

Matt. 26:32; 28:1-10 – EASTER IN MY HOME TOWN

Just 3 of the ways we know Jesus rose from the dead:

- A. We have reliable historical documents from _____.
- B. Post-resurrection appearances - I Cor. 15:5-8
- C. His enemies _____ contradicted the story of the empty tomb, and NEVER produced His body!

If you have questions, or know someone who does, I suggest these resources:

“Evidence that Demands a Verdict” - Josh McDowell

“Who Moved the Stone?” - Frank Morrison

“Know Why You Believe” - Paul Little

“The Case for Christ” – Lee Stroebel

Matt. 26:32 – “But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

Matt. 28:7 – “Then go quickly and tell His disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee’.”

Matt. 28:10 – “Then Jesus said to (the women), “Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see Me.”

What do these verses tell us about Easter – about the Resurrection of Christ?

EASTER MEANS

1. I CAN TRUST GOD – HE KEEPS HIS _____ 28:6 – “He has risen, just as He said.” John 2:19 – 22

Matt. 26:32 – that He not only promises that He would rise from the dead, He also promised He would meet them in Galilee.

Mark 16:7 - “He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will meet Him, just as He told you.”

EASTER MEANS

II. DON'T BE AFRAID OF TOMORROW – GOD IS ALREADY THERE!

Matt. 28:7 – “Then go quickly and tell His disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee’.”

His story isn't _____, and our story isn't _____!

EASTER MEANS

III. GOD WILL SHOW UP IN YOUR DAILY LIFE - IN YOUR HOME TOWN!!

MATT. 28:10 – “there they will see me” Where? In Galilee!
This was a call to _____.

But why Galilee?

A. The significance of Galilee to the disciples: Galilee is _____.

B. What happened to the disciples in Galilee

1. They were restored and given a new beginning.

Galilee where broken people can find a _____ .

2. Galilee was where Christ gave them their assignment – we call it The Great Commission (Matt. 28:16-20).

C. The significance of “Galilee” for us.

Where is your Galilee? It’s where you are _____ right now.

When we understand Christ is with us in our Galilees – our normal, every-day lives – we will experience Easter in our home town!!

A SPECIAL WORD...

If you are unconvinced about God or the church, but are honestly seeking for answers, we suggest you pray a prayer something like this:
"God, I'm not even sure You exist, but if You do, I really want to know You. Please reveal Yourself to me. I sincerely want to know the truth about You. Put people in my life, put books and resources in my path, use whatever means You want to help me discover who You are."

There are resources we will be happy to point you to in your search. And please know that our Pastor and others in our church will be happy to talk with you - your questions are welcomed! See Pastor Ken after the service to set up a convenient time to meet.

And thanks for being here!

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