

The Resurrection: What Happened?

Understanding the resurrection can be a challenge for people. Resuscitation makes sense, but a permanent resurrection is a mystery. What does it mean? Why is it important. We may struggle with its significance to our own lives. However, God has placed in His Word an outline of its importance to us. In the resurrection we discover the depth of why we can trust Him.

Scripture(s): Matthew 28:1-5; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20; Acts 1:9-12; 1 Peter 3:18-20; Ephesians 4:7-13; Matthew 27:50-53; 1 Corinthians 15; 2 Peter 1 & 3

Remember this - When we understand the resurrection of Jesus we hear the invitation to _____ Him with our whole life.

I. The first side to grasp in order to understand the resurrection of Jesus is the facts of the _____. On the day of the resurrection, God, through the work of an angel and an earthquake opened the tomb to reveal that Jesus was _____. During both the day of the resurrection and in the weeks after, Jesus visited and taught His disciples about both His resurrection and the _____ ahead of them.

II. The second side to grasp in order to understand the resurrection of Jesus is the _____ of the risen Lord as He arose.

Jesus was...

1. Proclaiming His _____ over sin and death. 1 Peter 3:18-20
2. Leading those dearly loved and saved by His _____ out of Sheol/Hades. Ephesians 4:7-13
3. Providing a supernatural pattern for what happens to _____ who has been or will be saved by Him.

III. The third side to grasp in order to understand the resurrection of Jesus is the resurrection's _____ implications.

1. The resurrection is the proof that trusting in Christ and Christ alone for salvation is the _____ way to God. 1 Corinthians 15:14-19
2. The resurrection is the assurance the the _____ promises of Jesus can be trusted as much as His present promise of forgiveness.
2 Peter 1:2-4, 16-18; 3:9
3. What Jesus was like when He rose from the dead shows us what _____ will be like. 1 Corinthians 15:40-45, 49, 58

What should I do?

1. Grasp that the resurrection of Jesus is a _____ event with profound meaning.
2. Wrestle with the cynicism that persistently whispers to us that, 'You haven't _____ that. It must not be very significant.'
3. Start today to trust the Jesus that died and rose again for _____.

Ask Jesus...

Will you show me in a very real way why I can trust You?

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