

HE IS RISEN! *It's All True!*

Matthew 28: 1-15

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What does the cross mean to me today?

At the cross, believers were freed from Satan's grasp, forcefully extracted from Satan's kingdom and placed into Christ's kingdom – Colossians 1: 13

At the cross, it all looked so bleak, so hopeless!

Then there was **SUNDAY!**

An empty tomb with a rolled-up cloth and a beam of light. The scene is dimly lit, with a bright beam of light streaming in from an opening in the background, illuminating the interior of the tomb. A large, dark, rounded object, likely the stone, is visible on the left side of the frame. In the foreground, a piece of light-colored, folded fabric lies on the floor. The overall atmosphere is one of mystery and divine light.

HE IS RISEN,
HE IS RISEN
INDEED!

Verse 1 - 4

The stone was rolled away

The stone being rolled away was not to let Jesus out, but the women to see –

THE TOMB WAS EMPTY!!

The Resurrection – *impossible?*

“Nothing is impossible with God”

Luke 1: 37

REMEMBER THIS:

When you need the God of the impossible to invade your problem:

- God will make a way when there seems to be no way - **Isaiah 43: 16**
- God will help you! **Isaiah 41: 10**
- Either God will change something, or He will change me and give me the strength to overcome!

In the floods and fires of life, *God's presence is worth everything!*

Verse 5 - 8

**The angels calm the women
and instruct them**

No one has an experience like this just for them to have a great memory moment -

- Miracles have a purpose!
- All miracles glorify God!
- All miracles demonstrate our God is an **AWESOME GOD!**

Verse 9 - 10

The Risen Jesus met the women

Notice when they met Jesus

SETTLE THIS:

Obedience precedes blessing!

Satan responds to the resurrection; he makes up a lie that is circulated to this day

We can expect this from the *“father of lies”*

John 8:44 NIV

- *You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*

Verse 11 - 15
The Great Coverup

The great lie – enter the deceiver!

*“Tell them, His disciples came at night
and stole Him away while we slept”*

How would sleeping guards know the disciples stole the body if they were asleep?

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

Christianity rises or falls on the Resurrection

AND IF CHRIST HAS NOT
BEEN RAISED, OUR
PREACHING IS
WORTHLESS, AND SO IS
YOUR FAITH.

- 1 CORINTHIANS 15:14

If Jesus did not rise from the dead

then we are still in our sins

If Jesus did not rise from the dead

He was not the Messiah, our Savior

If Jesus did not rise from the dead

He would be a phony

If Jesus did not rise from the dead

this would be the greatest hoax in history

If Jesus did not rise from the dead

He would indeed be a liar and a lunatic

JESUS DID RISE FROM THE DEAD – HE IS LORD!!

For all the doubters, there is observable evidence:
THE TOMB WAS EMPTY!

How could frightened, terrified disciples steal the body?

John 20: 19

What about grave robbers?

No self-respecting grave robber would take the time to fold the handkerchief around Jesus' head or challenge a Roman guard

What about the eyewitness testimony?

Too many people saw the Resurrected Jesus for it to be a farce

What about doubting Thomas?

Thomas believed when he saw Jesus

John 20: 27-29

What about the changed lives of the disciples?

*They went from running away from the battle,
to running to the battle*

All died violently, or were tortured

*None recanted under pressure – people will not die
for a lie!*

What about your life? How has Jesus changed you?

*Go ask anyone whom Jesus touched, their lives
have been CHANGED!!*

We can view Resurrection Sunday as when a day of infamy became a day of VICTORY!

A day when Satan (*the despicable one*), the deceiver's head was crushed – Genesis 3: 15

**Christ's Resurrection assures our resurrection!
John 14: 19**

This Resurrection Sunday, may all believers rejoice!

“HE IS RISEN!”

“HE IS RISEN INDEED!!”

WHAT A DIFFERENCE HE MADE IN MY LIFE!

A black and white photograph of a person standing in front of a wall covered in graffiti. The word 'JESUS' is written in large, bold, block letters across the top of the wall. The person is standing in the center, looking towards the camera. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the person's figure appearing as a silhouette against the lighter wall.

Jesus Made All
the Difference