

THE STORY



THE RESURRECTION

Matthew 28 & Luke 24

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John 19:38-42

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- Joseph of Arimathea asked for Jesus' *body*.
- They took *the body* away.
- They wrapped *the body* with spices and linen.
- The religious leaders feared that the disciples may try to steal *the body*.

JESUS REALLY ROSE (Matthew 28 & Luke 24)

"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..."

Matthew 28:5-7

The Gospel writers emphasize Jesus *really* rose:

- The tomb was *empty*.
- The body was *missing*.
- Jesus *appeared* to many people.
- The lives of disciples were *transformed*.

"Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John 20:29

Jesus' death paid the _____ for our sin;
Jesus' resurrection promises _____ over
sin and death.

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Sermon on October 23, 2022
The Resurrection

Getting to Know Me –

1. What was something you lost and then found that really excited you?
2. Are you most productive in the early morning hours, afternoon or evening?

Digging Deeper

3. What new insight or information did you learn about Jesus' resurrection from reading chapter 27 of *The Story* or hearing Pastor Phil's sermon this Sunday?
4. Read Luke 24:1-12 two times. The second time read it very slowly, meditating on the passage. What do you think these eye witnesses experienced as they saw the empty tomb and then were confronted by angels? What words or images stood out for you? What did they remember?
5. How does the news that Jesus has risen affect these women? How do they respond? Why do you think the men doubted what they shared about their experience? How does knowing Jesus rose from the dead increase your faith?

6. Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-8. Paul was an eyewitness of Jesus's life after death. How does hearing his explanation of the gospel and this list of witnesses to the risen Jesus increase your faith in the resurrection and God's ultimate power over death?

7. Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-19. Why does the reality of the resurrection matter for our lives today? What would change if indeed the resurrection were a hoax? How do his words affect your view of the resurrection?

Where Do I Go from Here?

God was victorious over death through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. This act was pivotal in human history and the hallmark of our Christian faith as the expression of God's love for humankind.

1. Praise God for his ultimate victory over death.
2. Spend time this week acknowledging your need for Jesus and his ultimate victory over sin.
3. Find time to express your gratitude to God for all that Jesus accomplished through his death and resurrection.

Prayer

Father God, we praise your holy name. You are worthy of all praise, glory, and honor. We acknowledge our weakness and at times our doubt. Forgive us for our times of not honoring you with all that we are. We are thankful that you are loving and kind and sent your son, Jesus, to teach us and take on the penalty for our sins and victory over death. What a loving God you are! Help us, Lord, to reflect your love to others. Amen.

"We exist to glorify God by guiding people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ."

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