



He has risen. He is not here!





## Resurrection:

### What is it?

- A rising of a physical body from the dead with a **new body** that will never die physically again.\*
- Resurrection has come to pass **only in the case** of Jesus Christ alone.\*
- Christ, a first-fruit, afterwards those who belong to the Christ in His coming [believers]. Wuest
- Now let's look at the first of many Scriptures that tell us about the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

\* H. Molloy

Matt 28:5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified.

<sup>6</sup> "He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying. <sup>7</sup> "Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead.



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- What does the resurrection prove about Christ?
- Why is the resurrection so critical to our faith?

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- 2. The stone was rolled away
- 3. The evidence of an empty tomb
- 4. The evidence of the graveclothes of Christ
- 5. Christ's appearances after the resurrection



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- **securing the grave:**\*

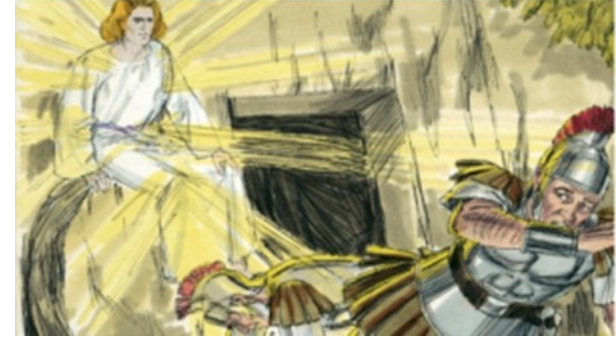
There was a Roman guard and a seal consisting of a cord set in wax around the stone where it was connected to the tomb.

- **empty tomb cover up:**

Matt 28:12b they [the chief priests] gave a large sum of money to the soldiers,<sup>13</sup> and said, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.’ ”

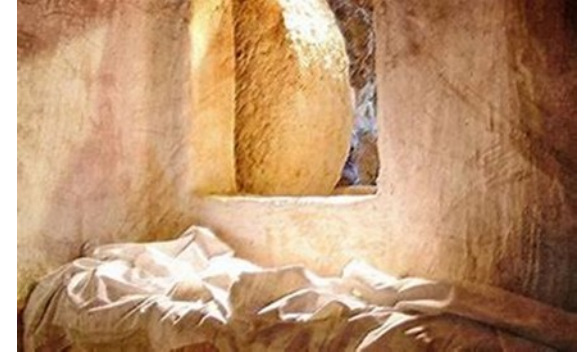
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## 2a. The Stone Was Rolled Away



- Because of its enormous weight (possibly several tons) it would require the combined efforts of several men to move the stone.
- The women themselves would have been unable to remove the stone. As they came to the tomb the morning of the resurrection, they were wondering, who would roll away the stone for them (Mark 16:2-8).
- **What really happened:** Matt 28:2 And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it.

## 2b. The Stone Was Rolled Away



### Why was the stone rolled away?\*

- It was not rolled away so Christ could leave because he could pass through the walls in His glorified body.
- By divine purpose it was removed to call attention to the testimony of the empty tomb.
- The tomb had been opened not to let Jesus out - but to let people in.
- **Why did people need to get in?**
- Because within the tomb itself lay some astounding evidence to the fact of the resurrection of Jesus, the witness of the graveclothes [see item #4].

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## 3a. The Evidence of an Empty Tomb

We will now look at the testimony of three eyewitnesses!

### Mary's Response:

John 20:1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, --- and saw the stone already taken away from the tomb.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, **she stooped and looked into the tomb**;  
<sup>12</sup> and she saw **two angels** in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying.

<sup>13</sup> And **they said to her**, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."



## 3b. The Evidence of an Empty Tomb

### John's Response in John 20:5:

John stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings - *saw* is *blepo* in the Greek:

- The word *blepo* indicates a mere glance in regard to the graveclothes, not an examination and not necessarily being affected by the sight.\*

### Peter's Response in John 20:6:

Then Peter arrived next and rushes into the tomb and he saw the linen wrappings lying there. The word for *saw* in this case is *theoreo* in the Greek:

- The word *theoreo* is to look at a thing with interest and with care for details.



## 4. The Evidence of the Graveclothes

Now the observation  
of two eyewitnesses!

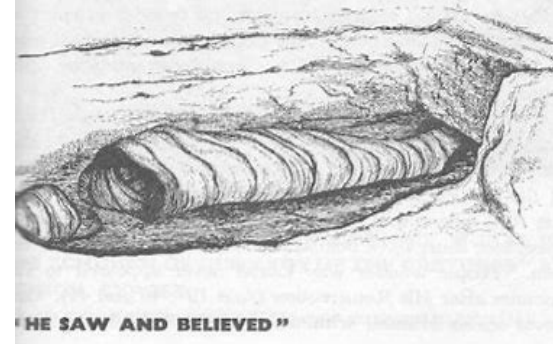


### Peter's Observation:

John 20:6 And so Simon Peter --- entered the tomb; and he saw (*theoreo*) the linen wrappings lying *there*,<sup>7</sup> and the face-cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself.

