

First Things First

And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

Matthew 28: 9, 10

In the 28th chapter of Matthew there are many lessons to glean from the circumstances surrounding the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. One such lesson is learning that the power to testify effectively of the risen Savior requires that we be first be rooted in worship. Worship should take precedence over all other Christian duties and disciplines. On Resurrection Morning the women were told to go quickly to tell the disciples the good news. On their way Jesus greets them. Beholding Him, they hold Him by those precious pierced feet and worship Him. All of the love He had poured out in His life and sacrificial death, now penetrates as they meet Him in the power of His resurrection. After taking time to worship, the Lord sends them on their way to tell the brethren the good news. The supernatural message they were bringing would be much more meaningful now because of the time they spent at His feet.

This order of **worship first** is also reiterated in the outline of the Lord's Prayer...Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. In Luke 10 we are also reminded that Mary was commended for staying at His feet while her sister was busy about serving. And our Lord in John chapter 4 instructs the Samaritan woman that we must worship in spirit and in truth for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. A blessed and humbling thought that the Almighty seeks to have an intimate relationship with us.

As we seek to be more effective in our Christian witness may we always be reminded that the power of our witness emanates from our worship of the Savior. Each day may we seek to join the four and twenty elders and fall down and worship Him that liveth forever and ever.

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