

Jesus Defeated Death

John 20

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." **John 11:25-26**

The fact that Jesus Christ defeated death is the single most important event in history. It proves that there is hope for tomorrow and a reason for living.

THREE SEPARATE REACTIONS FROM THOSE WHO SAW JESUS

John 20:10-31

1. Mary Magdalene's response to Jesus was, Feeling is _____

So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" **John 20:2**

At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. **John 20:14**

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her. **John 20:18**

Many people today evaluate faith by their emotions, but emotions_____.

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. **2 Timothy 4:2**

2. Ten Disciples' response to Jesus was, _____ is Believing

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" **John 20:19**

Evidences of Jesus Resurrection

1. The Moved Stone—Who rolled it away?
2. A Missing Corpse—Who took the body?

3. Abandoned Grave Clothes—Why would a robber leave them wrapped up in the form of a _____?
4. Convinced Eyewitnesses—Mary Magdalene and the other women
5. Fulfilled _____

God has given so much evidence

1. The Bible
2. Changed _____

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

Who is changing lives for the better, if Jesus Christ isn't alive?

"If Christianity is not true, then a lie has done more to civilize the world than all of the truth combined."

3. Answered Prayer

"When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:13-14

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1

3. Thomas' response to Jesus was, _____ is Believing

"Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" John 20:26

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." John 20:27

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" **John 20:28**

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." **John 20:29**

"Faith is going to the edge of all the light you have, and then taking one more step."

Faith examines the evidence and then it responds _____.

"There exists such overwhelming evidence for the resurrection both factual and circumstantial, that no intelligent jury in the world could fail to believe the resurrection story is true."—Lord Darling, Former Chief Justice of England

Three Problems before Belief

1. Indecisiveness
2. Sin
3. _____

"I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." **Matthew 18:3**

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." **Acts 4:12**

How shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.

Hebrews 2:3

However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him" **1 Corinthians 2:9**

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