

Today's Sermon

Speaker: Pastor David Chuah

Title of Message: Heaven Knows Your Name

Scripture Text: John 20:1-16

Key verse 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward Him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher)

Introduction:

In the third year of Jesus' ministry, there came a fateful Friday. For 3 years Jesus had ministered to humankind, and during this time the Jewish leaders sought to put Him to death. They finally accomplished their intentions by using unjust accusations. The Jews conspired with the Roman authorities to have Jesus **CRUCIFIED**.

On the first day of the week while it was still dark (Sunday Evening) see

John 20:1, while Mary Magdalene was the first person who came back from the empty tomb with the wonderful news that Christ had **RISEN**. Peter & John went to check and returned with the disappointing news that the tomb was indeed **EMPTY**, but they could **NOT** find the Lord. The Resurrected Lord appeared to Mary Magdalene. How many of us have experienced the feeling of Mary Magdaelene who moments ago was in **TEARS** and weeping, now **HEARD** the familiar voice of Jesus in the garden of burial!



On this Resurrection Sunday we thank **GOD** that Christ the Lord Is Risen Today. Allelulia, Christ the Lord Is Risen **TODAY** not just the Sunday after Easter. Beloved, every Sunday is an Easter. Did Easter really any difference? So what that Christ the Lord is **RISEN** today?

Main Points:

1. Mary Magdalene Came **RUNNING** (v2)
 - 1:1 The **DARKEST** Hour
 - 1:2 You Make The **CHOICE**
 - 1:3 **HELPING** Somone At The Worst of Time
 - 1:4 **STRIPS** of Linen Lying There - I **WILL** Be Back!
2. Mary Magdalene **STOOD** Outside the Tomb (v11)
 - 2:1 **REMINDER** of the Past
 - 2:2 Trauma And **PERCEPTION**
 - 2:3 **FLESH** Overtakes the **SPIRIT**.
3. Mary Magdalene **TURNED** Toward **JESUS** (v16)
 - 3:1 Even Before the Foundation of the World
 - 3:2 It is **ENGRAVED** in His Hands
 - 3:3 **CALLED** To Proclaim

Reflection On This Message:

Mary Magdalene met our Resurrected Lord. Her visit to the garden, of seeing the empty tomb, and through tears and weeping for sorrow, of seeing the **RISEN LORD** also. It is significant that Mary was the first person to see the **RISEN LORD**. She had one of the most dramatic conversion experieces. God is telling us something here about Resurrection and Conversion. Without Christ's Resurrection there can be No conversion. The resurrection power is what changes people. A **DEAD** Christ can change no one. Beloved, let's Thank God for Resurrection Sunday and every Sunday is Easter to Church of Sengkang.

The percentage is a generalization of what we retain.
Understanding and Remembering are better when we make notes.

Announcements

1. All the photos for the Bible Camp are stored in a CD. You may place your order with sis Amelia.
2. Bible Camp T-shirts are on Special Offer at S\$10 per piece. Please see sis Amelia
3. Faith Lesson Book 3 are ready. All LG leaders, please give your orders to sis Jane Aw
4. Mother's Day Celebration on May 9, 2010. Please make a date with your mother. Look up for more details in the coming weeks.
5. Beloved, please handle with special CARE when using the church's equipment, musical instruments, PA systems. Do look for Bro Larry, Bro Peter, Bro Tong CHai if you need assistances in using those equipments.
6. Do contact bro Peter Tan at 81614066 if you need to use the church van for the ministry
7. Recorded messages for bible camp speakers are available. Please place your order with Bro Larry Eio.

OUR COLLECTIONS

Mark 12:43-44;

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything - all she had to live on."

Feb 2010 Collection:	\$28,387.35
Mar 2010 Collection:	\$16,378.70
Church Building Fund:	\$31,080.00

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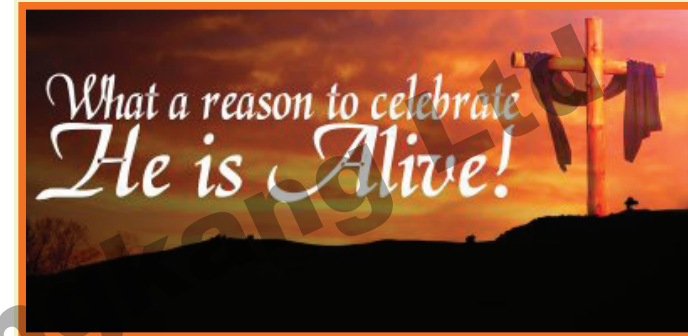


Church of Sengkang

Is called by God to be *welcoming* and *prayerful* community filled with and led by the **HOLY SPIRIT**

EASTER SUNDAY Special
SUNDAY SERVICE TIME:

4th April 2010
10.30am to 12.30pm



Why No Easter Celebration in Church of Sengkang?

A.W.Tozer in his writing "**POWER, RESURRECTION!**" wrote as follows:

"I cannot give in to the devil's principle, deceitful tactic which makes so many Christians satisfied with an "Easter Celebration" instead of experiencing the **POWER** of Christ's **RESURRECTION**. It is the devil's business to keep Christians mourning and weeping with pity beside the cross instead of demonstrating that Jesus Christ Is **RISEN**, indeed"

Because

Christ the Lord Is Risen TODAY!

The **GRAVE** has been "boasting" of its power since Eden. But now it has finally met its match. It wraps Jesus up at the Cross and "forbids Him rise," but our Lord Jesus, fought and won.

Where is your sting now, O Death?

