Sermon: He is not here Easter Sunday 05/04/2015 MFM Portlaoise

Texts: Luke 23 verse 44- end and Luke 24 verse 1-9

Songs: Celebrate Jesus, Jesus Celebrate

I greet you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Chrsit our father, maker and our redeemer, who came and died for our sins so that we might be saved. As we celebrate his ressurection today may the power that raised him up from dead raised all good things that are dead in our lives in Jesus name. In this glorious service we shall be looking at what is titled **He** is not there.

Our Lord was crucified and placed in the tomb, but as the women came the third day to put oil, incense and perfumes on him and the tomb, they were astonished, they came looking for Jesus among the dead but the angels told them that he is not here, he has risen.

I want you to celebrate this victory over death, people thought he was dead but he was alive by overcoming and conquering death, Sing celebrate Jesus with me------

## The word is hot there means

- He left the place
- it means it cannot be found there
- it means he has moved on
- it also means he has disappointed the enemies
- it means the grave could not hold him down
- it also means he has conquer

## Hear these statements of facts:

- The death of Jesus was to the enemies the end of his reign but to the believers it is the beginning of his
  everlasting kingdom, the kingdom that has no end
- Isaiah 53 verse 5, his death to the unbelievers was to inflict the Christians pains but to the believers, his wounds, bruises and chastisement was the source of the healing for those that believe in him
- His burial was to make him see decay but to the believers it was the beginning of eternal life
- His resurrection has brought Hope to the hopeless, faith to the faithless and comfort to those that mourn
- The expectations of the enemies were cut off, his death, burial and resurrection brought disappointments, disgrace and shame to the enemies.

What are those things in your life that the enemies have killed and are saying all is over, where the enemies have kept you, in the name of Jesus and by his power that disgraced the expectations of his enemies, all your enemies shall be disgraced in the name of Jesus ......

- Your career that has been kept in the waters, when the enemies shall come back looking for it they shall not find it there again
- Your marriage in the cage of the enemies shall escape in the name of Jesus
- Your health that has been afflicted, the affliction shall return back seven fold to the senders

## What must we do?

We must believe in Jesus, his death, burial and resurrection before we could experience the same encounter. You must accept Jesus as your Lord and personal saviour for you to partake of his resurrection power....

## PRAYER

- My glory buried inside the waters hear the word of the Lord disappoint the enemies in Jesus name
- Every power interfering with my spiritual strength die in Jesus name
- Lord teach me to pray enquiry prayers always to get to the root of situations in Jesus name
- All those behind the death of good things in my life shall be divinely disgraced in the name of Jesus
- Evil authorities over my spiritual life be disgraced in the name of Jesus