

# Welcome to Holly Hills Bible Church

Service to start  
at 10:20 AM

He has risen. He is not here!





## Resurrection:

- A rising of the physical body from the dead with a body that will never die physically again.\*
- The resurrection has come to pass only in the case of Jesus Christ alone\*
- Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, 1 Cor 15:23b

\* H. Molloy

Mark 16:6 And he said (an angel) to them, "Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, *here is* the place where they laid Him. <sup>7</sup>"Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead."



- What proof do we have that Jesus Christ was resurrected?
- What does the resurrection prove about Christ?
- Why is the resurrection so critical to our faith?



# What proof do we have that Jesus Christ was resurrected?

The following are some of the most important ones:

- 1. Pilate ordered that the grave of Christ be secured
- 2. The stone was rolled away
- 3. The evidence of an empty tomb
- 4. The evidence of the grave clothes
- 5. Christ's appearances after the resurrection

# 1. Pilate Ordered to Secure the Grave of Christ



Matt 27:62 --- the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together with Pilate,<sup>63</sup> and said, "Sir, we remember that when He was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I *am to* rise again.'<sup>64</sup> "Therefore, give orders for the grave to be made secure until the third day, otherwise His disciples may come and steal Him away and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' ---"<sup>66</sup> And they went and made the grave secure, and along with the guard they set a seal on the stone.

•securing the grave: a Roman guard, and a seal consisting of a cord set in wax around the stone where it was connected to the tomb. H.

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# 1. Pilate Ordered to Secure the Grave of Christ



- **after the resurrection:** Some of the guards left the others at the tomb and reported the earthquake, the angel, and the empty tomb to the chief priests.\*
- Matt 28:11 --- some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened.  
<sup>12</sup> And when they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, <sup>13</sup> and said, "You are to say, 'His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.' "

\* H. Keathley

## 2. The Stone Was Rolled Away

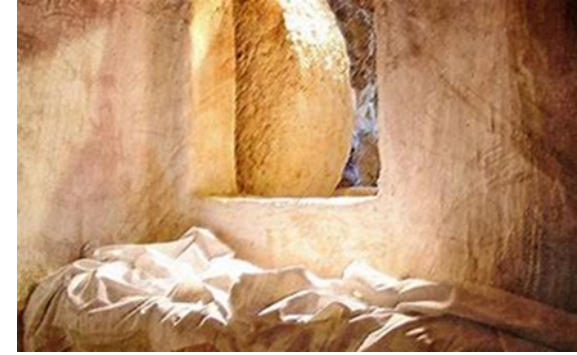


- Because of its enormous weight (possibly several tons) it would require the combined efforts of several men to move the stone.
- The women themselves would have been unable to remove the stone. As they came to the tomb the morning of the resurrection, they were wondering, who would roll away the stone for them (Mark 16:2-8).
- Matt 28:2 And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it.

\* H. Keathley



## 2. The Stone Was Rolled Away



Why was the stone rolled away by the angel?\*

- It was not rolled away so Christ could leave because he could pass through the walls in His glorified body.
- By divine purpose it was removed to call attention to the testimony of the empty tomb.
- The tomb had been opened not to let Jesus out--but to let people in.
- Why did people need to get in? Because within the tomb itself lay some astounding evidence to the fact of the resurrection of Jesus, the witness of the grave cloths.

\* H. Keathley

### 3. The Evidence of an Empty Tomb



#### Mary's Response:

John 20:1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, --- and saw the stone already taken away from the tomb. 11 But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, **she stooped and looked into the tomb**; 12 and she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying. 13 And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."

### 3. The Evidence of an Empty Tomb

#### John's Response in verse 5:

John stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings - saw is *blepo* in the Greek:

- The word *blepo* indicates a mere glance in regard to the grave clothes, not an examination and not necessarily being affected by the sight.\*

#### Peter's Response in verse 6:

Then Peter arrived next and rushes into the tomb. The word for saw in this case is *theoreo* in the Greek:

- The word *theoreo* is to look at a thing with interest and with care for details.



\* Zodhiates

## 4. The Evidence of the Grave Clothes



### Peter's Observation:

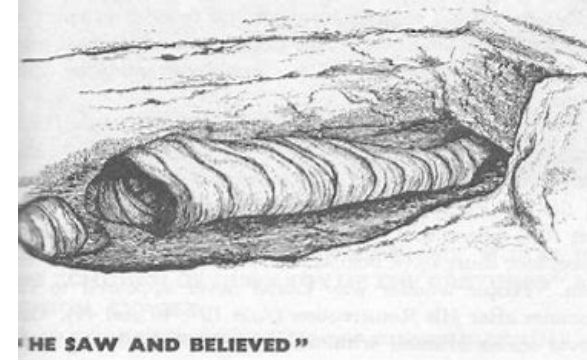
<sup>6</sup> And so Simon Peter --- entered the tomb; and he saw (*theoreo*) the linen wrappings lying *there*, <sup>7</sup> and the face-cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself.

