



Sermon: Easter Sunday: Risen?

Date: Sunday, April 20th, 2025

If all Truth comes from God, then _____ will rule and govern the world based on what He wants and not based on what we want or prefer.

The reality of Jesus' resurrection is the foundation upon which our lives and eternity depend.

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from Heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, Who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him.' Now I have told you." (Matthew 28:1-7)

The Angel Tells The Women:

1. Do not be _____
2. He is _____ here
3. _____ and see
4. Go quickly and _____

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell His disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," He said. They came to Him, clasped His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see Me." While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole Him away while we were asleep.' If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day. (Matthew 28:8-15)

1. The story presented by the chief priests doesn't hold up to scrutiny
2. The women were the first ones to witness what happened at the tomb

Resurrection isn't just living again after you die; but rather it is coming back to life in a new, perfect, and glorified body that never dies again.



Reasons That People Have Come Up With To Try to Explain Away Jesus' Resurrection:

- 1. Jesus didn't actually die on the cross**
- 2. Jesus' tomb was not empty**
- 3. The disciples stole the body**
- 4. The disciples were delusional when they claimed to see Jesus**

*After that, He [Jesus] appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time....
(1 Corinthians 15:6)*

Jesus died on the cross and actually _____ from the dead.

Facts We Know To Be True Today:

- a. That few would dispute that Jesus died by crucifixion**
- b. That His followers believed that Jesus rose from the dead and they witnessed Him appear to them**
- c. That the lives of these followers were radically transformed as a result of encountering and following the resurrected Jesus**

God and Easter is the reminder that not only did God forgive us when we caused the wrong, but because of His love for us, He took the first steps to reconcile our broken relationship with Him.

Scripture referenced in sermon message: John 19:30, Matthew 28:6, 1 Corinthians 15:12-14, 17, 20-22

The resurrection is a reminder that God _____ us and it brings hope, answers, and true peace to anyone who would believe it for themselves.

Bottom Line: *"He is not here; He has risen, just as He said."* Matthew 28:6

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

- 1. Where do you stand with Jesus and His resurrection? A nice story? Plausible? Believable?*
- 2. How does knowing about the resurrection of Jesus give you hope and peace in the circumstances that you are currently facing?*
- 3. What is a next step you can take so that you can ultimately surrender all of your life to the God Who loves you and Who wants a relationship with you?*

Songs used in service: Build My Life (Pat Barrett), Goodness of God (Rhett Walker), Behold The Lamb (Passion & Kristian Stanfill), Holy Forever (Chris Tomlin), Trust In God (Elevation Worship), God So Loved (We The Kingdom)

Any prayer requests?

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What can we be praying for you about?