

Today's Sermon: Easter A Historical Perspective:

He Really Rose Again

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The Resurrection

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."

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." (Matthew 28:1-10 NIV)

The _____ Of The Resurrection

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. (1 Corinthians 15:17 NIV)

The _____ For The Resurrection

- Jesus died
- The tomb was empty
- 10 of the 12 original disciples died violently proclaiming the resurrection (extra-biblical)
- The Early Creed (1 Corinthians 15:3-8) (<38 AD)
- People who saw the resurrected Jesus:
 - Mary Magdalene (John 20:10-18)
 - Cleopas and another disciple on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-32)
 - Eleven disciples and others (Luke 24:33-49)
 - Ten apostles (not Thomas) and others (John 20:19-23)
 - Thomas and the other apostles (John 20:26-30)
 - Seven apostles (21:1-14)
 - Disciples (Matthew 28:16-20)
 - Apostles on the Mount of Olives (Luke 24:50-52,Acts 1:4-9)

Our _____ In The Resurrection

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26 NIV)