

THE MIRACLE OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

(An Easter message)

TEXT: Luke 24:1-8; John 10:17,18

INTRODUCTION: Let us make a pilgrimage this morning to the new tomb of Joseph of Arimathaea and “see the place where the Lord lay.” Christ’s resurrection was the watershed moment of all history. No greater announcement ever greeted human ears than the angels’ explanation for the empty tomb – “*He is not here, but is risen.*”

Luke’s account of the Jesus’ resurrection doesn’t give all the details supplied by Matthew, Mark, and John, but it does tell us some things they don’t. After all, Luke also wrote the Book of Acts, and knew the “infallible proofs” with which Jesus showed Himself alive after His crucifixion. His inspired history of the early church gives a most amazing demonstration of the ongoing power of Christ’s resurrection.

OUTLINE: There are at least three reasons that the bodily resurrection of Jesus from the grave is incomparable in the annals of history.

I. Its **ANTICIPATION** – the Credible Prophecies

A. Psalm 16:8-11 (quoted in Acts 2:25-28)

B. The prophecies from Christ’s own lips

1. John 2:18-22
2. Matthew 12:38-40
3. Matthew 16:21
4. Matthew 17:22, 23
5. John 10:17,18
6. Matthew 20:17-19

II. Its **ATTESTATION** – the Convincing Proofs

A. The empty grave with its relics (v. 2)

1. Spices (v. 1; 23:56)
2. Grave-clothes (Jn. 20:6,7)
3. Angels (vv. 4-7)

B. The multiple appearances to witnesses (1 Cor. 15:3-8)

C. The testimony of Pentecost (Acts 2:22-24, 33)

III. Its **ACCENTUATION** – the Certain Proclamation

A. Jesus is God (Rom. 1:4).

B. Sinners can be saved (Rom. 4:25).

C. Believers will be resurrected also (Jn. 14:19; Phil. 3:21; 1 Cor. 15:20-23).

CONCLUSION: If God could raise Jesus from the dead, He can quicken sinners who are “*dead in trespasses and in sins.*” Therefore every conversion is nothing less than a fresh putting forth of Christ’s resurrecting power! That power not only imparts new life, but it **keeps** the believer saved, because Jesus “*ever liveth to make intercession*” for His own.

Have you experienced the miracle of spiritual resurrection?