

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning – 4-6-25
Christianity 102 – Message 47 Part 3
Jesus is buried.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) “It is finished.” Jesus had fully satisfied God’s holy righteous wrath against all sin.
 - a) Jesus wiped away our debt of sin.
- 2) The veil – stood as a remind that man is separated from God because of sin.
 - a) God ripped the veil from top to bottom.
- 3) The Centurion – “Truly this man was the Son of God.”

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) So, what happened next?
 - a) For some, it was over!
- 2) Did Jesus really die?
 - a) Romans were good at execution by torture and crucifixion.
- 3) Even with the evidence some still wonder, did Jesus really die? Was He buried? Did He rise from the grave?

2. Jesus Christ, the God Man. Sometimes the question is this...

a. How can God die?

- 1) What happened to the Father and the Holy Spirit if the Son was dead?
 - a) Jesus was fully God and fully man.

b. Jesus was fully man:

- 1) Jesus had a normal physical birth - Luke 2:7
- 2) Jesus was seen as a human child. Luke 2:17
- 3) Jesus referred to Himself as the Son of Man. Matthew 18:11

c. Jesus was fully God.

- 1) At the same time, dwelling in the same body was God the Word. John 1:14. Phil. 2:6-8

d. What happened to Jesus?

- 1) What happened to the part of Jesus that was fully God when the part that was fully man died?
- 2) Jesus went to Abraham’s bosom which was the location where the righteous would go instead of hell until the death of Christ opened the way to heaven.
 - a) Matthew 27:51-53 –
 - b) The graves were opened and those who slept, those who died believing in Jesus, arose with Him at the resurrection.
- 3) Next, Jesus ascended to Heaven and brought the righteous spirits with Him. I Peter 3:18-19

3. Who raised Jesus from the dead?

a. Jesus did die!

- 1) God is One Being, composed of three separate and distinct but equal Persons – The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- 2) Did God the Father raise Jesus? Yes!
 - a) Acts 2:32 –
 - b) Romans 6:4 –
- 3) Since Jesus is the second part of the Godhead, Jesus raised Himself back from the dead.
 - a) John 2:18-19 –
 - b) John 10:18 -
- 4) The Holy Spirit was also involved in the resurrection of Jesus.

a) Romans 8:11 –

b) I Peter 3:18 –

4. Is there any believable evidence for the Resurrection?

a. Eyewitness testimony.

1) Several hundred people saw the resurrected Christ. I Cor. 15:5-6

b. How can we be sure of their testimony?

1) Did you know many of these eyewitnesses endured terrible things because of their faith?

2) They could have ended their suffering if they had simply renounced their faith.

3) Martyrdom is remarkable but is it compelling?

a) Being a martyr does not validate a belief, but it authenticates the believer.

b) The early Christian martyrs were the first generation.

4) What about the Apostles?

a) They were undeniably changed by the fact that they saw the resurrected Christ.

5) Application – Knowing that death is not the end brought courage.

c. A persecutor turned preacher.

1) Paul and his life before and after Christ must be a part of the evidence.

2) Application – Do you believe this based on the evidence we can read about this person whose life had been changed?

a) Just as their life has born witness to you that Jesus is real and that life change does carry with it a testimony, let that remind you of how important your testimony can be to someone who is watching, reading your life.

3) Evidence of life change then and even today is some of the greatest evidence to the –

5. Today's Take Aways:

a. Today has been about evidence concerning Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. What if we switch the conversation to talk about whether there is evidence of Jesus in your life.

1) Has there been a change? What is the evidence?