This Sunday's Message - "JESUS CHRIST LIVES"

JESUS CHRIST LIVES (Easter) Luke 24:13-53

(Lesson for March 29) GOLDEN TEXT - This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.—Acts 2:

Approach to the Lesson

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the Rock of Gribraltar of our Chrisoundation for our confidence and hope. The Son of God arose d. He lives forever, our glorous Redeemer, risen Lord, and coming King.

Of the ten post-resurrection ppearances of Christ describd in the New Testament, five occurred on Easter Sunday ene, to Simon Peter, to the two believers en route to Emmaus. and to the group of disciples in erusalem. The last two of these appearances are described in ur lesson

Each experience reveals two utstanding facts.

First, the slowness of the disiples to believe that Christ was eally alive from the dead. He ad repeatedly warned them of lis approaching death and asured them of His coming resurection (e.g., Matt. 16:21). . He ad illustrated both events by n appeal to the story of Jonah. Matt. 12:40). He had asserted also joined the company. hat His resurrection would ake place on the third day af-

them troubled, "terrified and af- | lege.

feet as resurrection credentials, shut (John 20:19). Christ sud- food.

o the women, to Mary Magda- before they could proclaim the had promised. good news with power and efectiveness.

Verse by Verse

the same hour . . . returned to thing to hear from others that unto you . . . that all things Jerusalem . . . found the eleven Christ had risen. But suddenly must be fulfilled . . . written gathered ... and them that to behold Him, not emerging in the law of Moses . . . in the finishing their evening meal, ly in their midst at arm's length cerning me." Thus at long last they started at once for Jeru- was overpowering. . our Lord's prophetic intimations salem about eight miles away, Verse 38 - "He said unto concerning His resurrection(see arrived quite late at night and them, Why are ye troubled? Matt. 16:21) were fulfilled. This joined the ten disciples. Judas Why do thoughts arise in your was the glorious event toward had hanged himself. Thomas ar- hearts?" These questions were which His words had been pointrived late. (This is the gather- asked (1) because Christ had ing. But more, the entire Old ing described in John 20:19). previously told His disciples to Testament spoke prophetically Others besides the apostles had keep their hearts untroubled, concerning His ministry, which

Verse 34 "Saying, The Lord were to obey His words; (2) from the dead. The Hebrew canake place on the third day afer His death (Matt. 17:23). Yet
ed to Simeon." The resurrection
o staggering was the actual
tidings Cleopas and his friend
those He had used before His
the Holy Writings (Haglogratesurrection that the disciples brought to Jerusalem were al- death, and thus identify Him- pha)." The Psalms were the ma-

imply could not believe it. Our ready known by the disciples self to His distraught followers jor portion of the Holy Writord rebuked His followers on there. The appearance to Simon as indeed the Lord they loved. lings. he Emmaus road: "O fools, Peter is mentioned in 1 Cor. 15: Verse 39—"Behold my hands Verse 45— "Then opened he 5. No details concerning this and my feet, that it is I my- their understanding, that they Luke 24:24). And when He lat- meeting are given. The disciple self: handle me, and see; for a might understand the scripwho thrice denied his Lord was spirit hath not flesh and bones." tures." Perhaps this gift of spiriples in Jerusalem He found granted an unusual, holy privi- Our Lord was infinitely patient, itual insight was the result of Stouffyille United Church Choir

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was their very, crucified Saviour. That the disciples obeyed is suggested in Thomas's subsequent words (John 25:25) and John's later assertion that his hands had "handled" the Word of Life (John 1:1).

