



Sermon Notes April 12, 2020

Resurrection Day – A Day Like No Other

Text: Matthew 28:1

1 Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb.

Seven Reactions To The Resurrection

1. A Day of Fear – Matthew 28:2-4

2 Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it.

3 His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow.

4 The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint.

2. A Day of Declaration – Matthew 28:5-7

5 Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.

6 He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as He said would happen. Come, see where His body was lying.

7 And now, go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead, and He is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see Him there. Remember what I have told you."

3. A Day of Celebration – Matthew 28:8

8 The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message.

4. A Day of Worship – Matthew 28:9-10

9 And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to Him, grasped His feet, and worshiped Him.

10 Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell My brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see Me there."

5. A Day of Bribing – Matthew 28:11-12,15

11 As the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and told the leading priests what had happened.

12 A meeting with the elders was called, and they decided to give the soldiers a large bribe.

15 So the guards accepted the bribe and said what they were told to say. Their story spread widely among the Jews, and they still tell it today.

6. A Day of **Lying** – Mathew 28:13-14

13 They told the soldiers, "You must say, 'Jesus' disciples came during the night while we were sleeping, and they stole His body.'

14 If the governor hears about it, we'll stand up for you so you won't get in trouble."

7. A Day of **Disbelief** – Mark 16:11

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11 But when she told them that Jesus was alive and she had seen Him, they didn't believe her.

There Were Personal Witnesses That Jesus Rose From The Dead **Jesus appeared to the twelve apostles, then over **500** at one time, then to James – I Corinthians 15:5-7**

1 Corinthians 15:5-7

5 He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve.

6 After that, He was seen by more than 500 of His followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.

7 Then He was seen by James and later by all the apostles.

People have asked, "How do you know that Jesus lived, died, and rose again?" I said, the same reason that I believe George Washington lived, fought in the revolutionary, was president, and died? It's because someone recorded it and gave us a record of him. It's the same way with Jesus Christ, we have a recorded of his birth, his life, his death, and his resurrection. If I am going to reject the record of Jesus Christ, on the same basis, I must reject the record of George Washington. A better question, is based on the facts, why wouldn't I believe what I read about Jesus?

Jesus knew there would be people who would not believe because they did not see him, as well as those who would believe in Jesus without seeing him.

Jesus says we are **blessed because we believe in his resurrection by faith –**

John 20:26-29

26 Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," He said.

27 Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at My hands. Put your hand into the wound in My side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"

28 "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed.

29 Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen Me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing Me."

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