

ALIVE! Jesus is Alive! (Matt28:1-15)

1. Can We Trust the Bible?

- A. The Bible is historically accurate...archaeology continues to confirm the Scriptures!
1. Luke is known, even by secular historians and archaeologists, as one of the greatest historians of all time; cities, countries, people, events – not _____ mistake found!
2. Sodom/Gomorrah; King David; *even* walls of Jericho falling by shouting; specific people, cities, events detailed in Scripture – ALL found to be true!
- B. The Bible is scientifically accurate: earth is sphere; incalculable stars; free float earth in space; each star different; light moves; air has weight; winds blow in cyclones; blood source of life; ocean floors contain deep valleys and mountains; ocean springs; disease- hands should be washed w/ running water
- C. The Bible is prophetically accurate: predicted rise/fall great empires like Greece/Rome(Dan2:39,40)
1. Jesus fulfilled 33 in one day; over 300; even the exacts words and events at cross, *Ps22*
2. 1man to fulfill48 is 10to157; $2.5 \times 10^{15} = 1$ inch of electrons end to end; take 19million yrs counting 250minute day/night for 10 to 15; Jesus just 48 is 10to157!!! *Impossible but true!*
- D. The overwhelming manuscript evidence: greatest works of ancient history-Iliad, Sophocles; Plato, Caesar's Gallic Wars, etc. most hv 100copies, Iliad 1800; 900yrs after; *Bible over 24,000*, 30yrs after
- E. The _____ is the most translated, best-selling, and most attacked book in the history of mankind!

2. The Trustworthy Evidence that Jesus is ALIVE! (Matt28:1-15)

- A. The historical account of Scripture *IS* _____ evidence!!! (*Read...Matt28:1-7*)
- B. The eye-witnesses that _____ is Alive (vs.1-10; 1Cor15:1-8) **over 500*, names, most still alive then
**Disciples once scared, confused, in hiding, bold and courageous, give their lives; *Acts4:13*
- C. The witness of His _____; one of greatest evidences! (Matt28:11-15; *Acts2:36-37*)
1. Recent enemies converted: atheists converted trying to disprove Bible and resurrection
**Josh McDowell; J Warner Wallace (cold case detective); Lee Strobel – Case for Christ*
2. His enemies never contradicted He raised the dead, gave sight to blind, healed sick etc.
3. The Apostle Paul: greatest enemy of church, became greatest hero of faith; *Acts26:14-19*
- D. The greatest _____ ever told: Matthew ends w/ to convince of resurrection – soldiers eye-witnesses!
1. Where's the body?!?! Swoon theory; telepathy; impersonation; séance, even a gas theory
2. vs.4: guards saw resurrection/angel; fell like dead men...went and told chief priests, *vs.11*
3. After hearing Roman soldiers, trained killers... “consulted” – formal meeting w/ Sanhedrin
**decide to make up a lie and spread it! Vs.12-15; 100yrs later – Justin Martyr*

3. How Will You Respond to the Evidence? *Evidence is overwhelming, is more needed?!! _____

- A. Roman Soldiers chose to follow Pharisees _____; religious leaders refuse evidence, chose _____
- B. The women, disciples, millions more... have believed, worshipped Jesus, and followed Him to end
- C. Jesus is ALIVE changes everything! **Acts17:30-31 – the judgment, heaven, hell; forgiveness- true!*
****1Cor15:20,50-58*