

INTRODUCTION

- * In our study of Matthew's account of the earthly life of the Messiah, we have come to the EXCLAMATION POINT!!!!
- * Last week we considered the Apex of the Victory over Sin ... today, we see that Victory given the seal, or stamp, of approval! The victory is not only the ultimate Atonement (covering) for our Sin ... but it is the destruction of the "final enemy" - death itself! O Death, where is your sting? O Grave, where is your victory? !!!
- * As we consider Jesus' victory over the grave, ask yourself the question: "Am I honestly living in the power of His resurrection?"

INSTRUCTION**I. THE T_____ OF THE RESURRECTION**

A. It Was _____ (cf. 28:1)

B. It Was _____ (cf. 28:1; Genesis 2:2-3; Leviticus 23:3-4)

1. THE CONCEPT OF SABBATH

2. THE PLURALITY OF SABBATHS (cf. Matthew 12:2,5,8; 24:20; Mark 15:42)

C. It Was _____ (cf. Matt 16:21; 26:62-64)

D. It Was _____ (cf. Leviticus 23:4-11)

II. THE T_____ OF THE RESURRECTION**A. The Opposition of the Leadership**

1. SEALING THE TOMB (27:62-66)

2. BRIBING THE SOLDIERS (28:11-15)

B. The Attestation of the Witnesses

1. THE WOMEN (cf. Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-10)

2. MARY MAGDALENE (cf. Mark 16:9-11; John 20:11-18)

3. PETER (Luke 24:33-34; 1 Corinthians 15:5)

4. THE TWO MEN ON THE WAY TO EMMAUS (cf. Mark 16:12-13; Luke 24:13-32)

5. THE ELEVEN (MINUS THOMAS) - THAT EVENING (cf. Mark 16:14; Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-23)

6. THE ELEVEN - EIGHT DAYS LATER (cf. John 20:24-29; Acts 2:32)

7. FIVE HUNDRED BROTHERS AT THE SAME TIME! (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:6)

8. JAMES – THE HALF-BROTHER OF JESUS (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:7)

9. PAUL (cf. Acts 9:3-6; 22:6-10; 1 Corinthians 15:8)

III. THE T_____ OF THE RESURRECTION (cf. 1 Cor 15:1-4, 12-23, 50-58)

A. It Is The C_____ of the Gospel (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

B. It Is The C_____ of the Faith (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:12-23; 1 Peter 1:3,21)

C. It Is The C_____ of the Victory (cf. 1 Cor 15:50-58)

* cf. Hebrews 2:14-15; Romans 7:24-25; 8:33-34; Colossians 2:13-15

INTROSPECTION

- * How has the resurrection of Jesus Christ changed your life? Has it?
- * Are you living in the victory which Christ won for you?
- * How do you view death and the grave?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think ... and therefore act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.

- * How does taking up my cross daily and walking in the power of the resurrection go together?
- * How can/should our belief in the resurrection be portrayed in our lives?