

The Backstory Series5 “The Best Story”

What’s your favorite story? Maybe your favorite story is one your grandmother, your dad, or your mom told you. Maybe your favorite story is wrapped in the packaging of a movie or a TV series. Regardless, your favorite story is more than likely a good story. But what makes a good story the best story?

For the last four Sundays, we have been looking at the backstory to what we celebrate today...the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We have been looking at the stories that lead up to Easter. We have talked about the backstory underneath the best story! The best story for humanity is the resurrection! It’s the best news your life has ever heard!

1. A good story is well told, but the best stories are true.

The record of a true story:

Matthew 28:1-10 NIV

1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.

4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

5 The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.

6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

9 Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.

10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

2. A good story has the lead character as the hero; the best story does that and more.

-This best story presents Jesus as the Savior of the world, with people in need of salvation (me and you), as His motivation.

3. A good story has a good ending; but the best story doesn’t end.

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

*1 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the **gospel** I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.*

*2 **By this gospel you are saved**, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.*

*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,*

5 and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles,

8 and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

-Paul's message of the gospel:

Christ died for our sins and was buried.

He rose from the dead and was seen.

Bottom Line - A good story moves you; this best story includes you.