

"Sunday's Joy and Amazement"

Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20 ESV
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I. THE STORY OF THE RESURRECTION

A. THE TOMB: The Stone Is Rolled Away

Matthew 28:2–4 "And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it"

B. THE SOLDIERS: Faced With A Tough Choice

Matthew 28:11–15, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place... they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

C. THE ANGEL: The Messenger Of Great News

Matthew 28:5–7 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said."

D. THE WOMEN: A Special Status

John 20:18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

B. THE DISCIPLES: A New Paradigm

Luke 24:44–49 Then Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

II. THE BENEFITS OF THE RESURRECTION

- Unbelievers And Believers Who _____
- Proof That Jesus' _____ Are True
- Daily Power To Live The _____
- Addressing And Removing Our Fear Of _____

John 11:25–26 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

III. I BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION

- Because Of The _____ Of The Disciples
- Because Of The _____
- Because I Find My _____ And _____ For Eternity

1 Peter 1:3–4, "[God] has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,"

1 Peter 1:8–9 "Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls."

THE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

1. What does the Resurrection mean to me? Discuss this week with family and friends the topic of the Resurrection and the benefits that are meaningful to you. Why do you believe in the Resurrection or not?

2. Inexpressible Joy. When we are born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus, and believe in Him, wholeheartedly putting our faith in Him, we are filled with inexpressible Joy, the salvation of our souls! Why wait? Invite Jesus to be the leader of your life today!