

## **The Resurrection of Jesus Christ** **Matthew 28:1-10 - Easter 09**

The world does not deny the fact that Jesus Christ was a real historical person. The world believes that Jesus died but they do not believe that He rose from the dead. The resurrection is the cornerstone of Christianity. Upon this historical fact the whole superstructure of Christianity either stands or falls, 1 Corinthians 15:17-18.

**Our Faith Is Based upon an \_\_\_\_\_ Event**

1. The Arrival of the Women (1)  
*An Indication of Authenticity*

- **The significance of the \_\_\_\_\_**

Under grace we begin with focusing upon Christ's death, burial, and resurrection and then we live each day for Him.

**The Change from Saturday to Sunday Worship Was Not By a Church  
\_\_\_\_\_ but Because of a Historical Event**

- **The purpose of their \_\_\_\_\_**

They probably did not know the tomb had been sealed and guarded. They did not come expecting to see a resurrection they came expecting to anoint the body of Jesus.

**The First Witness to the Resurrection Was a Group  
of \_\_\_\_\_**

Matthew is the Gospel of the King written with a Jewish audience in mind. No one making up such a story for a Jewish audience would use women as their main eye witnesses.

2. The Appearance of the Angel (2-5)  
*Holy Angels are God's Messengers*

There was an earthquake during the crucifixion.

- **Earthquakes often accompany God's \_\_\_\_\_**

Jesus prophesied that there will be earthquakes before His Second Coming, Matthew 24:7. God was announcing to all Jerusalem that a supernatural event had occurred. The Angel opened the tomb so that the women could see the evidence of Christ's resurrection.

**The Angel sat upon the Stone displaying that God's Work was  
\_\_\_\_\_**

- **Angels are often associated with Christ's \_\_\_\_\_**

Angels appeared at His birth, His temptation, in the Garden of Gethsemane, and they will accompany Him when He returns.

**The Resurrection Proves all the \_\_\_\_\_  
of God**

3. The Message of the Angel (6-7)  
*A Divine Messenger with a Divine Message*

- **He \_\_\_\_\_ the resurrection**

Jesus had often spoken of His death, burial and resurrection. Luke records "And they remembered His words".

**Death Came by Woman and Now Women Are the  
First to Witness Death's \_\_\_\_\_**

- **He invites them to view the** \_\_\_\_\_

According to Luke they saw two angels in the tomb. This is a beautiful picture of the mercy seat with the two cherubim.

**Belief in the Resurrection Is Essential to** \_\_\_\_\_ Romans 10:9-10

- **He commands them to** \_\_\_\_\_

They were not to linger at the tomb but to go and find His disciples. Mark's Gospel records "But go, tell His disciples — and Peter",

Mark 16:7. Jesus would later appear to Peter according to 1 Corinthians 15:5.

**The Announcement of Jesus' Resurrection has Continued for over Two Thousand** \_\_\_\_\_

4. The Meeting with Jesus (8-10)

*The Women Run from the Tomb*

Their emotions are a mixture of fear and joy.

- **They all responded with** \_\_\_\_\_

They touched the physical glorified body of Jesus Christ.

Every believer will one day have this same opportunity to see and worship Jesus Christ in person.

**Every** \_\_\_\_\_ **Will Stand Before the Risen Jesus**