

The Messenger



“... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15

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The Resurrection of Jesus

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Conclusion

The Tomb DID NOT Contain the Body of Jesus!

- An empty tomb was seen by at least 6 of Jesus' followers (Mary Magdalene (Matt. 28:1-10); Mary and Salome (Mark 16:1-8); Joanna (Luke 24:10); Peter and John (John 20:2-8))
- Most likely seen by several Roman guards (Matt. 28:2-4)
- That the tomb was empty was not denied by the Jews – Just produce the body! (Acts 2:24-36)
 - IF the body is produced – All is over and we go home – I am not following a liar!

How are You Going to Explain It?

- The body was stolen
- Were the disciples capable of stealing Jesus' body?
 1. Mentally – They were in NO mood.
 - At His arrest, they forsook Him and fled (Mark 14:50)
 - Even after being told of His resurrection, they did not believe (Mark 16:11)
 - Following Jesus' death, they were still huddled behind closed doors fearing the Jews (John 20:19)
 2. Physically – Not Likely
 - “Mega Stone” locked in place in front of the tomb (Matt. 27:60)
 - “You have a guard” (Matt. 27:65)
 - A.T. Robertson, the noted Greek scholar, says that the phrase “have a guard” is present imperative and refers to a guard of Roman soldiers, not mere temple police.
 - These are fishermen that are not good with swords! Not a mission impossible team!
- Lives don't change like this for a known lie! (Book of Acts)

“I believe those witnesses that get their throats cut”. (Blaise Pascal)

People don't die for a known lie or hoax! (Foxe's Book of Martyrs)

Apostle	Faith in Jesus:
Andrew	Crucified
Bartholomew	Beaten then crucified
James, son of Alphaeus	Stoned to death
James, son of Zebedee	Beheaded
John	Exiled
Judas	Stoned to death
Matthew	Speared to death
Peter	Crucified
Phillip	Crucified
Simon	Crucified
Thomas	Speared to death
Matthias	Stoned to death

How do you explain James and Paul?

- James, the brother of Jesus
 - He did not believe (John 7:5)
 - Then Acts 1:14; James 1:1 – Jesus is LORD and MESSIAH!
 - He will die by his own countrymen for that belief!
 - What happened? Resurrection! (I Cor. 15:7)
- Paul
 - He hated the believers and did not want to believe! (Acts 8:1-3)
 - Then Acts 13:16-41; Romans 1:1-7
 - What happened? Resurrection! (Acts 9:1-9)

How are You Going to Explain It?

- Jesus faked His death
 - We already looked at the facts concerning His death
 - “It is impossible that one who had just come forth from the grave half dead, who crept about weak and ill, who stood in need of medical treatment, of bandaging, strengthening, and tender care...could ever have given the disciples the impression that He was conqueror over death and the grave – that He was the prince of life.” (David Strauss, Therefore Stand)
- It was the wrong tomb
 - Too much attention, by both disciples and enemies of Jesus, being given to the tomb of Jesus for it to be mistaken for the wrong tomb!
- “He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said.” (Matt. 28:6)
 - Eye witness accounts (II Pet. 1:16)
 - You cannot simply dismiss eye witness accounts that all agree!

To Whom	Where	Scripture
Mary Magdalene	Jerusalem	Mark 16:9; John 20:11-18
Women returning from sepulcher	New Jerusalem	Matt. 28:9-10
Simon Peter	Near Jerusalem	Luke 24:34
2 Disciples going to Emmaus	Emmaus	Luke 24:13-31
Apostles, except Thomas	Jerusalem	John 20:19-25
Apostles	Jerusalem	John 20:26-29
7 Disciples fishing	Sea of Galilee	John 21:1-13
11 Disciples on a mountain	Galilee	Matt. 28:16-18
500 brethren at once	Galilee	I Cor. 15:6
James	Probably Jerusalem	I Cor. 15:7
All Apostles	Mount of Olives	Luke 24:50-51
Paul	Road to Damascus	I Cor. 15:8

Jesus Rose From the Dead!

- And in doing so...
 - Declared Himself to be the prophesied Son of God (Rom. 1:4)
 - Declared that Christianity is the One True Religion of the One True God (I Cor. 15)
 - Has given us a real and living hope (I Pet. 1:3)
 - There is much more to the resurrection of Jesus than just “He lives within my heart!”

News and Notes:

Tuesday Bible Studies – 11 a.m. Old Testament and 7 p.m. Romans

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

“...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5:16

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