

BUT SOME DOUBTED.

In almost every new testament account of the resurrection appearances of Jesus the story includes the comment - But some Doubted. or some such words.

EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

inevitably confront us with the essence of Christianity

It's all there with all its gifts and puzzles

1. It is a Faith Matter
2. of a specific kind

Faith is the key component in life
what you trust makes all the difference
The key thing that messes life all up
or reconciles it all together
is whether what you basically trust is
TRUSTWORTHY

Sets a lot of puzzles going:- { FAITH MATTER DOESN'T
WORK THE WAY OTHER
THINGS WORK

- Ⓐ What we say we believe isn't necessarily what we basically trust { it is important to see through our pretensions

- Ⓑ It's important to work at such distinctions as the difference between believing that the

Bible contains accurate reporting of its events / and / TRUSTING IN ITS MESSAGE

(c) Trusting is a strange enterprise
 can't make ourselves trust
 Find out we do
 Find ourselves trusting
 Let happen to us,
 rather than make happen

(d) TRUSTING. - in itself isn't a redemptive
 state. Trust can be given
 destructive matters

∴ TRUST + DOUBT have a strange
 relationship,

Not quite as simple that TRUST is GOOD
 DOUBT IS BAD

how else can we test what is trustworthy?

this leads us into the perennial task of finding
 the words which accurately set forth what the
 Christian claim is inviting us to TRUST.

In the EASTER MESSAGE - from Oley & BB.
 I used the words.

The Crucified one is the Risen One

What confronts us here is an attempt to name
 the Christian Message.

- it is a specific message
- it claims to be good news.

But it also says that any old optimism
 won't do.

The optimism proclaimed here is that
 the one who bore our griefs and carried our sorrows
 the one on whom was laid the iniquity of us all
 — is the risen one.

The state of bearing the sin of others
 is the Resurrection State
 Under the burden of the sin of the world
 is where rising again
 victory over death
 eternal life
 are found,

Can we find that news to be GOOD?

That's the crucial question of Easter

What kind of proof would make that news
 true and good for you?

What kind of urging would get you
 TRUSTING FOR YOUR RISING-AGAIN THERE?
 FINDING YOUR RESURRECTION THERE?

The Book of ACTS records that some of the
 early Christians preaching went like this,

"Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, God
 raised from the dead.... This was the stone which
 was rejected by you builders but which has become
 the head-stone of the CORNER.

if we turn up the psalm from which that last
couplet was lifted we see it was followed by
the couplet

This is the Lord's doing & wonderful in our eyes!

The kind of Trusting invited by The Resurrection
message won't come as the result of human urging
over ours
or others

It will have to be God's work.

The Crucified one will have to draw us to his side
with his own power,
Love itself will have to call us under the sin
of the world.

That some doubt this message, and that all
of us have trouble finding it news good is
a fact of life and has been so from the
beginning.

That it may be given to us to believe
and find the news good is what this
day is all about.

This is the DAY THE LORD HAS ~~GIVEN~~
GIVEN US THE RESURRECTION.