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Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Psalms 60:4

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The Garden Tomb

Singing Schools

Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Rose and Burbank, Nashville, Tenn. March 31, April 2, 4, 7, 9, 11. This will be Mon., Wed., Fri. nights. Services beginning each night at 7 p.m. Bro. Don Xavier Hines, Teacher.



Don Xavier Hines

Madison Missionary Baptist Church, 214 Maple St., Madison, Tenn. April 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 25. These services will be on Mon., Wed., Fri. nights at 7 p.m. Bro. Don Xavier Hines, Teacher.

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1088 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. April 28, 30, May 2, 5, 7.

9. Classes on Mon., Wed., Fri. nights at 7 p.m. Bro. Don Xavier Hines, Teacher

Hartsville Missionary Baptist Mission, Hartsville, Hartsville, Tenn. May 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 29. Classes on Sun., Tues., Thurs. nights at 7 p.m. Bro. Don Xavier Hines, Teacher.

(Editor's Note:) Bro. Hines is doing a great work among our churches in teaching Singing Schools. This is needed. Let us be thankful for him and others who are training so many of our young people in this important church work.

THE RISEN LORD

By H. C. Vanderpool

Lesson Text: Luke 24:1-9

1. Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.
2. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.
3. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.
4. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:
5. And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?
6. He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,
7. Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.
8. And they remembered his words,
9. And returned from the sepulchre, and

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THE RICHES OF GOD'S GRACE

By J. H. Smith

TV REVIVAL

A revival is to be held May 18-25, 1980, at the Old Fashion Gospel Hour Telecast Studios at Mt. Juliet, Tenn., located on Rutland Rd. one and a half mile north of I-40. Services each night at 7:30 P.M. and the services will be taped and sent to WJNL-TV, Johnstown, Penn. for televising there May 25-June 1, 1980.

Everyone is asked to come and help out. Baptist ministers who will be preaching in the revival are as follows:

May 18 - Elder Paul W. Bryson
May 19 - Elder Thomas Carter
May 20 - Elder A. G. Gregory
May 21 - Elder William House
May 22 - Elder William Johnson
May 23 - Bro. Bobby Pitt
May 24 - Elder Billie Joe Shoulders
May 25 - Elder H. C. Vanderpool

"IN WHOM WE HAVE REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GRACE." EPHESIANS 1:7.

The riches of His grace is the part of this verse in Ephesians that stands out, and is magnified in my mind at this time. This doesn't mean, however, that one part of the verse is more truth than some other; but we can see that the other blessings mentioned could not have happened if it had not been for the riches of His grace. We can also understand more fully how rich His grace really is as we note the redemption through His blood and the forgiveness of sins; because the apostle says that it is "According to the riches of His grace."

We can conceive of the riches of His grace from two aspects: 1. Rich in
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DRAKES CREEK CHURCH CELEBRATES 35TH ANNIVERSARY

Drakes Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky., celebrated its 35th anniversary on Sunday, November 11, 1979. Elder D. W. Story, the pastor, preached a good sound sermon on the church, with his lesson in Ephesians, Chapter 2. The congregation extended their hand of appreciation to him, and several good talks were made. They were then dismissed for lunch. They then met at the new agriculture building for lunch and fellowship.

The congregation gather back at the church about 2 P.M. Elder Henry Smith,

the first pastor of the church, was presented to read the history of the church which had been prepared. Following the reading of the history and some singing by the Christian Aires and Harvest Time Quartet, a few minutes intermission was given. After the singing the congregation extended the right hand of fellowship to Elders Henry Smith, James (Pete) Porter and Wesley Briley, all former pastors. The day was enjoyed by all.

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quantity, enough for everybody. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." Titus 2:11; 2. Rich enough in quality to meet our every need. "My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness." II Corinthians 12:9.

REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD

Oh, how rich, how full, how extensive is the marvelous grace of God, that He would offer His only begotten Son on the cross to redeem sinful man! It is amazing grace, and it has such a sweet sound, as we think of it, and as we sing about it. And we sometimes want to sing, "Oh, how I love Jesus!", because He first loved me. He died my debt to pay, He paid it all, and all to Him I owe. Yes, Jesus sacrificed His life and shed His blood to buy us out of slavery, from the bondage of sin and set us free. The price was high, it was the price of blood that He paid. He was God's Lamb, He was God's gift, and God's sacrifice to pay the awful price for sin. Nothing less than His precious blood could satisfy God's Holy Law. No other price was acceptable to a righteous God. "For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without spot and without blemish." I Peter 1:18, 19.

THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS

The forgiveness in this text is of sins, plural; and it doesn't matter how many sins a person has committed, the Lord can and will forgive them all, and blot them out to be remembered no more against us. But let it be remembered that it takes a rich grace for God to forgive a few or many sins. Sometimes people get it in their minds that they haven't been so bad and haven't committed a lot of terrible sins, so that God's Law might not be so severe toward them. The Bible says, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Sin is

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Hal-le-lu-jah!



Christ a-rose!

Where Art Thou?

By H. C. Vanderpool

My subject is taken from the following scripture: And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

This was after Adam, the first man, had eaten of the forbidden fruit. He and his wife, Eve, heard the voice of God in the garden and they went and hid themselves. God called unto Adam and said, Where art thou? Adam said he was afraid and naked and he had hidden himself.

To the unsaved who read this paper, I ask you: Where art thou? Being unsaved and without knowledge of God in your heart, you are in the state of condemnation and the bitterness of sin. See Acts 8: 18-23.

To the saved, I ask you: Where art thou? Are you a member of a true Baptist Church and doing your duty, or are you going on unconcerned and letting others shoulder the responsibility of God's work? You may feel that others can carry on the church work and you can remain out of the church. Where did you get saved? You may answer that it was at church or some other place, but still a church of the Lord was directly or indirectly responsible for you hearing the gospel and being saved. Where art thou?

SINGING

There is to be a singing at Old Paths Missionary Baptist Church, Watertown Rd., Lebanon, Tenn. on Sunday, April 13, beginning at 2 P.M. The Carriers of Lebanon, Tenn. will be the featured singers. Everyone is invited.

OLD FASHION GOSPEL HOUR TELECAST

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Various Missionary Baptist Churches and their pastors, with singing groups have been making, and are continuing to make these telecasts. I call upon all true Missionary Baptists to support this great work.

TAKE TIME TO PRAY

Lord help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that You and I together can't handle.

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DRAKES CREEK CHURCH

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HISTORY OF DRAKES CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

In the latter two weeks of August, 1944 a "brush arbor meeting was conducted by Elder Henry Smith and Elder Walter Deweese assisted. The meeting was held at the intersection of the Hickory Flat, Gold City, and Rapids Roads in the woods lawn of Brother C. D. Laney.

The revival was a great success and the Christians began to see the need of an "Old Fashioned Missionary Baptist Church" in this community. On August 25, 1944 the people were called together for the purpose of discussing the possibility of organizing themselves into a church to be located near the intersection of the above mentioned roads. Motion carried that Elder Henry Smith be appointed moderator pro tem and Cager Gammons clerk pro tem. After some discussion it was agreed to set a date for the organization. A motion carried to meet on Friday, October 6, 1944 to organize said church. A motion carried to call the following churches to assist in the organizing of the body of people into a church: Pleasant Hill, Mount Vernon, Hillsdale, Shady Grove, Black Jack, Antioch, New Bethel, Beach Bottom, Meadorville, Old Union, New Harmony, Fifth Street, and Cedar Grove.

On September 20, 1944 the body of people who expected to go into the church when organized were called together to form a building committee whose duty was to buy or locate a piece of ground and attend to the business of building a church house. Brothers A. B. Gann, J. E. Horn, Gene Regan, J. H. Mayholland, C. R. Gammons, were placed on this committee. Brother A. B. Gann was chairman of the committee.

On September 27, 1944 the people were called together to form a committee to collect funds to build a church. Brothers Eldridge Horn, Luther Davis, Gene Regan, Walter Deweese, J. H. Mayholland, A. B. Gann, Cordell Gann, Cager Gammons, Obie Cothorn and Sisters Gene Regan, Clara Gammons, Nora Horn, Lillie Davis, Omie Gammons, and Pearl Moody were placed on this committee to start collecting funds immediately.

On October 6, 1944 the organization services began. The churches already mentioned and their members representing them were enrolled. A motion carried that Elder Henry Smith be elected moderator. A motion carried that Elder P. H. Brook be elected clerk. A motion carried that Elder A. J. Sloan be elected to deliver the organizing sermon. A motion carried that Elder L. D. Robinson be elected to pray the organizing prayer. A motion carried that Elder L. A. Stewart be elected to deliver the charge to the newly organized body. At this point the moderator presented the appointee to deliver the organizing sermon. Brother Sloan read a portion of the fifth chapter of Matthew's gospel and preached a very able sermon on the security of the Old Fashioned Baptist Church. At the end of his discourse a number of songs were sung as the congregation pressed forward to give the speaker their hands of endorsement. At this point a motion carried to adjourn one hour for lunch.

