

1 Corinthians 15:14 – 19 – ¹⁴ *And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.* ¹⁵ *More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.* ¹⁶ *For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.* ¹⁷ *And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.* ¹⁸ *Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.* ¹⁹ *If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.* ²⁰ *But Christ **has indeed been raised from the dead** . . .*

Revelation 21:1 – 4 – ¹ *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had passed away. And the sea was also gone.* ² *And I saw the holy city, the New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.*

³ *I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them.* ⁴ *He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”*



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Part 52

The Empty Tomb

Mark 16:1 – 8

Mark 16:1 – 8 – ¹ *When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body.* ² *Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb* ³ *and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”*

⁴ *But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.* ⁵ *As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.*

⁶ *“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.* ⁷ *But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”*

⁸ *Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.*

THREE LINES OF EVIDENCE

1. The fact of the _____

Mark 15:37 – 47 – ³⁷ *With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.* ³⁸ *The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.* ³⁹ *And when the centurion who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”*

⁴⁰ *Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome.* ⁴¹ *In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.*

⁴² *It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached,* ⁴³ *Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus’ body.*

⁴⁴ Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. ⁴⁵ When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶ So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where he was laid.

Joseph of Arimathea

The Roman centurion

Two women (Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus)

2. The testimony of _____

Luke 24:36 – 46 – “While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do **doubts** rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet . . . He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you . . . This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day . . .”

1 Corinthians 15:5 – 8 – ⁵ He was seen by **Peter** and then by **the Twelve**. ⁶ After that, he was seen by **more than 500** of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he was seen by **James** and later by **all the apostles**. ⁸ Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, **I also saw him**.

Acts 1:3 – “After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of **forty days** and spoke about the kingdom of God.”

3. The transformation of the _____

The resurrection means we can look forward with hope to the day our suffering will be gone.

John 11:25 – 26 – *I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.*

His death means no death for us . . . his resurrection means our resurrection.