

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS: REAL OR ROBBERY?

Matthew 28:1-15

Those who claimed Jesus had risen and those who claimed his body was stolen agreed...

The Case for Theft

- Because a resurrection had been _____:
 - We set a _____
 - We made it as _____
- Unfortunately, the body was still able to be stolen because _____
 - They all slept through an _____
 - They all slept as the _____
 - This colossal failure occurred within _____
- Despite this failure by trained men...
 - None were _____ but all became _____.

The Case for Resurrection

- The Evidence of _____
 - Jesus had publicly _____ (Luke 7:11-16)
 - Jesus had publicly _____ (Luke 8:49-56)
 - Jesus had publicly _____ (John 11:38-45)
- The Eyewitness Record
 - More than _____ would give testimony of seeing the risen Jesus.
 - These occurrences happened over a _____ period and spread across an area of _____.
 - These occurrences ranged from _____, to _____, to _____.
- The _____ to the Resurrection by the Eyewitnesses.
 - All the apostles died _____ the resurrection. Many of the apostles died _____ professing the resurrection.

_____ Have questions from today's sermon?

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LOOK BACK

- **Praise:** Read 1 Cor 15:1-17
Give praise to God for WHO He is and WHAT He has done. (How have you seen him work, answered a prayer, blessed you or someone else)

The language of our faith is thanksgiving in all things. What is hard in your life that you will, by faith, give thanks for?

- **Confession:** *How has fear caused you to shrink back from full obedience to the Lord?*

LOOK IN

- List the reasons that 1 Corinthians 15 gives for the importance of the resurrection.
- What are the weaknesses to the claim that the body of Jesus had been stolen by the disciples?
- In your mind, what are the three greatest evidences for the resurrection of Jesus?
- On a scale of 1-10 (10 most certain), what level of certainty do you have that Jesus was raised from the dead? In what practical ways does this give you courage?
- How is the Holy Spirit informing, reminding, convicting, encouraging you?
- What questions, concerns, or doubts do you have regarding what you have heard and read?
- For Further Study: Read the following passages to deepen your understanding of God.
 - Luke 24
 - John 20-21
 - I Corinthians 15
 - I Thessalonians 4:13-18

LOOK FORWARD

- **BLESS:** Reflect on John 11:25-26. Who is someone you know that doesn't believe in Jesus? Pray for them to believe.
- **Closing Prayer**
 - **Requests:** What are you asking God to do in the coming week?
 - **Relinquishment:** Present your body to be God's instrument to work in and though for His glory.