

Matthew 27:62-28:20 –12 April 2020

(Resurrection Sunday)

“How The Resurrection Of Jesus Affects You”

Introduction

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, has become man. Why?

To do for me & you what we could not do ourselves!

Live a perfect life, thus avoiding the penalty of sin which is eternal death.

Jesus willingly laid down His life in order to commit the great exchange with us

He took on our sin at the cross in order to give us the reward of eternal life, hindered by sin no longer.

The death of Christ was the perfect payment for our sins (Read I Cor 15:17)

.....and the resurrection of Christ will PROVE IT.

Tonight, 5 things you need to know about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

#1 – The Resurrection can't be Avoided (Chap 27:62-66)

Read Vs 62-66

1. The chief priests and Pharisees were happy to allow witnesses to condemn Jesus based on misinterpreting Jesus message to be about the temple in Jerusalem.
 - a. But now they believe that Jesus was speaking about His own body
2. Whether they believed in His resurrection to come or just that the disciples may steal the body, they wanted to BE SURE they were rid of Him.
 - a. Jesus was a threat to their power / position
 - b. They wanted to avoid any resurrection
3. At time point, resurrection can't be avoided!
 - a. The perfect life and death of Christ is what assures that there will be a resurrection!
 - b. No man or human seal of authority can stop what is now inevitable!

4. We need to present the resurrection of Jesus as the unavoidable conversation in winning our friends to everlasting life.
 - a. We stand by the resurrection as the proof
 - b. Let downs
 - i. Church can let people down
 - ii. Teachers can let people down
 - iii. Schedules and styles can let people down
 - c. Once the resurrection of Christ is presented to your friends, they cannot avoid it!
 - i. No matter how they try covering it up
 - ii. It will still burst threw in their conscience!

#2 – The Resurrection has been laid Bare for all to see (Chap 28:1-7)

Read Vs 1-4

1. N.T. reference to ‘angel of the Lord’ is just an angel and not God Himself. (See Luk 1:11 & 19)
2. Soldiers authority meant nothing here!

Read Vs 5-7

1. The angel told the women to “Come see” that the grave is empty.
 - a. The stone wasn’t rolled away so that Jesus could get out, it was rolled away so that the whole world could see in!
 - b. The proof for the resurrection was laid bare for them, just as it is for us today.
 - c. If someone wants evidence that there was a man that rose from the dead 2,000 yrs ago, there’s plenty of it from Christian or secular sources just waiting to be taken.
2. The angel instructs the women, “Come see” then “Go tell”.
 - a. When we go tell others, we don’t need to convince them w/ our great argument, we just point them to the proof of the resurrection that is laid bare for the whole world.
 - b. Are you telling others of the resurrection?

#3 – The Resurrection is personally for the Commoner (Chap 28:8-10)

Read Vs 8-10

1. Notice, it's not, 'He is risen & He is gone'.
 - a. He stayed for personal engagement w/ commoners!
2. Our resurrected Lord 1st appeared unto women.
 - a. This breaks the customs of the day.
 - b. Not the rich & famous men.
 - c. He makes Himself available to everyone, no one is excluded.
3. Notice that Jesus accepts their worship.
 - a. Angels refuse worship (see Rev)
 - b. He comforts them w/ "Be not afraid".
4. Notice in vs 10 he calls the disciples brethren.
 - a. This is the 1st time He calls them that!
 - b. This is comfort to sinful hearts
 - c. The resurrected Christ is available for the everyday commoner, the sinner like you & me.

#4 – The Resurrection needs to be Discovered (Chap 28:11-15)

Read Vs 11-XX

1. There are men, in the name of religion, that deny the Lord was resurrected from the dead.
 - a. These Jews accepted Jesus as a man, but not His resurrection
 - b. 1.25 billion Muslims in the world accept Jesus, not His resurrection (1/6 of world pop)
 - i. Ayman al-Zawahri – Deputy Leader of Al Qaeda(2006 Videotape) *“I urge all Christians to convert to Islam, for it correctly believes that Jesus was never put to death, never rose from the dead, and was not divine.”*
 - c. Read II Tim 3:5 – “Having a form of ...”
2. There are men, in the name of science, that deny the Lord was resurrected from the dead.
 - a. 17 early non-Christian sources talk of it.
 - b. Yet they would deny the proof exists.

3. Christians need to proactively look to discover the proof for the resurrection b/c universities and the rest seek to hid and cover it up.
 - a. Just as for these soldiers and Romans, follow the money and you'll see why they cover it up.

#5 – The Resurrection proves Everything Else (Chap 28:16-20)

Read Vs 16-20

1. Vs 19 has 3 verbs
 - a. Go and baptize are participles
 - b. Teach is the imperative verb, the thrust
 - c. Go so that you can teach them, then they'll be baptized.
2. Vs 20 has 2 verbs
 - a. Teaching is a participle
 - b. Observe is the imperative verb, the thrust
 - c. Teach so that they can be keeping all things.

3. All things

- a. The point of ‘going’ is so that they can ‘teach’. Baptism will be a natural by-product
- b. The point of ‘teaching’ is so that they can ‘observe’ to be keeping.
- c. The point of ‘observing’ is to observe ‘all things’.
- d. Read Acts 20:26-27
- e. Christ’s resurrection proves Himself trustworthy.
 - i. Regarding who He is – “I’m the resurrection and the life.” (John 11:25)
 - ii. Regarding who I am – “I no longer call you servants; I call you friends” (John 15:15)
 - iii. Regarding the future
 1. Read I Pet 1:3-5
 2. He is keeping us!

Conclusion

5 things YOU need to know about the Resurrection!

1. **It can't be avoided**
 - a. Jesus lived the perfect life and died, since then, there's nothing to stop the resurrection!
2. **It's laid bare for all to see**
 - a. The excellent reasons to believe the resurrection are available to all. Come & see!
3. **It is for the commoner**
 - a. Women & children, rich & poor, old & young, Christ is for anyone!
4. **It needs to be discovered**
 - a. There is an intentional effort to hid Christ
5. **It proves everything else**
 - a. The resurrection of Jesus is all the proof you need to believe everything else that Jesus taught.
 - b. From creation to the future eternity!