Christ has won the final victory

We know that whatever we do is not in ourselves, but in the **POWER** of **CHRIST**. He has won the victory, and now we're just soaring where **CHRIST** has led. We bask in the benefits of the Cross-, and we look past the **GRAVE** to our Heavenly reunion with **HIM**, Allelulia!

The Empty Tomb

of a Risen Christ

1 Corinthians 15:20,22
CHRIST has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died...
Just as everyone dies because all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to CHRIST will be given new LIFE.

**Message From Our
Senior Pastor David Kerk
On Behalf of the Board of Directors
Second Annual General Meeting
held on 28 March 2010**

Attacks Became PERSONAL

Since we pioneered this church in sengkang/punggol on September 9, 2007, we have been facing numerous challenges and questions from both our brethren and enemies. There were those who have been most encouraging and we really felt that they were God-sent. They were constantly reassuring us not to lose heart but to press on and strive to soar to greater heights. However, we also have those who have not been that positive what God has called us to do. They questioned our motives of doing things and they cast doubts on the purpose and the directions of Church of Sengkang. They accused us of encroaching their sheep or sheep stealing. The list is endless. Initially, we had difficulty in accepting such "attacks, even personal attacks on our senior pastor" especially from some supposedly close friends and brethren in our Lord but had turned enemies.

So on this 2nd AGM, we want to remind ourselves of the vision the Lord gave to us with the heavenly sign of the "S" rainbow on August 13, 2007 at the attic of the home of one of founding brethren.

LISTEN To HIM - Not Peter

We, the leadership is fully aware of God as our Architect & Builder of Church of Sengkang. We're holding on to the words in Matthew 17:1-5 where our Lord brought Peter, James & John up a high mountain. There He was transfigured in Glory before their eyes. Standing beside our Lord was Moses & Elijah. There and then, Peter made himself a Church Planter. Without hesitation, Peter proposed to plant 3 churches: one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah. The bible says that while Peter was still bragging about his great plan, God the Father interrupted and said "This is my Beloved Son, whom I love; with Him I am well-pleased, LISTEN to HIM!" God the Father was reminding Peter that the building of the CHURCH was NOT about Peter wanted but WHAT JESUS WANTED!

Leadership SUCCESSION IS In Place

Beloved, we the leadership is absolutely CLEAR that Church of Sengkang belongs to our Lord as He is the Architect and Builder. None of us CANNOT brag of our leadership abilities, management skills, ministry experience, biblical training and financial contributions. Our next challenge is passing the

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leadership baton to the younger men & women. Since the last quarter of 2009, the leadership has been consciously disciplining 4 young men. And we are on the right track. The successful planning, organising, directing and leading of our recently concluded 1st Annual Bible Camp is a testament of our leadership transition. For a 2 and half years old church, we have much to **THANK** our Lord.



SEARCH Is On BUT We Are STAYING Till RAPTURE

We've started searching for men and women from the age of 25-40 to come on Board to spearhead Church of Sengkang. Yes, you could be the another Director in the Board of Church of Sengkang. In God's kingdom there is no retiring, so we all staying till the day of rapture

- If you have collected the membership form last Sunday, please return the completed form to Sis Sandy Tan. If you do not have a copy of the membership form, please get hold a copy from Sis Sandy Tan today.

ONLY By His **GRACE**
S. Pastor David Kerk

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Battle Belongs To the Lord. Victory Is Yours

Beloved, there is no secret what God can do. What He has done for others. He will do it for you. With arms wide open, He will see you through. **Joshua 23:14** states that not one of all the good promises that Lord your God gave you has failed. Beloved, through our God we shall do valiantly. It is He who will tread our enemies. We'll sing and shout His Victory. Christ is King. For God has won His victory and set His people free. His word has slain the enemy. The earth shall stand and see that our **LORD REIGNS!**

Be **HOLY** To See **GOD**
Sis Janet Chong

Practical Christian Living

**From True Human To True Christian
(From A Sinful Believer To A Holy Disciple)**

A Cat Barks. A Dog Meows.

We were laughing to ourselves when Dr. **TAN** Kok Beng took the cat & dog analogy in reminding Christ's disciples living out the fruit of the Spirit and a life of holiness. A similar expression goes like this : anything that is not really Christian is not really human. It is lower. It is less than human, a distortion, not the way God has intended. Sin, selfishness and pride are lower than righteousness, generosity and obedience to authority. Such behaviors hurt the Body and also can cripple their relationship with our Lord. This can happen in Church of Sengkang and create havoc in the fellowship

Religious Beliefs NEVER Hurt

When we treat the Christian **FAITH** as a religion, then like all other religions Christianity is liken to a life insurance policy. To ensure the validity of that policy, you just got to pay up the yearly premium. The policy lapses once the policyholder defaults the premium. Similarly, irreligiosity and lack of ethical codes never hurt the conscience However, any unethical personal conduct in the Christian relationship sour off the harmony of the Christian community.

RELATIONSHIP With CHRIST Transforms Believers Into Disciples

When a born-again believer enthrones **CHRIST** in his heart, transformation takes place in his **RELATIONSHIP** with the Lord. Such a disciple will thirst and desires for an intimate fellowship with the Lord. A Christ-like disciple will have a total reliance on **HIM** as he follows Christ closely. Such close **RELATIONSHIP** will **LET** God's Word Lights and Leads his path. Read **Psalm 119:105**.

PAST Has No Hold On You

The longer you linger in His Holy Presence, the more sensitive you are to His Holiness. You will experience His wisdom and favor in your daily living as you become more aware of His Presence. This experiential encounter with your Lord will spur you to share the good news and benefits of this loving Christ to those around you. Not only you become aggressive but also defensive against the fiery darts of the enemy. God becomes your light and salvation that renews & restores your faith in Him. Read **Psalm 27:1**

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