Jesus was raised in the body in of the nails proved that the was actually the crucified Redeemer.

lieved not for joy, and wondered, he said . . . Have ye here any meat?" As they had doubted for lack of evidence, so now

tience and willingness gently to shared their experience with hungered, but that He would resurrection. dispel His disciples' misgivings. the Jerusalem group! Christ's grant them indisputable evi- Verse 46—"And said ... Thus In each case He referred them characteristic demeanor and dence of His resurrection.

fied and affrighted . . . supposed through closed doors and ate that they had seen a spirit." broiled fish. They thought that "they were | Verse 44-"He said . . . These Luke 24:33—"They rose up looking on a spirit." It was one are the words which I spake have their sins forgiven. were with them . . ." Without from the dim beyond, but actual- prophets . . . in the psalms, con-

(John 14:1, 27), and now they would culminate in resurrection

considerate, and compassionate. their reception of the Holy Spir-To gaze upon and touch His resurrection body, and particularly His wounded hands and feet, would prove (1) that He was no incorporeal ghost; (2) that He

Verse 40-"When he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet." This would confirm their faith: the Resurrection was no dream. The Lord which He suffered. The marks person now with His disciples

Verse 41-". . . they yet be-

they were incredulous for sheer it (John 20:22). At any rate the frighted", supposing that a spec. Verse 35—"They told what joy. What had happened was too disciples were now made to reter was invading the privacy of things were done in the way good to be true! But the Lord alize not only that the Messiah their assembly! ... how he was known . . . in would strengthen their faith would arise from the dead, but Service Second, both appearances of breaking of bread." What ex- even further. He asked if they that the Scriptural prophecies Christ reveal His loving pa citement as the two believers had "any food". Not that He had been fulfilled in Christ's

it is written ... thus it behoovto the prophetic portions of the conduct as He ate with them in Verse 42-"They gave him a ed Christ to suffer, and to rise Old Testament (verses 27, 44, Emmaus had revealed His plece of a broiled fish, and of an from the dead the third day." 45) and led them gently to a blessed identity as the risen Sa- honeycomb." This was part of Both the passion (suffering) and positive faith. In Emmaus He viour. the disciples' ordinary diet. Ex- resurrection of Christ were part disclosed His resurrection ident- Verse 36—"As they thus fishermen could be expected to of the eternal will of the Father, ity "in breaking of bread". And spake, Jesus himself stood in have fish for supper! Palestine revealed in advance to the writwhen He appeared before the the midst of them . . . saith un- was sometimes called the "land ers of the Old Testament, and Jerusalem gathering He pre- to them, Peace be unto you." flowing with milk and honey." now come to glad fruition in the ian faith - a solid, substantial sented His wounded hands and John adds that the doors were Honey was a staple item of presence of the disciples. "The third day": how often the Lord ate a piece of broiled fish and denly appeared in the midst of Verse 43—"And he took it, Jesus had previously announced Organ Prelude-Mr. Clarion

the body in which He suffer- honeycomb, and carefully ex- His own — a resurrection mir- and did eat before them." This this element! plained that no mere ghost had acle. "Peace be unto you"; is a mystery we readily accept. Verse 47-"That repentance flesh and bones. - this was no mere salutation. It The body of Christ's resurrec and remission of sins should be Speaker—Rev. Mr. Kent of The disciples were to be His was an echo of our Lord's beau- tion glory was the same as that preached in his name . . . be-Gospel heralds to the ends of tiful bequest of peace (See chap. in which He died, yet different. ginning at Jerusalem." Dr. Luke the earth. Their doubts must 14:27). His resurrection, God's It was sown in mortality and also wrote the Book of Acts. yield to faith, their skepticism seal upon His atoning work, raised immortal (1 Cor. 15:53). Here he condenses what he later to certainty, their fears to joy guaranteed the peace which He It was related to its previous describes in greater detail (Acts state, yet transcended it. The 1:3-8). On the basis of the Gos-·Verse 37-"They were terri- risen Saviour both entered pel of the crucified, risen Son of God, men were to repent (have a change of mind), place their trust in the Saviour, and

> Verse 48—"And ye are witnesses of these things." The disciples, who beheld their risen Lord, were to spread abroad the ber that the author was a physi-

had seen Him, in Jerusalem. A witness is "one who knows." The Greek word for "witnesses" is Martures, whence our word "martyrs." The Heart of the Lesson Three sublime truths concerning our Lord's resurrection are emphasized by Luke. Remem-

> clan, accustomed to dealing with physical reality. The first truth is the historical actuality of the Resurrection and thus its evidential, apologetic value in the proclamation and confirmation of the Gospel. Christ was very careful to prove to His followers that He was

really alive. He did this in two ways. To begin with, He reminded Maundy Thursday (March 26)-

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Good Friday

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3 hour Devotion (12 a.m. to 3 a.m.) at St. Philip's, Unionville.

