

## **Sermon Notes - History's BIG Mystery**

(John 11:25; 14:9; 20:1-2; Luke 24:11; John 20:3-8; Acts 3:15; 2:36-41)

Good News! Foundation of our faith is NOT Christians or how they behave or having all our questions answered or joining a church – the Foundation of the Christian faith is what we celebrate at EASTER!

EASTER addresses **“History's BIG Mystery.”**

Jesus's message was NOT about parables, principles or policies; it was all about Jesus:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.” (John 14:1)

“I am the resurrection and the life.” (John 11)

“Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.” (John 14:9)

### **After the crucifixion:**

“Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!” (John 20:1-2)

“But the men did not believe the women because their words seemed like nonsense.” (Luke 24:11)

“So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Fi-

nally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.” (John 20:3-8)

### **After the Resurrection:**

Acts 2 (history of the beginning of the CHURCH)

Their 4 point message:

1. You killed Him!
2. God raised Him!
3. We’ve seen Him!
4. Now repent of your sin!

Peter preached: (from Acts 3:15 and Acts 2:36-41)

<sup>15</sup>“You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.”

<sup>36</sup>“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.

<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.”

<sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.