

“The Resurrection of Christ”
Luke 23:47-24:12
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I. Introduction

- A. “Earnestly contend for the faith” (Jude 3)
 - 1. The incarnation of Christ
 - 2. The crucifixion of Christ
 - 3. The resurrection of Christ
- B. Today, we look together at the resurrection of Jesus Christ
 - 1. Its importance (1 Corinthians 15)
 - a) Preaching is vain
 - b) Faith is vain
 - c) Still in our sins
 - d) Our loved ones are lost
 - e) No hope of heaven
 - f) Only this life, most miserable
 - 2. “Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept” (1 Corinthians 15:20)

II. The Burial of Christ (Luke 23:47-56)

- A. The effects produced by Christ’s death (vv. 47-49)
 - 1. (Acts 2)
- B. Joseph of Arimathea (vv. 50-54)
 - 1. Rich
 - 2. Counselor
 - 3. Honorable
 - 4. (John 19)
 - a) Only for a King
 - 5. Close to Calvary
 - 6. Friday (v. 54)
- C. The women preparing (vv. 55-56)
 - 1. Wrong tomb?
 - 2. Truly dead?

III. The Resurrection Discovered (Luke 24:1-12)

- A. The setting (v. 1)
 - 1. (Psalm 30:5)
- B. The empty tomb (v.v. 2-3)
 - 1. Surprise #1 (v. 2)
 - 2. Surprise #2 (v. 3)
 - 3. Surprise #3 (v. 4)
- C. The report of the angels (vv. 4-8)
 - 1. God’s Word (v. 6)

2. Remember God's Word (v. 6)
3. Cross and resurrection (v. 7)
- D. The report of the women (vv. 9-11)
 1. The first to see Jesus (v. 10)
- E. Peter's response (v. 12)
 1. The tomb was almost empty
- F. The physical nature of the resurrection
 1. The tomb was empty (Luke 24:3, 6, 12)
 2. Jesus's resurrection body retained the crucifixion scars (Luke 24:39)
 3. Jesus ate food in His resurrection body (Luke 24:42-43)
 4. Jesus' resurrection body was touched by others (Like 24:39-40)
 5. Jesus' resurrection body was humanly visible and heard (John 20:15-16)
- G. What does the resurrection of Jesus Christ mean?
 1. His person
 - a) He's alive
 - b) He's God
 - c) Everything Jesus said was true
 - 1) "I am the way, the truth, the life"
 - 2) (John 3)
 - d) We can trust Him
 - e) The object of our faith
 - 1) Our faith is not in vain
 2. His pardon
 - a) He forgives
 - 1) We have all sinned
 - 2) (1 Corinthians 15:17)
 - 3) (1 John 1:9)
 - 4) (Psalm 103:12)
 - b) Have you been forgiven?
 3. His power
 - a) He lives in me by His Spirit
 - b) (Philippians 3:10)
 - 1) It is the power to live a godly life
 - 2) Are you bound by sin?
 - 3) Jesus can set you free
 4. His presence
 - a) Jesus said, "I will never leave you or forsake you"
 - b) "I am with you always"
 - c) (Psalm 23:4)
 5. His purpose
 - a) Life without God is empty
 - 1) Illustration- King Solomon
 - b) (1 Corinthians 15:19)
 6. His promise
 - a) (John 14)
 - b) Heaven- the Father's House
 - 1) A real place
 - 2) A prepared place

- c) (Psalm 23:6)
- 7. His pattern
 - a) (1 Corinthians 15:20)
 - b) (1 Thessalonians 4)
 - 1) We can see our loved ones again
- 8. His punishment
 - a) He's the judge
 - b) (Acts 17:31)