Easter Day

Celebrations of the Holy Communion :

7.30 a.m.—St. Philip's, Unionville. 8.30 a.m.-Christ Church, Stouffville. 10.00 a.m.-Christ Church,

Stouffville. 11.30 a.m.—St. Philip's, Unionville.

James D. Tiller, Rector.

them that throughout the Old Testament, predictions had been made concerning: Him - Law Prophets, and Writings had all prophesied His career. The writers had announced in advance His resurrection as well as His death. Hence He asked: "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?" (verse 26). And hence He explained, "These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled." But second, to clinch the matter-to prove that the Old Test ament authors had predicted

correctly and that He was truly alive-He stooped to the disciples' incredulity and gave them a physical, incontrovertible demonstration that He was no disembodied ghost. He showed them His body and ate with them. He was their loving, risen, living Saviour. His resurrection was not fancy but fact. Why did the Lord Jesus take

such pains to prove His resurrection? Because it is a guarantee of His identity as the Son of God; and upon the rock of His delty the superstructure of our faith is built. Later the disciples, thoroughly persuaded Wed., 8 p.m.-Prayer Service that their Lord was indeed raised from the dead and that they had seen Him in His risen body, preached the Resurrection as a fact of history which they had personally witnessed (Acts 1 22; 2:32; 3:15).

The second truth Luke stresses is the transforming power of Christ's resurrection (Phil.

The disciples on the Emmaus road were sad and disconsolate, thoroughly discouraged and desparing. The risen Christ joined! them and all was changed. Their hearts burned within them when they realized who their companion had been.

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CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

Rev. J. D. TILLER, Rector Easter Day - March 29 8.30 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy, Communion 10 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Communion 10 a.m.-Junior Sunday School 11 a.m.—Senior Sunday School

11 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Communion 4 p.m.—Junior Auxiliary 4.30 p.m .- Junior Confirmation Class

7.30 p.m.—Lenten Service. 8.15 p.m.—Important Vestry . Meeting at the Parish Hall Good Friday — A 3 hour Devotion will be held at St. Philip's, Unionville - 12 a.m. to 3 a.m. You are urged to attend. Tues., Mar. 31, 9 p.m.-Hobo Box Social — to be held at the Club Room of the Veterans'

vited to join the fun. See Special Bulletin for Holy Tuesday to Sunday each evening Week Services.

Hall. Ladies -- box lunches to

UNITED CHURCH STOUFFVILLE Rev. Douglas Davis EASTER SUNDAY Sunday School

9.45 a.m.—Junior to Senior 11 a.m.-Nursery to Primary 11 a.m.—Morning Worship Plan to take part in that great world wide Hallelujah Chorus singing "Christ is Risen" 7.30 p.m.—Choral Service and Film portrayal of the Resur-

rection Story -- "In Joseph's Garden" Thursday, Apr. 2, 2.30 p.m.—The Thurs., 8 p.m.—Prayer & Bible W.M.S. will meet in the Church Auditorium for the Easter Thankoffering Service. Mrs. H. F. Price, Vice President of the Toronto Conference Branch of the W.M.S. is

Guest Speaker. Worship con-

Hammond. Monday, Apr. 6.8 p.m.—YOUTI RALLY in Newmarket United Church. Speakers — Rev, and Mrs. Frank Muir.

CHURCHILL MUSSELMAN'S LAKE BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday, March 29th, 1959 10 a.m.—Bible School SPECIAL EASTER SERVICE at 11 a.m.

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BLOOMINGTON CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATEI GOSPEL CHURCH

Mr. E. N. Simmons, Minister Sunday, March 29th, 1959 10 a.m.-Sunday School 11 a.m.-Worship Service 7.30 p.m.—Evening Service

RINGWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH?

