

"The Resurrection of Jesus"

Wednesday Evening Bible Class by Ray Reynolds (February 5, 2014)

Introduction: The Sunday after the death of Jesus was so good because the day before had been so bad. What a horrible weekend for the followers of Jesus! Imagine the grieving of His mother Mary who watched her son die and be buried all in just a few hours. The women didn't even get to prepare the body for burial. Death was absolute. No one was betting on His resurrection. Let's study together to see what happened...

Discussion:

I. Friday = A Day of Doubt

A. Doubting Judas becomes the Defector

**Luke 22:48, John 6:70, John 12:6, John 17:12, Psalm 41:9,
Zechariah 11:12-13, Matthew 20:18, Matthew 26:20-25, Acts 1:16-20**

B. Doubting Peter becomes the Denier

Matthew 26:33-35, Mark 14:29-31, Luke 22:33-34, John 13:36-38

C. Doubting Disciples become the Deserters

Matthew 26:56, Mark 14:50-52, John 20-21

II. Saturday = A Day of Desperation

A. "Hope" turns to "Fear"

John 20:19

B. "Courage" turns to "Cowardice"

Mark 8:21, 9:31, 10:24

C. "Joy" turns to "Mourning"

Mark 16:2-3

III. Sunday = A Day of Delight

A. When Jesus rose on the third day, eternal love rose with Him.

John 20:10-18, Luke 24:13-34

B. When Jesus rose on the third day, eternal life rose with Him.

John 3:15-16, John 12:25, I Timothy 6:12

C. When Jesus rose on the third day, eternal assurance rose with Him.

John 14:1-6, Romans 6:8, I Thessalonians 4:14-17

Conclusion: I love how the resurrection story is told! Don't miss the little things that happened. Don't ignore the details to the story. Why did Jesus personally appear to Mary Magdalene? Because that is just the kind of person Jesus is. He is full of mercy and full of compassion. He helps those who need it the most. Do you need Jesus now?