

They have taken away the Lord!

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Introduction

1. Text John 20:1-2
2. Mary Magdalene along with other women came to the tomb of Jesus expecting to find His body still there.
3. They expressed surprise that the body was not there, yet Jesus plainly told them what would take place. John 2:19; Matthew 12:39-40
4. God raised Him from the dead Acts 2:24; 3:15; 10:41 17:30-31
5. Yet “They have taken away the Lord” is a significant phrase.
6. In many areas in our world today, they have taken away our Lord.
7. What are some areas?

II Discussion

1. They have taken the Lord out of government
 - a. The church is not a political entity; her business is not politics or government. Romans 14:17; John 18:36; Matthew 22:21
 - b. God authorizes political or government bodies Romans 13:1-7
 - c. The government cannot interfere with the church. Acts 5:29
 - d. Yet the Bible inspires
 - i. Industry Ephesians 4:28; 2 Thessalonians 3:10
 - ii. Education, John 8:31-32; Ephesians 6:4
 - iii. Equality Galatians 3:28; Romans 1:16; Acts 10:34-35
 - iv. Purity Ephesians 4:25,29, 31-32; 1 Timothy 4:12; 5:1-2
2. They have taken the Lord out of education
 - a. Is it right to teach, not to steal, and from where does that come?
 - b. It is right to teach not to lie, and from where does that come?
 - c. Yet someone asks whose morals are you going to teach?
 - i. We can teach some
 - ii. We can teach none
 - d. Who made it all, can we prove it?
3. They have taken the Lord out of religion.
 - a. The Modernists and the liberals remove God
 - b. Moses they say did not write the first 5 books
 - c. Isaiah was not written by one author
 - d. Matthew, Mark and Luke were taken from other works
 - e. Jesus was not born of a virgin but His mother was raped by a Roman soldier and He was born out of that rape
 - f. The resurrection did not take place, someone stole His body
 - g. The modernist and liberal
 - i. Reject the Bible as the verbally inspired Word of God
 - ii. Reject Christ’s authority
 - iii. Deny the virgin birth
 - iv. Deny miracles

III Conclusion

1. Where is the Lord? He is risen sitting on the right hand of God

2. Where is the Lord in your life?
3. Is He Lord of your life? If not why not let Him be today

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