- If someone had removed these from the body, they would not have been lying as originally placed.\*
- Peter continued to ponder in his heart all he had observed.\*

## 4. The Evidence of the Graveclothes



### John's Observation:

Jon<sup>20:8</sup> So the other disciple (John) who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw (*eido*) and believed. <sup>9</sup> For as yet they did not understand the Scripture: that He must rise again from the dead.

- When John enters the tomb, what he sees brings immediate understanding, intelligent comprehension of the facts.\*
- The word for saw (*eido*) in this verse denotes mental perception resulting principally from the vision.\*
- Having now seen the witness of the empty tomb, he understands that His Lord has risen from the dead and believes.\*

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# 5. Christ's Appearances After the Resurrection\*



	<u>Appeared to</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Verses</u>
1	Mary Magdalene	outside the tomb	John 20:11-17
2	The women	running from the tomb	Matt. 28:9-10
3	Peter	somewhere in Jerusalem	Luke 24:34
4	The disciples	road to Emmaus	Luke 24:13-35
5	The 10 disciples	Jerusalem?	John 20:19-24
6	The 11 disciples#	Jerusalem?	John 20:26-29
7	The 7 disciples	sea of Galilee	John 21:1-23
8	The five hundred	not stated	1 Cor. 15:6
9	James - Lord's brother	not stated	1 Cor. 15:7

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## 5. Christ's Appearances after the Resurrection (cont.)



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10 The disciples	a mountain in Galilee	Matt. 28:16-20
11 The disciples	mount of Olives*	Acts 1:3-9
12 Stephen	prior to being martyred	Acts 7:55-56
13 Paul	road to Damascus	Acts 9:3-6
14 Paul	in Arabia	Gal 1:12&17
15 Paul	in the temple	Acts 22:17-21
16 Paul in prison	in Caesarea	Acts 23:11
17 The apostle John	island of Patmos	Rev 1:12-20



Two more important aspects of Christ's resurrection:

What does the resurrection prove about Christ?

- The resurrection authenticates Christ as the Son of God
- The resurrection proves the atoning value of Christ's work
- The resurrection demonstrates Christ's deity

Why is the resurrection so critical to our faith?

- Many verses in Scripture show the relationship between the believers' faith and Christ's resurrection

# What Does the Resurrection Prove About Christ?



## The resurrection authenticates Christ as the Son of God

- Rom 1:4a who [Christ Jesus] was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead,

the Father declared [marked out] Him to be the Son by resurrecting Him

## The resurrection proves the atoning value of Christ's work

- Rom 4:25 *He* who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was **raised because of** our justification.
  - “**raised because of**” means it proves the sufficiency of His payment for our justification [being declared righteous].\*
  - The resurrection proved that Christ's death was sufficient to bring justification by faith.\*



# What Does the Resurrection Prove About Christ?



## The resurrection demonstrates Christ's deity

The resurrection of Christ is unique in one major way:\*

- All others who were raised from the dead eventually return to their graves (e.g. Lazarus, Jairus' daughter, widow's son)

### Note who participated in Christ's resurrection:

**Father** - Gal 1:1b God the Father, who raised Him (Jesus Christ) from the dead.

**Holy Spirit** - Rom 8:11a But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.

**Son** - John 2:19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." --- <sup>21</sup> But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

# What Does the Resurrection Prove About Christ?



## Demonstration of Christ's deity (cont.)

- Clearly, if Christ participated in raising Himself from the dead, he must be more than just a man! \*

Acts 2:24 But God raised Him [Christ] up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

John 20:9 For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.

- Death cannot hold God in its power!

# Christ's Resurrection Is Critical to Our Faith



1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be **born again** to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

- the believer has been born again [born from above!]
- to a living hope [hope = absolute certainty]
- through [by means of] the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead
- \* Christ's resurrection ensures our salvation
- 1 Thess 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.



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- Thus we can see that by the resurrection, man is provided with a living hope because it depends on a living Savior.\*

**John 11:25** Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,<sup>26a</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.

**John 17:2** even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life.<sup>3</sup> "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

# Final Thoughts



- The question for this Sunday, April 20, 2025 is: **Do you know** Jesus Christ? or **Do you just know about** Him!
- But many people, though very sincere, do not see they have a **desperate need** for the resurrection life that Jesus Christ gives us.
- Every man, women and child under the condemnation of God!
- It's not their actions but who they are related to that condemns them:
- Rom 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man [the] sin entered into the world, and death through [the] sin, and so death spread to all men, **because all sinned [in Adam].**

“Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?”

Rom 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.



So faith comes from hearing,

- **the faith** - means a particular kind of faith
- this is saving faith - the kind of faith that brings salvation
- But this saving faith must have an **object** – the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ

Next we are told where this **saving faith** comes from

- saving faith comes from **the message heard**
- so faith is based on the “**content of the message**” not just hearing it
- once you have heard **this message**, faith is possible

So what is **the message heard?**

It's the Gospel



- 1 Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received,
- that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
- <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried,
- and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.
- <sup>5</sup> and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

**So the following verse sums it up:**

John 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

