

Series: Easter 2023 (Stand Alone)

Text: Matthew 28:1-20

**Main Idea:** We worship and proclaim Jesus, who died and rose again.

Title/Hook: Fact or Fiction?

Date: 4/9/23

Purpose: To proclaim the facts about Jesus' death and resurrection and exhort all who hear this good news to respond in worship and proclamation of Him.

Apologetic: Alternative explanations to the agreed upon facts: stolen body, wrong tomb, swoon, hallucination, etc.

Structure: Inductive

### **Main Idea:**

Subject (What is the passage about?): What happened on the first day of the week after Jesus died and was buried.

Complement (What does the passage say about the subject?): Mary Magdalene and the other Mary saw an angel at the tomb who told them Jesus had risen from the dead, just like he said he would, and they were to go and tell his disciples to meet Him in Galilee. The Jewish leaders lied about why the tomb was empty, but His disciples saw Him alive, worshipped Him, and were sent to tell others about Him.

Exegetical Main Idea: On the first day of the week after Jesus died and was buried, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary saw an angel at the tomb who told them Jesus had risen from the dead, just like he said he would, and they were to go and tell his disciples to meet Him in Galilee. The Jewish leaders lied about why the tomb was empty, but His disciples saw Him alive, worshipped Him, and were sent to tell others about Him.

Theological Main Idea: Jesus died and rose again, as He said he would, and He is to be worshipped and proclaimed to all nations.

Homiletical Main Idea: We worship and proclaim Jesus, who died and rose again.

### **Outline:**

Defintion:

“Revisionist history is the reinterpretation of a historical account. It usually involves challenging the orthodox (established, accepted or traditional) views held by professional scholars about a historical event or timespan or phenomenon, introducing contrary evidence, or reinterpreting the motivations and decisions of the people involved.”

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**Fact #1: Jesus died by crucifixion and was buried in Joseph’s tomb (vv. 1, 5)**

**Matthew 27:50** - <sup>50</sup> And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

**John 19:33-34** - <sup>33</sup> But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup> But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.

**Quote – John Stott** - “Are we then seriously to believe that Jesus was all the time only in a swoon? That after the rigors and pains of trial, mockery, flogging, and crucifixion he could survive thirty-six hours in a stone sepulcher with neither warmth nor food nor medical care? That he could then rally sufficiently to perform the superhuman feat of shifting the boulder which secured the mouth of the tomb, and this without disturbing the Roman Guard? That then, weak and sickly and hungry, he could appear to the disciples in such a way as to give them the impression that he had vanquished death? That he could do on to claim that he had died and risen, could send them unto the end of the world and promise to be with them unto the end of time? That he could live somewhere in hiding for forty days, making occasional surprise appearances, and then finally disappear without any explanation?”

**Matthew 27:57-61** - <sup>57</sup> When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. <sup>58</sup> He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. <sup>59</sup> And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud

<sup>60</sup> and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. <sup>61</sup> Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

**Read v. 1 again**

**Fact #2: The tomb where Jesus was buried was empty on Sunday (vv. 2-6, 11-15)**

**Read vv. 2-6 again**

**Read vv. 11-15 again**

**Fact #3: Jesus' disciples claimed to see Him alive after His death (vv. 7-10, 16-17)**

**1 Corinthians 15:3-8** - <sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

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**1 Corinthians 15:1-4, 54-56** – <sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first

importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures... <sup>54</sup> When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

<sup>55</sup> “O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Response #1: Deny and doubt (vv. 11-15, 17)**

**Response #2: Worship and proclaim (vv. 9, 17, 18-20)**

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