

“What the Resurrection Means” Matthew 28:1-15

One single event, changed everything, the Resurrection of CHRIST. Listed below are some of the events of that life-changing Sunday.

1. The women began their walk to CHRIST’s Tomb close to _____ on Sunday morning. **V.1 “first day of the week”** They thought HE was _____, and had come with spices to finish anointing HIS body. They wondered how they would remove the _____ that blocked the entrance to the tomb. Mark 16:3. JESUS had told HIS followers repeatedly that HE would rise from the dead, but they _____ believe. Mt. 16:21, 17:23, 20:19, 26:32 Do you believe what HE said?

2. There was a severe earthquake, for an angel _____ from Heaven, rolled away the stone, and sat upon it. **V.2** The angel’s appearance was dazzling like _____, and his clothing was the purest white like new-fallen snow. **V.3**

3. The Roman guards _____ (seio) violently with fear, and fell _____ upon the ground. **V.4**

4. The angel said to the women: V.5

- A. Do not _____.
- B. I know that you are _____ JESUS, who was crucified.
- C. HE is _____,
- D. For HE _____, just as HE said.
- E. _____ the place where HE was lying.
- F. _____ quickly, and tell HIS Disciples that HE has risen from the dead.
- G. HE is going ahead of you into _____, where you will see HIM. Why the Galilee? That’s _____ of HIS followers were. 1 Cor. 15:6 (HE made _____ appearances, over 40 days)

5. The Resurrected LORD met the women, and _____ them. **V.8-10** They _____ HIS feet and worshipped HIM. JESUS told them not to fear, but to go and take the word to _____ “leave for the Galilee.” (The Disciples _____ with their faith, which made them _____ to act on this command. They did not go to Galilee until JESUS had appeared several times to them in Jerusalem.)

6. A Delegation of the _____ guards went into the city seeking the help of the chief priests and the Jewish elders. **V.11-13** They were given an _____ amount of money to keep quiet about the truth, and to report that they had fallen _____, and that the Disciples had stolen the Body under cover of darkness. The religious leaders promised to _____ with the Roman Governor, Pilate, to keep the soldiers from execution.

V.14-15 "to this day"

A. Satan has always _____ the truth of the Resurrection. If you remove the Resurrection, Christianity is _____. The Resurrection _____ to us that JESUS is Who HE claimed to be.

B. The actions of the Jewish religious leaders actually _____ the Resurrection of JESUS CHRIST:

1. If JESUS' Body was stolen, then it had to be stolen by either HIS _____, or HIS _____.
2. HIS friends would not have done it, because they _____, and were convinced that JESUS was _____.
3. HIS enemies would not have stolen the Body, because belief in the Resurrection was what they were trying _____. If they had taken it, all they had to do was to _____ to silence the witness of the Early Church.
4. IF JESUS' Body had been stolen, the culprits would have taken the _____ along with the Body, not left them arranged in an orderly manner. John 20:6-7

The Truth of CHRIST's Resurrection means:

1. JESUS _____ HE said HE is: LORD, Messiah, GOD in the Flesh, and Savior. A lot of people have claimed to be GOD, but only ONE _____, by rising from the Dead. 1 Cor. 15
2. The Scriptures and HIS Promises _____ and trustworthy.
3. Because JESUS rose from the dead, as HIS _____, we will, too. Therefore, Death has _____ over us. Our future is glorious.
4. CHRIST came to earth to take away our sins. HIS Death and Resurrection are _____ for our transgressions.
5. Satan has been _____. Therefore, we can live in victory.
6. CHRIST's Resurrection is GOD's _____.

An estimated _____ Christians have been martyred for their faith over the last 10 years. They chose death over renouncing their faith, because they _____ in the Resurrection of CHRIST.

