

Wednesday Night Bible Study

THE CHURCH OF THE SPRINGS – 7/13/22



1st Annual Empty Tomb Dash

[John wins against Peter / John 20:1-8]



John 20:1-8 VOICE

Before the sun had risen on Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene made a trip to the tomb where His body was laid to rest. In the darkness, she discovered the covering had been rolled away. She darted out of the garden to find Simon Peter and the dearly loved disciple to deliver this startling news. Mary Magdalene: *"They have taken the body of our Lord, and we cannot find Him!"*

Together, they all departed for the tomb to see for themselves. They began to run, and Peter could not keep up. The beloved disciple arrived first but did not go in. There was **NO CORPSE IN THE TOMB**, only the linens and cloths He was wrapped in. When Simon Peter finally arrived, he went into the tomb and observed the same: the cloth that covered His face appeared to have been folded carefully and placed, not with the linen cloths, but to the side. After Peter pointed this out, the other disciple (who had arrived long before Peter) also entered the tomb; he took one look at the evidence, and believed that **HE HAD RISEN!**

Acts 5:28-32 LB

"Didn't we tell you never again to preach about this Jesus?" the High Priest demanded. *"And instead you have filled all Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring the blame for this man's death on us!"* But PETER and the apostles replied, *"We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors brought Jesus **BACK TO LIFE AGAIN** after you had killed him by hanging him on a cross. Then, with mighty power, God exalted him to be a Prince and Savior, so that the people of Israel would have an opportunity for repentance, and for their sins to be forgiven. And we are **WITNESSES OF THESE THINGS** and so is the Holy Spirit, who is given by God to all who obey him."*

Acts 17:22-24, 30-31 NASB

So Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, *"Men of Athens, I see that you are very religious in all respects. For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, 'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.' Therefore, what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything that is in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made by hands....So having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now proclaiming to mankind that **ALL PEOPLE** everywhere **ARE TO REPENT**, because He has set a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished **PROOF** to all people by **RAISING HIM FROM THE DEAD.**"*

[see also 2 Peter 1:16; 1 John 5:4-5; 1 Corinthians 15:14]