Services were called together after lunch by singing "Anywhere Is Home" after which Elder G. C. Meador led in prayer. The letters were called for at this point while the congregation sang "I Shall Not Be Moved." The following letters were presented: Sister Ruby Glenn Regan, Brother Harold Perdue, Sister Lena Mae Regan, Brother Guy Noel Regan, Sister Noma Perdue, Brother Eldridge Horn, Sister Nora Horn, Brother Luther Davis, Sister Lillie Davis, Brother Cager Gammons, Sister Bettie Gammons, Brother C. R. Gammons (Deacon), Sister Clara Gammons, Brother Aubrey B. Gann, Sister Mamie Gann, Sister Bessie Gregory, Sister Omie Gammons, Sister Pearl Gammons Moody, Sister Flora Gammons, and Brother H. E. Gammons. Of these 22 charter members only two are

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told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

Text: *He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.* Matthew 28:6.

INTRODUCTION

True Baptists believe the Bible doctrine of the resurrection of Christ, who was crucified, buried and after three days and three nights in the grave was raised from the dead, walked upon the earth with his disciples for forty days and then ascended back to heaven.

The 18th Article of Faith is "Of The World To Come," and since the resurrection of Christ assured a perfect resurrected body of all believers, I will give here the wording of that Article.

"We believe that the end of the world is approaching; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjusted to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgement will fix forever the final state of men in heaven and hell, on principles of righteousness." — Baptist Church Manual, Pendleton, p. 60.

Paul wrote, "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you." Romans 8:11. "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." Philippians 3:20-21.

THE EMPTY TOMB

A Moslem once boasted to a Christian: "When Moslems go to Mecca, they find there at least a coffin, but when Christians go to Jerusalem, they find only an empty grave."

"That is just the difference," replied the Christian. "Mohammed is dead, but Jesus Christ is not in the tomb. He is risen. He is alive for evermore."

A writer for Christian World once wrote, "No wonder that Easter is a time of joy and gladness. It celebrates the bringing

of life and immortality to light; the scattering of the haze and mists of sweet fancies and beautiful guesses, and the shining forth in all its noonday brilliancy of the Sun of Righteousness; the enthronement in our hearts of a blessed certainty, which neither death, nor musty tombs, nor aught else can ever again dim."

FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

The resurrection of Christ, its certainty, his duration in the grave is taught in the Old Testament. Some ministers were discussing recently the subject of religion on a Nashville TV station, and they agreed, including a so-called Baptist, that the story of Jonah and the whale was not like the Bible teaches, but rather an allegory, a story in which people and things are used to mean something else. This is just another example of how modern religionists are watering down the truth of the word of God. When one denies these truths taught under the inspiration of God, the Bible has already told of their fate, Revelation 22:18-19.

Jesus quoted from the writings about Jonah and put his approval upon it by using it to preach about his resurrection. "But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas (Jonah) was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Matthew 12:39-40.

Jesus taught in John 11:9 that a day has twelve hours. He also separated the day from darkness. If the day has twelve hours, so does the night. This would simply make twenty-four hours, and three days and three nights would be seventy-two hours. This is the duration of the Lord's stay in the tomb, that is his body.

Jesus was spoken of by David and he wrote concerning him, "Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." Psalm 16:9-10

In the New Testament two words "hades" and "gehenna" have both been translated "hell." If the English word is translated from "gehenna" it means the place of fire, or the place of punishment for the wicked. If the word "hell" is translated from the word "hades" it means the "unseen state, or the unseen world," as the word "sheol" does in the Old Testament.

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sin in God's view, and sin is the transgression of the Law. See Romans 3:23, and 1 John 3:4. A man doesn't have to commit every sin in the book, nor every sin mentioned in the Book, the Bible, to be a sinner. If he is guilty of one point in the Law he is guilty of all. (James 2:10) And it takes the same grace for the forgiveness of one sin as it would for a thousand. Just the sin of unbelief itself makes a person a transgressor, and the Bible tells us that such is condemned already; and nobody can get rid of this condemnation until he is forgiven.

