

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Mark 16:1-8 & I Corinthians 15:14-20

Introduction...

- Three women went to the cemetery expecting to find a body. There was some unfinished business to attend to.
- The women were amazed...the words used here suggest a mixture of fear, surprise, wonder, and astonishment.
- The angel at the tomb of Jesus had unbelievably Good News.
- This story told by the Gospel writers is forever amazing, even some 2,000 years later.

Part I – The Importance of the Resurrection...

- The resurrection of Jesus is the most important event of all times. The Apostle Paul made the resurrection the central message of his ministry.
- “If Christ is not risen, the our preaching is empty.”
cf. 1 Corinthians 15:14a
- “If Christ is not risen...your faith is also empty”
cf. 1 Corinthians 15:14b
- “If Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!”
cf. 1 Corinthians 15:17

- “But now Christ is risen from the dead”
cf. 1 Corinthians 15:20
- From moments after His death people have been coming up with lies to explain the Lord’s resurrection.
- Attempts to thwart the Good News of Jesus’ resurrection, instead give evidence of it.

Part II – The Meaning of the Resurrection...

- The resurrection of our Lord means that Jesus is who says He is.
- Talk is cheap, but the resurrection is proof.
- There is no middle ground on a crucified and risen Savior.
- The resurrection means that Jesus death is the sufficient sacrifice for our sins.
- The resurrection of our Lord means that there is more rising from the dead to come.

Conclusion/Review

- The resurrection is the Good News, the Gospel message that because Jesus is alive...

(tuck these notes in your Bible for review and encouragement)