Sunday, March 29th, 1959 10 a.m.—Sunday School 11.10 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.—Worship Service, Mr. Martin Reif, speaker

8 p.m. Monday—Missionary C.E. / Prayer Meeting

BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH (Heise Hill) Gormley

Pastor-Rev. Wm. Vanderben Sunday, March 29th, 1959 0 a.m.—Sunday School 1 a.m.-Worship Service :30 p.m .- Evangelistic Wed., 7.30 p.m .- Mid-week Prayer Meeting

UNITED CHURCH MELVILLE CHARGE Rev. G. Davison

Sunday, March 29th, 1959 EASTER SUNDAY 10 a.m.—Peach's 11:30 a.m.-Melville 2.30 p.m.—Bethesda Reception of new members all services.

GOOD FRIDAY 11 a.m.—Joint service in Melville Church. The Lord's Supper will be observed.

ALTONA CHRISTIAN UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH

Rev. Dow Sargeant, Pastor Sunday, March 29th, 1959 10.30 a.m.-Sunday School .30 p.m.—Service

SECOND MARKHAM A BAKER HILL FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCHES Rev. Bruce Hisey

Sunday, March 29th, 1959 Second Markham Prayer Service each Wed., 8 p.m. Sunday Next Bible School, 10 a.m.

Young Peoples, 7.30 p.m. Baker IIIII Prayer Service Thurs., I p.m. Sunday Bible School, 1.30 p.m. Service, 2.30 p.m.

-All Are Welcome-

Gospel Service, 11 a.m.

GORMLEY UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH Rer. C. E. Hunking, Minister

Sunday, March 29th, 1959 be auctioned off. You are in- 8.45 a.m.—Broadcast, Dial 1310 SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES at 8 p.m. except Saturday. Communion Service Good Friday morning at 11 a.m. Sunrise Service Sunday Morning at 7 a.m.

> STOUFFVILLE UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH

Rev. Arthur Walsh, Minister Easter Sunday - March 29th 7 a.m.—SUNRISE SERVICE Speaker, Rev. C. E. Bell of Markham

10 a.m.-Sunday School 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.—The Easter Message in song and sermon way 6.30 p.m.—Young People's Study

EASTER SERVICES AT THE STOUFFVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

ducted by the Bethesda Aux-Rev. J. Williams, Pastor iliary. Soloist - Mrs. J. R. (Bible Teacher and Evangelist) Good Friday at 8 p.m., followed: by Communion

Sunday, March 29th, 1959 10 a.m.—Bible School, all ages 11 a.m.—Easter Message 7.30 p.m.—Evangelistic Easter Message

Wed., 8 p.m .- Prayer & Bible ? Thurs., 4 p.m .- Children's Ser-

VIVIAN McCORMACK MEMORIAL CHURCH Rev. Bruce Hisoy, Pastor Friday, 8 p.m.-Good Friday

Service: Sunday, March 29th, 1959 0.30 a.m.—Sunday School Special Easter Program 7.30 p.m.-Evening Worship Tues., 8 p.m.—Prayer Meeting Thurs., 8 p.m.-Young Peoples - You Are Welcome -

UNITED MISSIONARY

CHURCH Rev. C. E. Bell, Minister Sunday, March 29th, 1959 DICKSON HILL 9.45 a.m.—Easter Service 10.50 a.m.—Sunday School

7.30 p.m.—Evening Service Wed., 8 p.m.-Prayer & Bible, Study MARKHAM

10 a.m .- Sunday School Special program-Miss Eileen Lageer, speaker 11 a.m.—Easter Service 7.30 p.m.—Evening Service Fri., Mar. 27, 10.30 a.m.—Special; Good Friday Service - Rev. A. Walsh, speaker

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Sunday, March 29th, 1959 10 a.m.—Sunday School; 11 a.m. - Morning Worship, 7.30 p.m.-Gospel Service, Wed., 7.30-Jr. Choir Practice

Wed., 8.00-Sr. Choir Practice Thurs., 8 p.m.-Prayer & Bible Come and Worship with Us.

ST. JAMES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STOUFFVILLE Rev. D. R. McKillican, B.A. B.D. Sunday, March 29th, 1959 10 a.m. - Morning Worship "Worship With Us";



SATURDAY EVENING Parkside Youth Centre

Saturday, 8 p.m.-Youth Rally. A real special Easter music by the mixed choir from Ningara Christian College, also a 4 good film will be shown.

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