

The King Revealed: In His Rising!

John 12:23-36

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NKJV - "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. 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. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 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." So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word."

What's the big deal about Easter? What's the big deal about the Resurrection?

- There are over 300 references to Resurrection in NT, and it is the "capstone" of our faith. If the Resurrection of Jesus didn't happen, then all of Christianity of a "House of Cards" that comes crashing down!
- The Resurrection of Jesus speaks to the issues of Death; Hope; Motivation in this life; Security in Eternity - It is of maximal importance to Christians:
Most famous clock of the world "Big Ben" in London - music in chimes is a hymn about the Resurrection!! - Londoners set their clocks and conduct their day - in relation to the Resurrection of Christ! You should do the same - the Resurrection of Jesus should impact every area of your life too!

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- **Consider the first word "Come" - This would've been revolutionary, for the Jewish Religious system at the time of Christ was *NOT***

invitational:

Jim and Lynda Onan - Golden Pyramid 17,000 square feet; surrounded by a moat full of sharks!!

613 commandments

Full of DO's and DO NOT's

Rituals, Rules, Regulations

Law was called "Seyagh" - a "Fence" to keep people out!

Barriers in Temple actually did this...

It said "You're just not good enough....do more!!"

• **"Come" - It is really the first word of the Gospel, an *INVITATION*:**

2 Disciples

Rich Young Ruler

Little Children

Exhausted and Weary

To YOU today....

• **Consider the second word "*See*" - This is the Greek word "ido" which could be translated "examine, investigate, or check it out"**

- The angel was inviting them to go inside the Tomb and investigate and examine it.
- They would've seen the shroud, the empty tomb, the stone, eyewitnesses....

• **There are many things that I would encourage *YOU* to examine and investigate, if you are skeptical of the Resurrection of Christ.** After all, Jesus of Nazareth was revolutionary, in that He claimed 3 amazing things:

- *To be the Jewish Messiah and King! (300)*
- *To be God in human flesh!*
- *To be the **only Way to salvation!***
- *He claimed that He would prove all these true by HIS PHYSICAL RESURRECTION!*

• **But what are some of the evidences that *YOU* could examine today?**

- **Early Sources** - *Earliest in world; some within months of Resurr.*
- **Excellent Manuscripts** - *Greatest in Quantity & Quality in the world!*
- **Expert Soldiers** - *They knew how to kill professionally!*
- **Eye Witnesses** - *They claimed to have seen Him..and died for it!*
- **Empty Shroud** - *Matches the wounds of Jesus incredibly..no decomposition!*
- **Enemies** - *Admitted they didn't have the body...some saw and converted!*
Lee Strobel; CS Lewis; Anthony Flew...
My own investigation...

- **But don't just look at the evidence EXTERNALLY....look *INWARDLY* as well:**
 - You should realize that you yourself have a **HUNGER** for God!
"The Lord has put ETERNITY in their hearts..." - Ecc 3:11
Origin, Meaning, Morality, Destiny (*Pascal*)
 - You should realize that you yourself have a **NEED** for God!
 - We have all failed, made mistakes, and sinned! (*Rom 3:23*)
 - We all have an appointment Death! (*Heb 9:27*)

II. The Command to "Go and Tell" - *"..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."* So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word."

- you believe in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, then this command is for you to obey as well!
 - **Mk 16:15** - *"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."*
 - **Matt 28:18-20** - *"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*
 - **Go and tell people**, that God is REAL, and that He has come into this world because He loves them!
 - **Go and tell people**, that God loves them so greatly, that He became a man and died for every sin they've ever committed or ever will commit!
 - **Go and tell people**, that because God is Life, He conquered Death, and defeated the Grave, overthrown the power of satan, and He physically rose on the 3rd day!
 - **Go and tell people**, that all of their sin has been completely paid for by Jesus Christ, and they can be forgiven of EVERY SIN by surrendering their lives to Him, asking Him to save them!
- Go and tell people**, that Heaven can be theirs, eternal life is now available, and that the Kingdom of God is open to everyone who will come to Christ and receive Him as Lord!