How terrible it is to have a guilty conscience! It causes fear, shame, discontentment, restlessness, unhappiness, and the absence of peace. The Law of God has pronounced the world to be guilty, and nobody can deny this. "Now we know that whatsoever the Law saith, it saith to them that are under the Law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God." Romans 3:19. Guilty, guilty before God! But there is forgiveness and cleansing in the blood of Jesus Christ, and there is that assurance that our sins are gone; and there comes that peace that surpasses understanding. You may try to forget your sins, but your sins will find you out, they will catch up with you. You can't rid yourself of sins by trying to drown them with liquor and drugs, you only add sin to sin when you try that. You can't just turn a new leaf and try to do better, thinking that God will forget your past. He doesn't forget that easy. But one thing He will do, my friend, He will forgive you, if you will only ask Him. Jesus said concerning a sinful woman one day, "Her sins, which are many, are forgiven." Then He said directly to the woman, "Thy sins are forgiven." Luke 7:47, 48. He forgives, He forgives, according to the riches of His grace.

Sinner man, woman, boy, or girl, will you not bow before Him today and ask for His forgiveness?

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still members, sister Omie Gammons London and Brother Aubrey Gann.

After the letters were read and accepted the New Hampshire Confession of Faith was read. A motion carried to accept the same. A motion carried that the body be united together upon the church covenant which was read. The frame for the church covenant was made and donated by Brother Joe Brady. The organizing prayer was then offered by Elder L. D. Robinson. The charge was then given to the church by Elder Luther Stewart. A motion carried to accept the newly organized body as a fully licensed Missionary Baptist Church. The council having finished its duty, a motion carried to dissolve the council.

On October 6, 1944 immediately after the council had finished its work and had accepted the newly organized body as a Missionary Baptist Church, the church was called together in business order. A motion carried to call Elder Henry Smith as pastor. A motion carried to elect Brother Cager Gammons clerk. An invitation was given and 13 joined, 7 by experience and baptism and 6 by letter. A motion carried at this time to name the newly organized church "Drakes Creek Missionary Baptist Church." A motion then carried to apply to the Wiseman Association for membership and appoint messengers to represent the church.

In the first part of December, 1944 the building committee accepted one half acre more or less as a building site for the church from Brother C. R. Gammons and O. C. Gammons as a free donation to the church. The building committee decided to build a wood structure. The framing was bought from Johnson Brothers and the finished material from W. T. Gross, both of Lafayette, Tennessee. Sam Stewart was given the contract of erecting the building for \$718.75 for all work except laying hardwood floors, bookstand, and seats. A building permit was secured and the construction was started. The building was finished except floors, bookstand, and seats in the spring of 1945. Brothers Henry Smith and Brother Cager Gammons painted the church. They gave their labor to be credited to New Bethel and Drakes Creek respectively.

Temporary seats were obtained and services were started in the church house in the spring of 1945.

On Saturday night before the fourth Sunday in June 1945, in conference a motion was carried to buy a piano. Motion carried to accept \$55.50 as a free donation with which to pay for the piano from Brother Charlie Butts.

In May of 1945 the church voted to hold services two Sundays a month and meet on Saturday night before the fourth Sunday in each month for conference.

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On November 3, 1945 a motion carried to elect the pastor and church officers and select help for the revival at our regular church conference in August each year.

In November, 1945 the church bought a stove from Brother A. B. Gann's mother for \$12.00 which was used as the church's first heating system.

In March, 1946 a Sunday School was organized under the supervision of the church. Also in March of 1946 the church voted to meet in communion on the fourth Sunday in April each year.

In the spring of 1946 the building committee purchased hardwood flooring, had it laid, sanded and polished. The following summer screen doors and windows were added to the building. The house was then considered complete, the cost being approximately \$3,000.00.

The Wiseman Association met here in 1946.

On Friday before the third Sunday in March, 1947 a dedication service was held in which the house was formally given to God. Elder N. C. Fuqua preached the sermon. His text was The Church.

In June, 1948 the church had new seats and a new bookstand made for the pulpit. In July, 1950 the church bought venetian blinds at a cost of \$46.75. In April, 1955 gas heat was installed.

On November 28, 1952 the church sent help to Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church to help organize a new association. A motion carried for this church to go into this new association. The new association was named the Siloam Baptist Association. This association met with the church here in September, 1956.

In August, 1956 Brother Cager Gammons and Brother Cordell Gann were appointed on a committee to have a well dug and raise the money to pay for having it dug.

In June, 1961 a motion carried to give Brother Glenn Miller the contract of building a 20 ft. addition to the church house. The cost was approximately \$2,500.00.

In November, 1967 Drakes Creek started sponsoring a radio broadcast on WFKN, the Franklin radio station, at 9:00-9:30 each Sunday morning. Elder Pete Porter was our pastor at the time.

In March, 1968 the church bought approximately 2½ acres of land adjoining the church property on the west side and back of the church for a sum of \$3,125.00 from Lewis V. Gaines.

A water cooler and city water was installed in the church in June, 1969.

In October, 1974 the church accepted a bid of \$3,300.00 from Par Gas to install a central heating and cooling system, using gas heat and electric cooling. Brother Tommy Phillips donated his time, work, and materials for rewiring of the building. The amount was \$397.70 donated.

In the first part of 1977 restrooms were installed, the cost being approximately \$2,700.00.

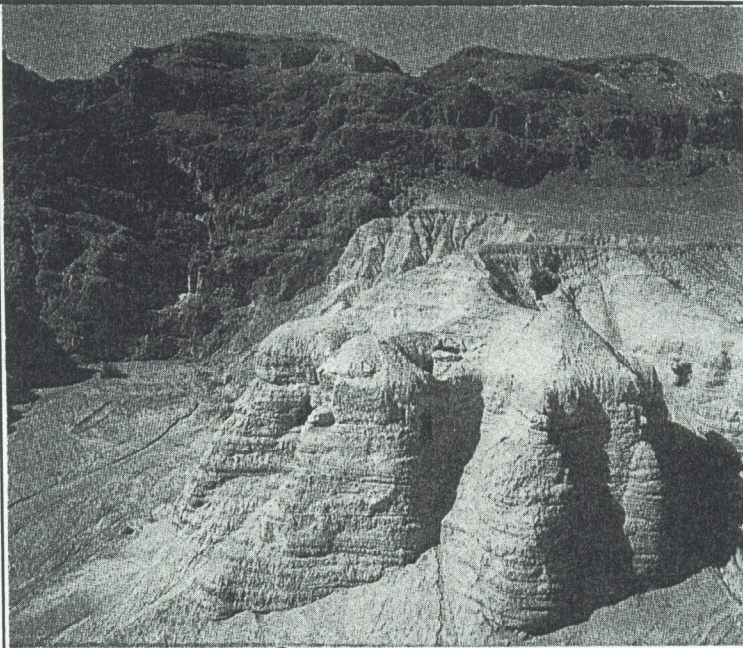
In October, 1977 the church voted to have full time services excluding the fifth Sunday.

In May of 1979 some of the brethren donated a new piano to the church and the old one was sold to Sister Debbie Sanford for \$175.00.

In early June, 1979 the church house was bricked and the trim painted at a cost of approximately \$12,500.00.

There have been six pastors who have served Drakes Creek Church. They are as follows: Elder Henry Smith 1944-1950, Elder Riley Drury 1950-1954, Elder Arnett Gregory 1954-1961, Elder Pete Porter 1961-1970, Elder Wesley Briley 1970-1977, and Elder D. W. Story 1977 to this present time.

There have been 228 baptized into the fellowship of Drakes Creek Church, 205 joined by letter, and 3 joined by statement over the past 35 years. The present membership is 184. There have been many no doubt that have been saved or influenced through the work of Drakes Creek Church that we do not have record of. The church has done and is still doing a great work in this community.



QUMRAN

In 1947 a Bedouin looking for a stray goat, in the western region of the Dead Sea area, made the greatest find of this century by discovering the now famous Dead Sea Scrolls. An Arab shepherd named Mohammed Edib, looking for a lost goat, threw a stone into the opening of a cave and heard the clatter of something breaking. He ran away afraid thinking that the cave was inhabited by spirits. However, on the next day he called his cousin and both entered the cave and found eight jars, some with their lids still on; they took the jars outside and started searching in the hope of finding gold inside them. They were disappointed when they only found bundles of leather with columns of writing of which they were unable to understand the slightest thing. A total of seven scrolls were found. One day the Bedouin brought his strange find to a Syrian Christian named Khalil Kando and sold them to him. Kando took four of the scrolls he had bought and showed them to his Metropolitan who resided in Jerusalem. The Metropolitan recognised the four scrolls as ancient Hebrew writing and immediately bought them. In 1949, after realising that the scrolls were of great value, he took them to the United States where they were bought by Professor Yigael Yadin for \$250,000 and then brought to Israel. Professor Eleazar Sukenik, Yadin's father, had already purchased the other three scrolls from Bethlehem. The scrolls are now exhibited in the museum of the Shrine of the Book in Jerusalem. The most famous scroll is the one of Isaiah which is one foot wide by 24 feet long.

