

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ
(Matthew 28, John 20)

I. Introduction

- A. Christianity rises or falls on the resurrection of Christ.
- B. No one who denies the literal bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ can be a Christian. (Rom. 10:9)

II. The Conditions of the Resurrection

- A. Matthew 28 sets the time as the end of the Sabbath. the third day since Jesus was put in the grave on Friday.
- B. John 20 says while it was still dark, the women came to the tomb to annoint the body.
- C. They weren't expecting a resurrection.
- E. In Matt 28:7...the angel said..."go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead."
 - 1. You can't just hang around the empty tomb.
 - 2. You can't wallow in experiences.
 - 3. Fascination must give way to proclamation.

III. The Confirmation of the Resurrection

- A. The evidence was all there.
- B. The empty tomb...
- C. Something so powerful happened that it caused trained, professional Roman soldiers to faint.
- D. Then there was the testimony from a holy angel.
- E. Skeptics say, "Well, the disciples stole the body in order to claim that He'd risen," but, remember, the disciples didn't believe the women.
- F. There's the prediction of Jesus.
- G. There were several appearances to the disciples in Jerusalem and prior to His ascension.
- H. 1Corinthians 15:6 says, "he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.
- I. But the ultimate proof was they touched Him, this was a real physical bodily resurrection.

IV. The Consequence of the Resurrection

Matt. 28:9 ...they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

- A. They were doing what every one is going do someday...
 - Phil. 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...
 - Phil. 2:11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- B. He is worthy of all of our worship.

V. Conclusion

- A. The resurrection proves the Word of God is true.
- B. It also proves judgment is coming.
- C. It proves heaven is waiting and Christ is preparing it for His own.