

Backyard bird watching with Harry:

by Harry Johnson

The April Bird of the Month: The rufous hummingbird

Springtime is here and it's the season for the return of the hummingbird. One of my favorite hummers is the rufous. They are fun to watch darting from tree to feeder and fighting off other hummers who want food from that feeder. They are very territorial when it comes to their food. Over the years the train of thought was to spread out your feeders to allow the other bird's access to a feeder and make it hard for the bully to cover all of them. More recently that idea has been changing. The experts now recommend putting lots of feeders in one general location. This makes it harder for the bully to cover all the feeders and at some point in time he just says, "Go ahead;

I'm tired of chasing you around." He just can't cover all of them at the same time. I hope some of you try this new way out and please let me know how it works for you.

Rufous hummingbirds are small, only 3-4 inches tall. They breed here in the Northwest during the spring and summer. The adult male has a rufous (orange) head, back and tail. The top of its head is green. The females aren't easily identified. You have to look very closely to be able to see the rufous color on the tops of their tail feathers and above their eyes.

What do rufous hummingbirds eat? They love nectar from your flowers. When the flowers aren't available to them, they love sap from woodpecker holes. Of course, one must have its daily share of protein, so they look for

their favorite meal, the ant. You may not think of them as ant eaters, but they love them. The other source for food is the feeder with rich, sweet nectar, hanging outside your windows. Remember to use a 4-1 water to sugar ratio.

Because they breed here in the Northwest, they are more likely to be found nesting in conifers than other hummingbirds would be. But, like other hummingbirds, they also nest in our hardwood forests. You can look for them, but remember they're very small. I've looked and looked and I've only seen one and that one I passed right by not realizing it was a nest. They are so small.

Did you know?

1. The rufous hummingbird is very aggressive and territorial.

2. It can withstand temperatures as low as zero degrees.

3. Rufous hummingbirds breed in the summer and spring as far north as the Yukon and winter in Mexico. That makes their migration the longest of any bird when measured by body length!

4. Rufous hummingbirds can scoot sideways when perched, but they can't walk.

Please remember to clean out your feeders often. The sugar water you use can go bad with the summer heat.

Please give me a shout at birdwatching@frontiernet.net and tell me all about the birds in your backyard and birding stories.

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Church News

Community Bible Church

The beginning of sorrows

Matthew 24:3-8 (NKJV) 3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" 4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. 6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earth-

quakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Many people jump right over the first truth that this passage declares – and that is that Jesus' disciples had a concept of Jesus' coming and that there would be an "end of the age." General apocalyptic literature has existed through the ages, but Jesus described some characteristics that are to be anticipated as "the beginning of sorrow." What are these characteristics that we should look for?

One characteristic is people declaring themselves to be the Christ. The word "Christ" comes from the Greek word Christos which is a translation of the Hebrew word Mashiach

(Messiah) the anointed one, anointed or selected for a special work.

In the past 50 years there have been so many who have made this claim that space wouldn't allow me to recite them all. Probably everyone who reads this has heard of one or of several who have made this claim.

As for wars and rumors of wars, they have almost always been with us. But in our day, it seems the whole world has reached the boiling point. I have read several people who believe we are on the edge of another world war – this one to be fought with far more dangerous weapons.

Then Jesus goes on to declare that there will be famines, pestilences,

and earthquakes. A reminder need go here, Jesus said: 1. "the end is not yet", and 2. this is "the beginning of sorrows." I would guess that it would not be too far off base to say that there is an implication that these characteristics will increase in severity.

Again, you be the judge of the condition of this Old World. Don't look at this article alone, but consider all the past articles relating to the subject of the end times. It might be interesting for you to read *Matthew 24* from the Bible. Hope to see you this Sunday.

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

Ministry at CBC

Wednesday, April 6
A.W.A.N.A. 6:30-8 p.m.
Preschool to grade 6
Adult Bible Study 7-8 p.m.

Sunday, April 10
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer and Praise
6 p.m.

Community Christian Academy
Preschool – High school

Senior Exercise Class
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
9-10 a.m. in Dining Room

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

What Do You Expect?

There's something about death that seems permanent. So, when *Luke 24* tells us the women came to Jesus' grave to finish preparing his body for burial, they didn't expect to see Jesus alive. But instead they found the tomb empty and an angel told them He's risen.

But the Apostles didn't expect to see Jesus alive either. *Luke 24* tells us: When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. (*Luke 24:9-11*)

Jesus had said He would rise from the grave on the third day, but they didn't really believe it because in their hearts, they thought death was something permanent. But, having heard the words of Mary Magdalene and the other women John and Peter ran to

the grave to check it out for themselves.

John tells us that something about that scene convinced him that the women had been right. Jesus HAD risen from the grave. I suppose it could have been simply the fact that the tomb was empty. After all, it had been guarded by Roman soldiers and sealed with the Roman seal. The soldiers should have still been there and the stone should have been sealing the opening. And more importantly, the tomb shouldn't have been empty. But it was. And that's all it took for John to believe.

As it says in *Matthew 27:63-65* even Jesus' enemies knew about the prophecy: "We remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will

be worse than the first."

It seems that everybody knew Jesus had declared he would rise from the grave on the third day. So, John didn't need Old Testament prophecies to convince him that Jesus was alive. He'd heard the words from Jesus' own lips, and now the grave was empty.

So Peter shows up at the tomb just a few moments after John did, but he's the first one to look inside. Oddly, the text doesn't tell us much about whether Peter believed or not. It simply says he went home. But I have a hard time believing that if in that moment he truly believed that Jesus had been raised from the dead that he would simply have strolled on home. Peter may have wanted to believe but I think he resisted because of his own guilt.

So we know John believed, and Peter may have wanted to, but the really odd story in *John 20* is the one about Mary Magdalene. According to the other three gospels, there had actually been

several women who had gone to the tomb that morning. There was Mary the mother of James, Joanna, Salome and maybe a few others. But John doesn't mention the other women. He only tells us the story of Mary Magdalene. Why focus only on her?

I suspect that may be because while she saw the empty tomb and heard the angel say Jesus had risen, she REFUSED to believe. Almost like a prelude to the disbelief voiced by Thomas when he missed Jesus' appearing to the Apostles in the locked room.

When she went to see the disciples she didn't give the message of the angel: "He is risen!" What she did say was: "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" *John 20:2*

It's little wonder the disciples didn't believe the other women as it says in *Luke 24:9-11*. Mary Magdalene's testimony was different than theirs. She didn't agree with them!

But why didn't she agree with them? She'd seen what they had seen, what they heard. How could she possibly have experienced all that they had, but still refused to believe?

Well, because the whole thing seemed fantastic to her. When a person died, they were dead. It was kind of permanent that way. People didn't rise from the dead, so Jesus couldn't have risen from the grave. Jesus risen was not what she expected.

Mary Magdalene didn't oppose the idea of Jesus rising from the dead she just didn't think it would ever happen! And so for her on that day the grave was an empty hole in the ground. It was a place of hopelessness and futility.

God's promise from *Isaiah 25:8* is: "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces." And Paul quoted that promise in *I Corinthians 15:54*: "When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the

mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.'"

When Jesus rose from the dead He came to break the bonds of sin and death. And – as Paul points out to us – this is the core of our very faith and of our salvation.

I Corinthians 15:12-20 tells us: "But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith."

When it comes to the resurrection, it's not that the Apostles didn't want to believe; it's not that we don't want to believe, it's just that it's not what we expected. But that single act changed the world, and because of it – because Jesus was raised – we know that we will be, too.

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