

## **SERMON OUTLINE**

### **'PROMOTING THE GOSPEL'**

#### **Study - 1**

#### **'Evangelism - without feeling guilty'**

#### **John 20 v19 - 23**

Evangelism is - 'making known the gospel (the good news) of the Lord Jesus Christ - who He is and what He has done'. As Christian believers we are all to be involved in this - it's our calling. See - Jn 20 v19 - 23. Note:-

**The Message** (v23) - the message of forgiveness and new life.

**The Messengers** (v19a) - the poor, uneducated, timid disciples. And yet these were the very men who were soon to be turning the world upside down!

There are 3 important points that need to be made by way of general background and qualification:-

#### **A. SPEAKING TO PEOPLE ABOUT THE GOSPEL IS NOT NECESSARILY AND EASY THING TO DO**

Why is this the case in Britain today?

**(i) We live in an increasingly multi-faith society**

**(ii) We live in an increasingly anti-faith society**

We see this, particularly, in the realms of the intellectual and moral.

#### **B. WE ARE NOT ALL CALLED TO BE EVANGELISTS IN THE BIBLICAL SENSE OF THE WORD**

See - Eph 4 v11a. If we are not all called to be evangelists like this, then what are we called to do? There are 2 key passages here:-

**(i) Colossians 4 v2 - 6**

**(ii) 1 Peter 3 v13 - 16**

## **C. SHARING OUR FAITH CAN BE DONE IN OTHER WAYS - NOT JUST BY SPEAKING**

For example - our praying, our giving, our living.

Key Question - Why is it so important to be able to share our faith?

### **1. GOD TELLS US TO**

See - Is 42 v6 - 8

### **2. PEOPLE NEED US TO**

### **3. WE SHOULD WANT TO**

Key Matter - We need to have this gospel in order to share it with others