

“He Has Risen”
Mark 16:1-8
Easter Morning Services, April 21, 2019

Why Is The Resurrection So Important For The Christian?

1 Corinthians 15:17

Resurrection – “act of rising from the dead, to rise again, to live again;” Not in another body, or spiritualizing, but a physical returning back to the body.

Jesus raised 3 people from the dead during His 3 years of ministry:

1. A Widow’s Son – **Luke 7:14-15**
2. The Daughter Of Jairus – **Luke 8:54-55**
3. Lazarus – **John 11:43-44**

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 – The Gospel Message Consists of 3 Parts:

- 1. Death – Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures**
- 2. Burial – He was buried**
- 3. Resurrection – He was raised on the third day**

This passage is recorded in all 4 Gospels: **Matthew 28:1-8; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-10.**

The Thought Of Our Passage: “The Gospel Accounts Are Consistent And Clear That Jesus Christ Was Truly Raised From The Dead.”

1. Verses 1-3 – The First At The Tomb

2. Verses 4-6 – The Empty Tomb

3. Verses 7-8 – The Mission To Tell

1. Verses 1-3 – The First At The Tomb:

Mark 16:1 – “When the Sabbath was over,” – This makes it now Sunday morning. Jesus was buried on Friday, now it was Sunday, Mark 15:42-47.

“Mary Magdalene,” – Luke 8:2; cast 7 demons out of; Cross a Place of redemption; place where my sins have been paid for, Luke 7:47.

“and Mary the {mother} of James,” – mother of “James the Less,” or James the Little; to distinguish him from the more prominent apostle of the same name.

“Salome” – is the wife of Zebedee and, the mother of James and John, two disciples of Jesus. (Cross – a rebuke as she wanted choice positions for her sons)

“bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him.” – Women were going to the tomb to finish the embalming process.

What is most amazing about the Resurrection story is that the very followers of Jesus were not expecting Jesus to rise from the dead! Jesus had promised it, Matthew 16:21; 17:23; 20:19; 26:32.

Mark 16:2 – “Very early on the first day of the week,” – This is Sunday morning. Jesus was resurrected on Sunday. All 4 Gospels record the first day of the week, Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2.

“they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.” – Matthew, “at dawn;” Luke, “at early dawn;” John, “while it was still dark.”

Mark 16:3 – “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” – This stone was about 4 to 5 feet in diameter. It weighted about a 1000 lbs.

Lazarus had a stone on his tomb, John 11:39.

Jesus Really Died – Mark 15:42-47, “The Burial Of Jesus,” gives the details along with all 4 Gospels that Jesus was really dead and Jesus was buried.

2. Verses 4-6 – The Empty Tomb:

Mark 16:4

Matthew 28:2

Why Was The Stone Rolled Away? So Jesus could get out? NO! John 20:19

“the stone had been rolled away,” – Not for Jesus to exit – But for the disciple to enter! So all would know that He has risen.

Mark 16:5; Luke 24:4

Not contradictory but complementary.

“wearing a white robe;” – Matthew 28:3-4

Mark 16:5 – “and they (Women) were amazed” – this Greek word is used only here in the NT. It is a compound word meaning, “to express strong fear and agitation;” They were terrified.

Mark 16:6 – “And he said to them, ‘Do not be amazed;’” – “to throw into terror or amazement, to terrify to be struck with amazement.”

Luke 24:5

“you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified.” – This angel refers to the title that common people referred to Jesus as.

Rebuked By An Angel: Luke 24:5 – description of Jesus Christ! “The Living One!”

Very few people took Jesus seriously as to His promise of the resurrection. Mary, John 12, did. The Lord’s enemies did, so they secured the tomb to keep Jesus in, Matthew 27:63-66.

Psalms 16:10

“He has risen;” – “All the world’s joys come from the grave of our risen Lord”

“He is not here;” – When someone says, “I don’t believe in the resurrection!” ask them the question, “What happened to the body of Jesus?”

“behold, {here is} the place where they laid Him.” – These women had to look for themselves!

Peter And John Had To Look For Themselves – John 20:4-8.

Every Person Must Look For Themselves! Have you come and looked at the Gospels for yourself? Examining the Scriptures.

Importance of The Resurrection Means God The Father’s Stamp Of Approval Is On The Finished Work Of His Son Jesus Christ!

1. Penalty Of Sin – We are forgiven. Romans 4:25
2. Power Of Sin – We do not have to be controlled by sin. Romans 6:11
3. Presence Of Sin – Romans 8:30

3. Verses 7-8 – The Mission To Tell:

Mark 16:7 – “But go, tell His disciples” – The disciples were behind locked doors hiding for fear of the Jews, John 20:19. They had deserted Jesus in the garden.

“and Peter,” – Peter had been lifted up in pride and self-sufficiency.

“He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him,” – Mark 14:28.

“just as He said to you.” – Notice that these angels refer back to Jesus and His Words.

If we reject the prophetic Word, we reject Jesus. We cannot divorce Jesus from the Scriptures!

Mark 16:8 – “and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.” – “thoroughly scared, being beside themselves with terror.”

Application: 1 Peter 1:8

Here are 7 of the reasons we can be sure:

1. The Old Testament Foretold His Resurrection: Psalm 16:10; Acts 2:25-31; 13:33-37.
2. Jesus Predicted His Resurrection: Matthew 16:21; Mark 9:9-10; John 2:18-22.
3. The Tomb Was Empty And The Grave Clothes Vacant: If those who opposed Christ wished to silence His disciples, all they had to do was produce a body, but they could not, John 20:3-9.
4. Many People Saw The Resurrected Christ: Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 24:13-39; John 20:11-29; 21:1-9; Acts 1:6-11; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8.
5. The Lives Of The Disciples Were Transformed: Though they fled and even denied Christ at the time of His arrest, they later feared no one in their proclamation of the risen Christ, Matthew 26:56, 69-75.
6. The Resurrection Was The Central Message Of The Early Church: Acts 4:33; 5:30-32; Romans 5:21.
7. Men and Women Today Testify That The Power Of The Risen Christ Has Transformed Their Lives.