

Seven Words That Rocked The World
Matthew 28:1-15
Easter Sunday
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“After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.’ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. ‘Greetings,’ he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’ While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, ‘You are to say, ‘His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.’ So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.
--Matthew 28:1-15

“Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.” --John 2:19

A. The _____ of the resurrection

How do we KNOW the resurrection happened?

Consider two sources:

1. The _____

These are the seven words that rocked the world:

“ _____ ”

“He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death.”
--Isaiah 53:9

“...come and see the place where He lay.”—Matthew 21:6

“He is not here. He has risen!”(v. 6)

2. _____

“He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.” (1 Corinthians 15:4-6)

There are two theories that skeptics have raised to explain away the resurrection:

1. The disciples _____ the body of Jesus.

2. The “ _____.”

B. The _____ of the resurrection

If indeed, Jesus was raised from the dead, what does that mean for us?

1. Jesus is more than a _____

“If there’s no resurrection, there’s no living Christ. And face it— if there’s no resurrection for Christ, everything we’ve told you is smoke and mirrors, and everything you’ve staked your life on is smoke and mirrors...If all we get out of Christ is a little inspiration for a few short years, we’re a pretty sorry lot. But the truth is Christ has been raised up.”

--1 Corinthians 15:13-18 (The Message)

2. I can be _____

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” --Romans 3:23

“If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be SAVED.” --Romans 10:9

3. I don’t have to fear _____

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.” --John 11:26

“Death has been swallowed up in victory. ‘Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?’ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:54-57)