

EASTER SUNDAY
“Secure the Tomb”
Matthew 27:62-66

The resurrection of Jesus is a big deal! In fact, it's fair to say that the resurrection of Jesus is the bedrock of the Christian faith. Today's teaching will focus on the evidence that supports the bodily resurrection of Jesus. It is important to note that Jesus' resurrection paves the way for our resurrection. It's time to celebrate because He is risen!

1. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS IS _____ TO MANY PEOPLE, Matthew 27:63-64

- A. The Sadducees didn't believe in a resurrection
- B. There are many today who spiritualize the resurrection
- C. The disciples didn't believe Jesus rose from the dead

2. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS IS SUPPORTED BY _____

- A. Jesus predicted his death and resurrection, Luke 9:22
- B. Jesus' resurrection is mentioned in the OT, Ps 16:10
- C. Jesus spoke of a future resurrection at his command, John 5:28-29

3. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS IS SUPPORTED BY THE _____, Matthew 27:62-65

- A. The body was taken by Joseph of Arimathea, John 19:41-42
- B. The tomb was made secure, vv. 64-66
- C. The tomb was guarded by elite soldiers, v. 65
- D. The evidence in the tomb, John 20:5-7

APPLICATION POINTS

1. OBJECTION: They put Jesus in the wrong tomb & forgot its _____

2. OBJECTION: Jesus' body was _____

APPLICATION POINTS CONTINUED

3. EVIDENCE: The linen _____ & _____ cloth, John 20:6-7

4. OBJECTION: Jesus wasn't really _____

5. CONSPIRACY THEORY: The disciples _____ the guards and took the body to promote a _____

4. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS IS SUPPORTED BY _____, Matthew 28:8-10

- A. Mary Magdalene & the other Mary, Mat 28:8-9
- B. The women were the first evangelists, Mat 28:10
- C. The guards testified to the chief priests, Mat 28:11-15
- D. The 12 saw Jesus, John 19:19-29
- E. The road to Emmaus, Luke 24:13-33
- F. The apostle Paul on the road to Damascus, Acts 9:1-9
- G. Jesus appeared to over 500 believers, 1 Cor 15:3-8

5. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS _____ FOR OUR RESURRECTION, John 5:28-30

- A. Jesus will give the command for resurrection
- B. Jesus returns & we receive our glorified bodies, 1 Cor 15:50-52
- C. Jesus' return is the basis of our hope for the future, Rom 8:22-24

ANSWERS: Inconceivable, Scripture, Empty Tomb, Location, Stolen, Strips, Head, Dead, Bribe, Lie, Eye-Witnesses, Paves The Way.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is the resurrection crucial to the Christian faith?
2. What do you make of Jesus' prediction of his death and resurrection?
3. What things about the empty tomb stand out to you and offer proof that Jesus rose from the dead?
4. Why are eye witness accounts of Jesus in his post-resurrection state important?
5. How does the resurrection of Jesus give you hope for the future?

Welcome To Hillcrest Church

He Is Risen!

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with
the news: "I have seen the Lord!"

John 20:18

March 31, 2024
Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IS EASTER SUNDAY

Pastor Bruce will be teaching on the importance of the resurrection of Jesus. Today is a celebration of life, in that Jesus defeated death and paved the way for our resurrection.

After the service there will be an Easter egg hunt for the children.

NEXT WEEK – NEW TEACHIING SERIES

Pastor Bruce will begin a new series about the mission of the church. May is Great Commission month, so we want to focus our attention on the global aspiration of God. We also want to be aware of how we can live “on mission” for the Lord.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM

Join pastors Bruce and Tim at 7pm in zoomland for Bible study and prayer. The Bible study is based on the discussion questions in the bulletin from the previous week’s sermon.

NEW LIFE GROUP STARTS THIS THURSDAY – MARCH 28

For those who are interested we will continue meeting with the same format:

- Dinner at 5:45
- Bible Study & Prayer 6:30 – 7:30

The topic will be CPR – Caring, Praying, and Reaching out.

EAST INDIAN DINNER – APRIL 20 @ 5:30

This is our fund-raising event for missions and the Kibaale School in Uganda.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE – APRIL 23-25

Will be held in Cameron Park at Foothills Alliance Church. Everyone is welcome to attend the open sessions. Details are forthcoming.

CPR+ TRAINING, SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, 9AM – 4PM

Rick Mann will be offering a more intense training for all who wish to attend. CPR = Caring, Praying and Reaching Out. This is something that everyone can do because of its simplicity, yet it is highly effective. Write this down on your calendar, lunch will be served. There will be a signup sheet at the SPOT so we know how much food to prepare. Childcare will be available.

NEIGHBORHOOD WALK – APRIL 15 @ 6PM

Meet at church and then visit our neighbors offerings a friendly invite to church.

A FAMILY IN OUR CHURCH NEEDS HELP WITH FURNITURE

If you have any kitchen, bedroom, living room furniture, utensils, etc. See Kathy Brooks about details.

CHURCH STEWARDSHIP

There is a handout at the SPOT that details our giving for the year. At present we are just slightly under what we have budgeted for the year. We appreciate your tithes and offerings. We have about \$10,000 left to pay off the loan for the roof.