



Series: Unexpected Messiah

Passage: Matthew 28:1-15

Title: The Resurrection

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Discussion Starter –What do you think kept Mary Magdalene and the other Mary from believing that Jesus would resurrect on the third day? Why then did they come to the tomb on that Sunday morning?

The Resurrection of Jesus, (Matthew 28:1-10)

- Read Matthew 27:62-66. What do you think was the real reason behind the chief priest and the Pharisee's request of Pilate to have the tomb of Jesus guarded? What hypocrisy do we observe in the actions of these religious leaders?
- How should the resurrection of Jesus Christ affect our lives?
- How does the resurrection tie into the uniqueness and teachings of Christianity over the teaching of all other religions?

Essential Evidences of the Resurrection

- What were the three primary evidences presented in the sermon that confirm Jesus' resurrection? Which one of the three evidences most powerfully speaks to you?
- Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-8. Describe how you have experienced the resurrection of Christ in your life beyond the mental belief of His resurrection being true? What are the things you hold on to that give you assurance and peace?
- Why is the Apostle Paul's own testimony one of the most powerful witness accounts of the evidence of the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

Why does the Resurrection Matter?

- Read 1 Peter 1:3-5. What role does the resurrection have according to this passage?
- Read Romans 4:24-25. How does the resurrection insure our right standing with God?
- Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-54. What is the purpose of our earthly bodies being resurrected?
- To what degree should your belief in the resurrection affect how you view the trials you face in this world? What framework or filter should we see things through?

Response to the Resurrection

- What do you think were the emotions of the women as they came to the tomb that morning? What were they expecting to see? What were their emotions like when they left?
- What lessons can we learn from the faithfulness of these women? How did God meet them where they were at? Read Luke 24:5. What additional insights are gained from this passage?
- Describe a time in your life that you have experienced fear mixed with great joy?
- Why do you think Jesus chose to tell Mary Magdalene to rejoice? Why are we to rejoice always?