"WHICH ONE HAVE YOU ENTERED?"

GOSPEL OF JOHN

Surprised to discover that doors occupy a place of prominence in the Bible? They link to the ark, the Passover, the tabernacle, the walls of Jerusalem, private prayer, and even ministry opportunities. So it should not surprise us that they also find a place on Resurrection Sunday.

THE DOORS OF EASTER

(1) D (18:16)

This is the place that the majority of this world currently resides. Sadly for _____, it is the exact opposite of what he himself had forcibly communicated only hours earlier (13:36-38).

This door links to the one who to surrender and yield his life to the Lord.

(2) D (20:25-27)

This is the place where skeptics in our world live. It is also the descriptor that affixes itself to that disciple named . Unless he sees and touches the hands, he will persist in his reservations of unbelief.

On any Sunday, these folks even attend church. Perhaps the experiences of life have negatively influenced their perspective. Perhaps the reality of life in a broken world has negatively flavored their view. They walk by ______ and not by ______.

(3) D (10:1-7,9)

Through this door one finds salvation. Through this opening, one enters eternal life (14:6).

Through Him alone, the nation Israel found physical safety in their exodus from Egypt and through Him alone, you find spiritual safety in your exodus from condemnation and damnation.

There is no other door for there is no other Savior. The one true Shepherd laid down His life on a cross and on that third day, rose from the grave. Do you believe?

CONCLUSION

Which door have you entered, which door have you responded to? Though the cross certainly gets the majority of the focus, it is the tomb, the empty tomb that seals the deal and assures the victory. And at this tomb, we find the stone rolled against the _____. On Good Friday, this pathway led to _____. But on Resurrection Sunday, this pathway leads to .

Which door have you entered, one that leads to death or one that leads to life?

