

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

The Death of Death

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
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Why does the resurrection matter?

1) The Resurrection is a historical fact.

Mark 15:37-43 (NLT) Then Jesus uttered another loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had died, he exclaimed, "This man truly was the Son of God! Some women were there, watching from a distance, including Mary Magdalene, Mary (the mother of James the younger and of Joseph), and Salome. ⁴¹ They had been followers of Jesus and had cared for him while he was in Galilee. Many other women who had come with him to Jerusalem were also there. ⁴² This all happened on Friday, the day of preparation, the day before the Sabbath. As evening approached, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea took a risk and went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. (Joseph was an honored member of the high council, and he was waiting for the Kingdom of God to come.)

Mark 15:44-47 (NLT) Pilate couldn't believe that Jesus was already dead, so he called for the Roman officer and asked if he had died yet. ⁴⁵ The officer confirmed that Jesus was dead, so Pilate told Joseph he could have the body. ⁴⁶ Joseph bought a long sheet of linen cloth. Then he took Jesus' body down from the cross, wrapped it in the cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone in front of the entrance. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where Jesus' body was laid.

Mark 16:1-3 (NLT) Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. ³ On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

Mark 16: 4-7 (NLT) But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside. ⁵ When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, ⁶ but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. ⁷ Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died."

2) The Resurrection means death is defeated.

John 11:25-26 (NLT) Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. ²⁶ Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?"

1 Thessalonians 4:14 (NLT) For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.

1 Corinthians 15:13-19

3) The Resurrection changes life now and forever.

Mark 16:8 (NLT) The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened. Then they briefly reported all this to Peter and his companions. Afterward Jesus himself sent them out from east to west with the sacred and unending message of salvation that gives eternal life. Amen.

Big Idea: Trust that Jesus is "the resurrection and the life, for everyone who believes in Him will live, even though they die."



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2) How did the message resonate with you? What questions or comments did it raise for you?

3) Read Mark 15:37-43. List the various witnesses to the death and burial of Jesus? Why does this matter?

4) Read Mark 15:44-47. Why was Pilate surprised that Jesus was already dead? How does this help authenticate the facts that Mark is sharing about the death of Jesus?

5) Read Mark 16:1-7. What surprises you about this account? Why is it significant that Mark records woman as being the first witnesses to the empty tomb?

6) Reflect on John 11:25-26. What does Jesus mean by this statement? How does this encourage you today? In what way is death defeated?

7) Reflect on 1 Thess. 4:14 and 1 Cor. 15:13-19. What do we learn from these Scriptures about the importance and implications of the resurrection of Jesus? How certain are you that Jesus actually rose from the dead?

8) Read Mark 16:8. In what way is God inviting you into the story of the Gospel of Mark, highlighted in this last verse? How does the resurrection change life now and forever? What action step do you need to take today?



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