

Enquiring Minds #6

What Did Jesus Do Between His Death and Resurrection?

1 Peter 3:13-22

March 5, 2023

Sermon Sketch: In a notoriously difficult passage to interpret, Peter reminds us all that Jesus really died and really rose again and that He has authority over everything.

- 1) How have you sought to identify with Christ in the past week? (EM 5 – What is Baptism and Why Should I Do It? 3/5/23)
- 2) Have you ever regularly worshipped in a setting where the Creeds were used (Roman Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, Methodist)? Was that meaningful for you? If not, do you see any value in familiarizing yourself with the Creeds (Apostolic, Nicene, Athanasius)?
- 3) If a friend asked you, “What proof do you have that Jesus really died?” What would be your response?
- 4) As a follow up, if that friend asked you, “What proof do you have that Jesus really rose again?” What would be your response?
- 5) How does verse 15 “but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,” relate to the two preceding questions?
- 6) How did the baptismal candidates’ testimonies impact you this past Sunday?
- 7) How did the drama of baptism, clearly acted out before you, touch your heart? How did the candidates’ baptisms remind you of your own?
- 8) Part of baptism is the public declaration of your faith in Jesus as Savior. How do you regularly seek to declare your faith to those around you? How did Noah declare his faith in the Lord to his generation? God called Noah to a great task. What task has He called you to?
- 9) How does the authority of Jesus (vs. 22 and cross reference Matt. 28:18-20) motivate your daily life?
- 10) Who will you intentionally seek to declare your faith to in the week ahead?