

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

April 21, 2019

“He is Risen!”

The Immediate Effects & Long Term Implications of the Resurrection

Introduction

- We generally tend to understand ourselves and our personal story in terms of key _____ in our lives.
- Certain events, however, hold more significance than others primarily because of how they _____ the rest of our lives.
⇒ *For followers of Jesus, although there are numerous events in both our lives and in Scripture that help us to understand our identity in the midst of God's unfolding of His plans and purposes, none is more significant than the _____ of Jesus Christ!*

The Events Immediately Following the Resurrection—Matthew 28:1-15

1. Several women who were His followers went to prepare His body and to _____ the meaning of all of the events they had witnessed.
Matt. 28:1—Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.
2. Some important things had occurred before their arrival. (28:2-4)
3. They were told of Jesus' resurrection by the angel and instructed to go and inform the other disciples about it. (28:5-7)
4. They were then greeted by Jesus who repeated the instructions to them, but told them to _____ His resurrection to His disciples. (28:8-10)

Matt. 28:10— Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

5. The guards went immediately and informed the religious leaders about what had occurred and a plot was formed to explain all of it away. (28:11-15)

Some Important Observations:

- The reality of the resurrection brought comfort to Jesus' _____ but not to the guards.
- The response of Jesus' followers to the news of the resurrection was _____ and _____.
- The response of Jesus' enemies to the news of the resurrection was _____.
- Jesus' followers saw Him face to face and _____ Him.

The Ongoing Implications of the Resurrection—Matthew 28:18-20

Matt. 28:18-20—¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

1. Because of the resurrection, Jesus has been given _____ authority in heaven and on earth.

2. Because of the resurrection, His followers have an ongoing _____.

⇒ Proclaiming the _____!

⇒ _____ those who believe!

3. Because of the resurrection, His followers can be assured of His presence among them _____ and their presence with Him _____.

How will we respond?

1. _____ →

2. _____ →

Phil. 2:9-11—⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.