

Easter Sunday 2013 03/31/13

WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT ABOUT THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS?

The Easter Story

(matt. 28:1-10) 1 Now after the Sabbath, as the first **day** of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. 4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead **men**. 5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 "And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." 8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. 9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "**Rejoice!**" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "**Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.**"

1) It proved Jesus was Who He _____ to be.

(john 3.16) 16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

(acts 2.24) 24 "whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.

2) It proved that what Jesus told us was _____.

(matt.17:22-23) 22 Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "**The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, 23 "and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up.**" And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

(john 11.25-26) 25 Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 "And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"**

(John 14.6) 6 Jesus said to him, "**I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**"

3) It assures us that we can have a _____ life right now.

(1 cor. 15:12-17) 12 Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. 14 And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching **is** empty and your faith **is** also empty. 15 Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up--if in fact the dead do not rise. 16 For if **the** dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. 17 And if Christ is not risen, your faith **is** futile; you are still in your sins!

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(1 cor. 15.18-19) 18 Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

4) It assures us that we can have _____ life.

(1 cor. 15.20-22) 20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, **and** has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man **came** death, by Man also **came** the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

(1 john 5:11-13) 11 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may **continue to** believe in the name of the Son of God.