

Sermon Outline

Looking Ahead:

- April 16 *"Understanding our God-Given Ministry,"* 2 Corinthians 4:1-6
 ~ The commissioning of Dr. Brandon and Jenna Cole in God's call to missions.
April 23 *"Reflections of My Heart for You,"* Philippians 1:6-28 ~ Pastor Phil's last sermon.

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"What's Your Reaction to the Resurrection of Jesus?"

Luke 24:1-12

April 9, 2023

Introduction:

"The Historical Jesus" by Gary Habermas

"Dethroning Jesus ~ Exposing Popular Culture's Quest to Unseat the Biblical Christ" by Darrel Bock

Claim Six, "Jesus' Tomb Has Been Found, and His Resurrection and Ascension Did Not Involve a Physical Departure."

"More Than a Carpenter" by Josh and Sean McDowell

Chapter 8, "What Good is a Dead Messiah?"

"Finding the Real Jesus" by Lee Strobel

Portrait 5: "Are Stories of His Resurrection Fabricated?"

"The Case for the Real Jesus" by Lee Strobel

Challenge #3

Part 1: "New Explanations Have Refuted Jesus' Resurrection"

Part 2: The Cross-Examination

"The Case for Easter" by Lee Strobel

"The Case for Christ" by Lee Strobel

11. The Medical Evidence.

12. The Evidence of the Missing Body.

13. The Evidence of Appearances.

14. The Circumstantial Evidence.

- The disciples died for their beliefs.
- The conversion of skeptics.
- Changes to key social structures.
Communion and baptism.
- The emergence of the church.

"If someone wants to consider this circumstantial evidence and reach the verdict that Jesus did not rise from the dead – fair enough. But they've got to offer an alternative explanation that is plausible for all five of these facts." Dr. J.P.

Moreland

"The Evidence That Demands a Verdict" by Josh & Sean McDowell Chapter 10, "The Resurrection: Hoax or History?"

Chapter 12, "The Deity of Jesus: An Investigation"

"Know Why You Believe" by Paul Little

Chapter 4, "Did Christ Rise from the Dead?"

I. The Reaction of Acceptance, v.1-10.

A. There may be puzzlement, v.1-4a.

Luke 24:1 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this ...

Luke 23:55 The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. ⁵⁶ Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment. ^{24:1} On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.

B. There may be fear, v.4b-7.

Luke 24:4 suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'"

Luke 9:18-22, ²²And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."

Luke 17:20-25, ²⁴ "For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. ²⁵ But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation."

(Pastor Phil's comment: Before Jesus can return, He must suffer and die. And if He suffers and dies, He must be resurrected to come back again.)

Luke 18:31 Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. ³² He will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him and spit on him; they will flog him and kill him. ³³ On the third day he will rise again." ³⁴ The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about.

C. There must be belief, v.8-10.

Luke 24:8 Then they remembered his words. ⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles.

- If Jesus had not been raised from the dead ... think of the implication:

D. Application:

1 Cor.15:3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures ...

Rm.10:9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Rm.4:25 He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Jn.1:12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

II. The Reaction of Disbelief, v.9-11.

A. Hearing the gospel is not enough, v.9-10!

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B. No one can make anyone believe, v.11.

Luke 24:11 But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.

C. Application.

Jn. 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

III. The Reaction of Wondering, v.12.

Luke 24:12 Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

A. This is based on uncertainty.

B. Application:

Conclusion: