

## Some Doubted - 4/04/21

**TEXT- Mat 28:17** *And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.*

**INTRO- The resurrection is the cornerstone of Christianity. Without the resurrection Paul states: 1 Co 15:12-20** *Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: 14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. 15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. 16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: 17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. 18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. 20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.*

**We serve a living risen Savior.**

**Why do some believe and others do not?**

### I. Some Worshipped

**Luke tells us in Acts 1:3 that Jesus rose from the dead and walked the earth for 40 days until he was translated into heaven. He told his disciples to meet Him at a mountain in Galilee and later we know he ascended up into heaven from Jerusalem.**

#### **A. Many saw Him**

**Acts 1:3** *To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:*

**1 Co 15:5-8** *And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:*

*6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once;*

*7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.*

*8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.*

**Mat 28:1** *In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came **Mary Magdalene** and the other **Mary** to see the sepulchre.*

**Mat 28:9** *And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, **All hail**. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.*

**1. proskuneo** "to make obeisance, do reverence to" (from **pros**, "towards," and **kuneo**, "to kiss"), is the most frequent word rendered "to worship."

**It is used as an act of homage or reverence**

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#### **B. They saw His miracles**

#### **C. They remembered His Words**

**Luke 24:5-8** *And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, 7 Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. 8 And they remembered his words.*

### II. Some Doubted

The doubters could not have been any of the eleven, for they had seen the Lord more than once at Jerusalem, and had proofs that he had risen from the dead.

#### **Mat 28:17 "Some doubted"**

**Mar 16:9-11** *Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to **Mary Magdalene**, out of whom he had cast seven devils. 10 And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. 11 And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, **believed not**.*

#### **Thomas doubted**

**Luke 24:9-11** *And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest. 10 It was **Mary Magdalene**, and **Joanna**, and **Mary the mother of James**, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles. 11 And **their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not**.*

Throughout history there have been those that believed and those that doubted. Why do some doubt?

#### **A. Their heart is evil**

**Heb 3:12** *Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.*

**John 3:19** *And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*

**Jer 17:9** *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*

#### **B. Blinded by Satan**

**2 Co 4:4** *In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

#### **C. Not hear Moses and the prophets**

**Luke 16:31** *And he said unto him, If they hear not **Moses and the prophets**, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.*



#### **D. Did not hear the Word of God**

**Rom 10:14** *How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?*

#### **E. No preacher**

### **III. The Invitation To All**

#### **Are some not redeemable?**

**John 20:29** . . . *blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.*

#### **A. Faith is necessary**

**Heb 11:6** *But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

#### **B. Whosoever**

**John 3:15** *That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*

**1 Pe 3:18** *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:*

**1 Jn 2:2** *And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.*

### **IV. The Judgement to Come**

#### **A. Hell awaits unbelievers**

**Rev 21:8** *But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*

#### **B. Heaven awaits believers**

**Mat 25:23** *His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.*

**Rev 19:1** *And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:*

**1 Th 4:16-17** *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

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