

He Must Rise From The Dead; John 20:6-9

I. Resurrection

- a. The resurrection of Jesus is such a key part of our faith
- b. 1 Corinthians 15:17 (ESV); And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.
- c. This is where our hope (confident expectation) lies
- d. This is why we celebrate it every week
 - i. We partake of the body and blood of Jesus
 - ii. We proclaim His death
 - iii. And in proclaiming His death we also proclaim His resurrection
 - iv. While the world has set aside one day a year to honor the resurrection of Jesus, we get to remember and honor His death, burial, and resurrection every week!

II. Mary

- a. Scholars call Matthew, Mark, and Luke the synoptic gospels because they are very similar
- b. When it comes to the resurrection Mark, Luke, and John are 'synoptic,' or very similar
- c. Matthew gives us a different view of Mary Magdalene and 'the other Mary' – Mary the mother of James and Joseph (27:56, 61)
- d. Matthew 28:1–2 (ESV); ¹ Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.
 - i. I would remind you that there was another 'earthquake' just three days before this; the very day Jesus died
 - ii. Matthew 27:50–51 (ESV); ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. ⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.
- e. So the question in my mind is, did the Holy Spirit give Matthew some miraculous insight to the things that happened at the tomb, or did Matthew get his account from one of the guards, or maybe Mary Magdalene and 'the other Mary'
- f. Matthew 28:3–6 (ESV); ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.
 - i. The angel's statement is what makes me think that Mary and Mary witnessed all of this – the earthquake, the magnificent looking angel rolling away the stone
 - ii. And I'm sure the question that is on the two women's minds is, "where is Jesus?" – after all, they came to put spices on the body

- iii. Mark tells us they entered the tomb and this is where they encountered the angel
 - iv. What a shock to find the tomb empty – but this is exactly why the angel rolled the stone away – not to let Jesus out, but to let the witnesses in!
 - g. Matthew 28:7–10 (ESV); ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”
 - h. Jesus himself, validates the angel’s words, “He is risen”
- III. Peter and John
 - a. John tells us in John 20:1-2 that Mary and the other Mary ran back and told them what had happened at the tomb
 - b. I get the feeling that Peter and John were up and out immediately
 - c. It also seems that John was faster than Peter, but a little more hesitant
 - d. John 20:3–8 (ESV); ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;
 - e. Jesus had, a number of times, told the Apostles that he would die, be buried, and raise up again
 - i. Matthew 16:21 (ESV); 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.
 - ii. Matthew 17:22–23 (ESV); ²² As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, ²³ and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day.” And they were greatly distressed.
 - iii. Matthew 20:17–19 (ESV); ¹⁷ And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them, ¹⁸ “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 ¹⁹ and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day.”
 - iv. Matthew 26:1–2 (ESV); ¹ When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, ² “You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”

- v. Seeing the grave clothes lying in the same location as the body of Jesus was originally and noticing the face cloth neatly folded tells a very big story
 - vi. Although the translation is difficult here, I get the idea that the grave clothes were still folded as if the body just disappeared
 - vii. That would make the difference between the face cloth and the grave clothes very significant
 - viii. In Star Wars, A New Hope (the first one) there is a scene where Darth Vader is fighting Obi Wan Kenobi
 - ix. Obi Wan sacrifices himself for Luke's escape – but as Darth Vader makes the killing stroke with his light saber, Obi Wan disappears leaving his clothes in a heap on the ground
 - f. No wonder John says, "he saw and believed"
- IV. Jesus
- a. We have no idea what happened to Jesus those three days He was in the grave – everything is just speculation
 - b. Emmaus
 - i. Two of the disciples who were with Peter and the apostles on the morning of Jesus' resurrection were walking to Emmaus
 - ii. Jesus meets them, keeps them from recognizing Him, and walks with them
 - iii. They mention Mary's and 'the other Mary's' visit to the tomb
 - iv. They mention Peter's and John's visit to the tomb
 - v. Luke 24:25–27 (ESV); ²⁵ And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.
 - vi. Could you imagine Jesus, Himself explaining, 'interpreting' the Scriptures for you?
 - c. The upper room
 - i. John 20:19–20 (ESV); ¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.
 - ii. We have to remember this is the first time Peter has seen Jesus since the courtyard when he denied Jesus
 - iii. The door was locked yet Jesus "came and stood among them"
 - iv. Jesus' first words are of comfort, "peace be with you"
 - v. Jesus' next words were a mission, a task, a job for the apostles, "as the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you"
 - d. One of the biggest understatements is right here in verse 20, "the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord"
 - e. Jesus' resurrection confirmed!

- i. Our hope is that of the resurrection – a confident expectation that Jesus was resurrected and will come again to get us
- ii. Ephesians 4:4 says there is one hope – that is in the resurrection of Jesus
- iii. We celebrate that hope every week
- iv. We take the bread that is His body – the body that was beaten, mocked, crucified, left to die on the cross
- v. the fruit of the vine that is His blood – the blood that was spilled, the blood that washes our sins away
- vi. 1 Corinthians 11:26 (ESV); For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death **until he comes**.

V. The Lord's Supper

- a. We know the early church (of the first century) celebrated the Lord's supper every week
- b. Every week was Easter for them – Every week is Easter for us!
- c. Celebrate with us as we remember Jesus – His death, His Burial, and His resurrection