Revivals

APRIL 6

Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gagel Ave., Louisville, KY. Pastor Kenneth Davis is to be assisted by Elder Harold Carver. Services on Sunday nights at 6:00 P.M. weeknights at 7:30 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend.

Hartsville Missionary Baptist Mission, Hartsville, TN. Pastor Jackie Wilburn is to be assisted by Elder Tom Armstrong. Services each night at 7:30 P.M. You are invited to attend.

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, 1032 South Holmes, Indianapolis, IN. Pastor Calvin Perrigo is to be assisted by Elder Guthrie Thompson. Services on Sunday nights at 6:00 P.M. and weeknights at 7:00 P.M. The public is invited.

MAY 11

Gospel Truth Missionary Baptist Church, Nashville, TN. Pastor Luther Tuttle is to be assisted by Elder Houston Tillman. Services each night at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is invited.

Grace Missionary Baptist Church, 9835 Hayes Ave., Detroit, Mich. Pastor Charles Moore is to be assisted by Elder W. R. Overton. Those of that area are invited to attend.

Ordination Service

There is to be an ordination service at Lyons Missionary Baptist Church, 904 Gagel Ave., Louisville, Ky. on Saturday, April 5, beginning at 1:00 P.M. (E.S.T.). Bro. Jimmy Hogue is to be ordained to the full-work of the ministry. He has been called to the pastorate of Becker Drive Missionary Baptist Church, Louisville. Churches of "like faith and order" are invited to send their ordained brethren to assist in the ordination. Elder Kenneth Davis is pastor of Lyons church.

Baptist Mission

A New Missionary Baptist Mission has begun near Mt. Juliet, Tenn. It is known as the Rutland Missionary Baptist Mission, located on Rutland Road. Going from Interstate 40, go one and one-half miles north of I-40 on Mt. Juliet exit, then about one and one-half miles east on Rutland Rd.

Sunday School is each Sunday at 10 A.M. and preaching at 11 A.M. Elder Herman Culbreath is the mission preacher. Everyone is invited to attend and your attendance and help will be appreciated.

THE RISEN LORD

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When David said of Christ, "thou wilt not leave my soul in hell," he did not mean that the soul of Christ would go to the place of fire as some teach, but rather that while his soul would depart from the body into the unseen world, it would not be left there but would return to the body which would be raised from the dead. To better understand where the soul of Jesus went for three days and three nights, read II Corinthians 12:1-4; Luke 23:43.

Christ was crucified on Wednesday afternoon, his burial taking place about 6 O'clock in the evening. From this time until the same time on Saturday, we have three days and three nights. No one saw Jesus when he came from the tomb. It is my belief based upon all Bible references that it was at the end of the seventy-two hours mentioned above that Christ arose. When the Lord's followers came to the grave early the next morning they found it empty. This was the first day of the week. We will have more on this subject when we get to "The Christian Sabbath."

RECONCILING THE SCRIPTURES

I wish here to reconcile some of the scriptures related to the Lord's death, burial and resurrection. I have already given what Jesus taught concerning the three days and three nights. However, the question is often asked about the Sabbath that is mentioned elsewhere in the writings of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John on the subject.

We know there was the weekly Jewish Sabbath. There was an annual Sabbath observed by the Jews upon the 15th day of Nisan, a Lunar month, each year the lamb was to be killed in the evening of the 14th day of the month which was the preparation. Read this from Exodus 12:5-11. This annual Sabbath could fall on any day of the week, as July 4, your birthday, or any other annual day. When Christ was crucified, this annual Jewish Sabbath fell on Thursday. Let's note, "The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away." John 19:31.

So, this high day (annual sabbath) came on Thursday, the day after Christ's crucifixion. Friday was the second day and then Saturday, the weekly Sabbath, was the third day. The doctrine that Christ was crucified on Friday and arose on Sunday morning is just another false doctrine of Rome. Some argue that a portion of a day was called a whole. Not according to Jesus, John 11:9. Just for argument sake, let's say that Jesus was buried Friday and was raised Sunday morning. What do we have? We have two nights and one day! Just one-half the time Jesus said there would be. Do you believe Rome or Christ?

THE IMPORTANT FACTS

The important facts are that the powers of death, Satan and the world could not defeat God's plan and purpose. Christ died for the sins of the world and was buried, but the watchmen became as dead men when God's power was manifested at the tomb. Christ arose! He lives! The Lord said to John on Patmos, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death," Revelation 1:18.