

April 10, 2019
“How do we Know that the Easter Story is True?”
Matthew 28:1-10
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I. Christ’s Resurrection Casts Out Fear

“Don’t be afraid...” (5) In I John 4:18 we read ***“...perfect love drives out fear.”*** ***“So, departing quickly from the tomb with fear...”*** (8)

A. When *“the first day of the week”* (1)

B. Witnesses *“Mary Magdalene and the other Mary”* (1b)

C. Winning *“an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and approached the tomb. He rolled back the stone and was sitting on it.”* (2b) So significant are the implications of Christ conquering death, that Paul recorded seven implications of the resurrection in I Corinthians 15:12-19:

1. The Resurrection is necessary for Christ to be **alive**. (vs. 13, 16)
2. The Resurrection gives meaning to **Christianity**. (vs. 14)
3. The Resurrection gives meaning and **worth** to our faith. (vss. 14, 17)
4. The Resurrection makes Christianity **true**. (vs. 15)
5. The Resurrection delivers us from **sin**. (vs. 17)
6. The Resurrection proves life after **death**. (vs. 18)
7. The Resurrection provides the difference between **hope** and **despair**. (vs. 19)

II. Christ's Resurrection Confirms His Power

“...because I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here! For He has been resurrected, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay.⁷ Then go quickly and tell His disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead.’”

A. The Roman governor, Pilate, sentenced Jesus to die by crucifixion; such a sentence meant death. (27:23-24)

- B. A crowd of witnesses watched Him die (27:39-44).
- C. A professional squad of Roman executioners certified His death to the governor.
- D. Joseph of Arimathea asked for His body and prepared it for burial with about 75 pounds of spices and burial shrouds (John 19:38-42).

III. Christ's Resurrection Commands Us to Proclaim *"...go quickly and tell..."* (7)

IV. Christ Resurrection Comforts Us with His Presence

"...He is going ahead of you into Galilee; you will see Him there..." (7)

For every **Go**, there's a **Lo**, **I will be with you.** (Mt. 28:19-20)

V. Christ's Resurrection Creates Personal Joy *"...and great joy"* (8)

VI. Christ's Resurrection Calls for Recognition

"Just then Jesus met them and said, "Good morning!" They came up, took hold of His feet, and worshiped Him." (9)

- A. Mary recognized His voice. (9-10)
- B. Thomas recognized His scars. (John 20:28; Luke 24:50)
- C. The Disciples on the road to Emmaus recognized Him when He broke bread. (Luke 24:30-31)
- D. Peter recognized Him when He performed a miracle. (John 21:6-7)

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