•If someone had removed these from the body, they would not have been lying as originally placed.\*

•Peter continued to ponder in his heart all he had observed.\*

\* H. Keathley

## 4. The Evidence of the Grave Clothes



### John's Observation:

<sup>8</sup> So the other disciple (John) who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw (*eido*) and believed. <sup>9</sup> For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.

- When John enters the tomb, what he sees brings immediate understanding, intelligent comprehension of the facts. The word for saw (*eido*) in this verse denotes mental perception resulting principally from the vision.\*

- Having now seen the witness of the empty tomb, he understands that His Lord has risen from the dead and believes.\*

\* H. Keathley

# Christ's Appearances after the Resurrection\*



<u>Appeared to</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Verses</u>
1 Mary Magdalene	outside the tomb	John 20:11-17
2 The women	running from the tomb	Matt. 28:9-10
3 Peter	somewhere in Jerusalem	Luke 24:34
4 The disciples	road to Emmaus	Luke 24:13-35
5 The 10 disciples	Jerusalem?	John 20:19-24
6 The 11 disciples	Jerusalem?	John 20:26-29
7 The 7 disciples	sea of Galilee	John 21:1-23
8 The five hundred	not stated	1 Cor. 15:6
9 James - Lord's brother	not stated	1 Cor. 15:7

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# Christ's Appearances after the Resurrection (cont.)



<u>Appeared to</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Verses</u>
11 The disciples	a mountain in Galilee	Matt. 28:16-20
12 The disciples	mount of Olives*	Acts 1:3-9
13 Stephen	prior to being martyred	Acts 7:55-56
14 Paul	road to Damascus	Acts 9:3-6
15 Paul	in Arabia	Gal 1:12&17
16 Paul	in the temple	Acts 22:17-21
17 Paul in prison	in Caesarea	Acts 23:11
18 The apostle John	island of Patmos	Rev 1:12-20

\* where Christ ascended

# What Does the Resurrection Prove about Christ?



## The resurrection authenticates Christ as the Son of God

•Rom 1:4 who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The resurrection proves the atoning value of Christ's work

•Rom 4:25 *He* who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

- “raised because of” means it proves the sufficiency of His atonement (payment) for our justification.\*
- The resurrection did not provide our justification, it proved Christ's death was sufficient to bring justification by faith.\*



# What Does the Resurrection Prove about Christ?



## Demonstration of Christ's deity

The resurrection of Christ is unique in two major ways:\*

- All others who were raised from the dead returned to their graves (e.g., Lazarus, Jairus' daughter, widow's son)
- Christ's is the only resurrection to take place without a human agent.\*

note who participated in Christ's resurrection:

**Father** - Gal 1:1b God the Father, who raised Him (Jesus Christ) from the dead

**Holy Spirit** - Rom 8:11a But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you

**Son** - John 2:19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." --- <sup>21</sup> But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

\* D. Wallace

# What Does the Resurrection Prove about Christ?



## Demonstration of Christ's deity (cont.)

- Clearly, if Christ participated in raising Himself from the dead, he must be more than a man! \*

Acts 2:24 But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

John 20:9 For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.

- Death cannot hold God in its power!

\* D. Wallace

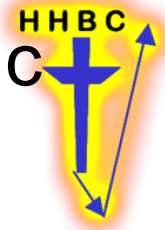
# Why Is the Resurrection So Critical to Our Faith?



1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

- the believer has been born again
  - to a living hope (hope = absolute certainty)
  - through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead
- \*Christ's resurrection ensures our salvation
- 1 Thess 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

# Why Is the Resurrection So Critical to Our Faith?



- Christ's resurrection as the first fruits from the dead is the guarantee of our own resurrection and of the glorified body we will receive at the resurrection of saints.\*
- Thus we can see that by the resurrection, man is provided with a living hope because it depends on a living Savior.\*
- Romans 10:8 But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART"—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, <sup>9</sup> that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

\* D. Wallace

# Christ's Resurrection Is Our Guarantee That We Have Eternal Life



## John 11:25-26

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,  
<sup>26a</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.

## John 17:2-3

<sup>2</sup> even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life.  
<sup>3</sup> "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

# Final thoughts



- From John 17:3 we see that knowing Jesus Christ is eternal life.
- The question for this Sunday April 12, 2020 is: Do you know Jesus Christ?
- We have covered many wonderful facts about His resurrection.
- But how do I come to know Him.
- The following are some verses that tell us what we need to know and believe about Jesus Christ.