

The Resurrection! April 19th & 20th, 2014

Luke 24:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus astounded the disciples!

- ❖ The women were frightened. *Luke 24:5*
- ❖ The men did not believe the report of the women. *Luke 24:11*
- ❖ The two men on the road to Emmaus were discouraged. *Luke 24:21*
- ❖ The disciples were startled and frightened when Jesus appeared before them and thought that they had seen a ghost! *Luke 24:37*

The resurrection of Jesus the Messiah fulfilled the Scriptures. *Luke 24:44*

- ❖ Jesus predicted His death and resurrection many times:
 - f Before the Transfiguration at Caesarea Philippi
“From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.” *Matthew 16:21*
 - f After the Transfiguration
“As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, ‘The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will be raised on the third day.’ And they were greatly distressed.” *Matthew 17:22-23*
 - f After feeding the 5,000 at Bethsaida
“... ‘The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.’” *Luke 9:22*
 - f In Judea before His triumphal entry into Jerusalem
“And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way He said to them, ‘See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and He will be raised on the third day.’” *Matthew 20:17-19*
- ❖ Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures after His resurrection! *Luke 24:45*
“The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.” *1 Corinthians 2:14*
“Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Your law.” *Psalms 119:18*

The resurrection of Jesus Christ confirmed that His words were truth!

“Then Pilate said to Him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.’” *John 18:37*

Jesus bore witness to the truth about ...

... Eternal life

“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.” *John 3:36*

... Hell

“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.” Matthew 10:28

... Judgment

“And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” Matthew 25:46

... Heaven

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.” John 14:1-3

... Only One Way!

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’” John 14:6

❖ Peter proclaimed that there is salvation in no one else!

“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the crux [essential point] of Christianity!

1 Corinthians 15:14 “And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.”

1 Corinthians 15:20 “But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, ...”

❖ Paul had confidence in Christ's resurrection.

“...as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ... My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.” Philippians 1:20

Luke 24:50-53 “And they worshipped Him...with great joy!”