing that you are with me at all times.</i></p>	<p>Then he said to Peter, “Follow me.” (John 21:19b)</p> <p>This simple statement to Peter is the same question we each must answer. Will I follow Jesus? Jesus calls us to live lives that are different from the world around us. Our lives are to be marked by love, peace, servanthood, and the giving of ourselves and our resources. The question is will I follow Jesus? Will you? What does that mean for you on resurrection Sunday?</p> <p><i>Jesus, help me be a person who follows you with a total commitment. Help me know what that even means? Help me to love you, follow you, and serve you. Help me, Lord, to be a person who points other people towards your love and hope. Thank you, Jesus, for all you have done for this world, for me.</i></p>

A God of Peace in Uncertain Times

Amen

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