

EASTER

What's It All About ... and ... Does It Matter Today?

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices so they might go to anoint Jesus' body. They were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb? But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. Mark 16:1-4

"They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him."

John 20:2

"But they did not believe the women because their words seemed to them like nonsense."

Luke 24:11

"Peter, bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened." Luke 24:12

After crucifixion and burial the disciples were together with the doors locked ... for fear.

Then ...

"Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid, and why do doubts rise in your minds?'" Luke 24:36-48

The CHURCH is NOT about Jesus' teachings ... miracles ... parables. It's about the RESURRECTED JESUS.

The reason we believe Jesus rose from the dead ... the testimonies. Eye Witnesses ...the best kind.

***"YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* Acts 1:8**

The FOUNDATION of Christianity is not a book ... or a religion ... or sayings... it is an **EVENT**.

MANY writers of New Testament suffered beyond what we can imagine. YET they believed.

Why?

They...

- Saw Jesus die on a cross.
- Saw him resurrected
- And they believed

After the crucifixion – before the resurrection – Peter and the others were scared and hiding.

After Resurrection – they lived unafraid. **YOU** can live unafraid too.

“But as many as did receive Him, to them he gave the right to become children of God – even to those who believed in his name.” John 1:12

YOU can have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ His Son. You can know that God is for you...

- Not because things always work out the way we want them to work out.
- Because Jesus died for us ... and ROSE from the dead.

POWER of the resurrection...

- Everything Jesus taught ... was confirmed by resurrection.
- It is an EXTRAORDINARY EVENT w/profound implications...
for YOUR PAST ... YOUR PRESENT ... YOUR FUTURE.
- **You were made for eternity.**

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