

The Reality of the Resurrection

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Text: Matthew 28:1-20

Introduction: This morning I want to concentrate on the overwhelming data about the Resurrection. The Apostle Paul said, *“If Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless”* (I Corinthians 15:17). The Resurrection is either one of the most wicked, heartless, vicious hoaxes ever or it is the most fantastic fact of history. I want us to see the overwhelming proof that Jesus Christ did exactly what He predicted He would do -- that on the third day He rose from the dead. Acts 1:3 states that *“After His suffering, He showed Himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive.”* What does that really mean? Let’s study together...

Discussion:

I. The Overwhelming Evidence

How Could Someone Argue Against the Empty Tomb?

Matthew 27:57-66, Mark 15:42-47, Luke 23:50-56, John 19:38-42

How Could Someone Argue Against the Witnesses?

Acts 1:3, 2:32, I Corinthians 15:3-6, II Peter 1:16

How Could Someone Argue Against the Changed Lives?

Matthew 28: 8-20, Mark 16:14-18, Luke 24:36-49, John 20:19-23, Acts 2, 9

II. The Obvious Choice

How will you answer the question of doubt?

How will you answer the question of loneliness?

How will you answer the question of weakness?

How will you answer the question of guilt?

How will you answer the question of death?

Conclusion: You can’t sit in judgment forever. The evidence for the Resurrection is overwhelming and relevant to your life. The evidence demands a verdict. It’s time to make your decision. It’s time to encounter the living Christ for yourself. If you want irrefutable proof for the Resurrection, then let Jesus change your life. Open yourself up to Him. Turn to Him now. Embrace the living Lord Jesus. In **John 20**, when Peter and John ran into the empty tomb, they were surprised and startled because they *“saw and believed”* (v.8). There are many arguments made against the resurrection. However, you must answer if you believe. Have you obeyed God’s plan of salvation? Are you faithfully following Him?

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