

Matthew 28:1-15
An Empty Tomb

Introduction:

Some churches teach the Scriptures by the calendar of the year. Good Friday followed by Easter, the day Christ was raised from the dead. We know the early church met for worship on the first day of the week (Sunday) to commemorate the resurrection of Christ. Indeed the themes of Christ's death and Resurrection were central in the teaching of the gospel. There is a sense in which every Sunday, called the Lord's Day is a celebration of the Resurrection of Christ.

I. Events of the Resurrection Morning

A. Before dawn – (Matt. 28:1-15; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12)

1. More than five women visited the tomb.
2. Questions arose in their minds

B. Mary found Peter and John

1. John saw the grave clothes in a cursory manner
2. Peter scrutinized the grave clothes – Turn To: John 20:1-8
3. Three different Greek words for “see” John 20:5,6,8 (blepo – v.5)
(Theoreo –v.6) (orao – v.8)

C. The question of thieves stole the body: (John 10;10; I Thess. 5:2,4)

II. The Angelic Message (Four imperatives)

A. Come

1. Application – Matt. 11:28-29
2. Have you come to the tomb?

B. See

1. Past tense - “where He was lying”
2. Have passed out of death into life – John 5:24; 11:25-26
3. When you look into the tomb what do you see?

C H Spurgeon saw five things:

- a. The condescension of Jesus Christ
- b. The horror of our sin – Isa. 53:5
- c. We too will die – Matt. 23:33
- d. Jesus is not there – v.13
- e. We shall also rise – Rom. 8:17, 18

C. Go

1. The great commission – Matt. 28:18-20
2. Our work is not done

D. Tell

1. Witnesses of the glorious resurrection
2. Blessing for those who were not witnesses – John 20:24-29

Conclusion:

1. *Let me urge you to believe now. Be faithful to all of Christ's commands.*
2. *If you are an unbeliever when you die it will be too late – Luke 16:19-31 The parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus...*

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