

Does the Resurrection Matter?

Mark 15:42-16:20

Overview

Jesus resurrected is sin & death defeated

- Joseph of Arimathea requested the body, he took it, covered it w/ linen, and laid in tomb
- o Mary and Mary were there to see where Jesus was laid (so they knew where to return)
- o Angel in tomb told Mary and Mary the obvious: He is not here, He is risen!
 - The resurrection of Christ is pivotal to the Gospel
 - Without the resurrection we are still in our sin
 - The resurrection tells us that God received the payment of Christ
 - That Christ was who He said He was
- o The resurrection insures the believers...
 - Regeneration (New Birth)
 - Justification (Declaration of Innocence)
 - Restoration (Resurrected body of perfection)
- o Resurrection then empowers our obedience

· Resurrection life is a life of advance, not retreat

- Jesus appears to Mary (John 20.14)
- Jesus appears to a couple disciples (Luke 24.13-31)
- o Jesus rebukes disciples for lack of belief
- o Great Commission: Go and make disciples of all creation (Matt. 28.19-20)
- Signs and wonders testify to truthfulness of Gospel as it advances (Acts 5.12)
- o Christ ascension to heaven and seating at right hand indicates finished work

Questions

Discussion Starter: What is public opinion of the supernatural? (i.e. Resurrection) Why do you think some do not believe the supernatural is possible?

- 1. Jesus predicted his betrayal, death, and resurrection three times...why is everyone so surprised at his resurrection and not looking for it?
- 2. Why is the resurrection such a strong apologetic for the truth of Christianity?
- 3. How is the resurrection so vital to the Gospel?
- 4. Discuss the significance of the 1st and 2nd Adam and what each of them brought.
- 5. Read 1 Cor. 15.58 (in context of discussion on resurrection in 1 Cor. 15) and discuss how the resurrection informs power for obedience in the day to day.
- 6. How does the resurrection insure regeneration, justification, and perfected resurrected bodies?
- 7. Why would Christ go from wanting everyone to be quiet about him to now commanding them to go and tell everyone change now?

- 8. Why does Christ want us to go and make disciples?9. What is a practical way you can continue/start making disciples?