



SERMON NOTES

April 9, 2023 (Easter Sunday)

"The King of Kings"

John 3:16-17; 19:40-41; 20:1-8

Luke 24:11; Matthew 16:18



I. The Death of Jesus

- A. To understand the full _____ implications of the Easter story it requires us to pause in the very early moments of the story.
- B. When Jesus was _____, there were no Christians, there was no church, there was no Bible, and there were no believers.
- C. Two Jewish religious leaders, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea, prepared Jesus' body for _____.

II. The End of a Movement

- A. None of Jesus' followers, according to their own testimony, were planning to keep the movement _____ after Jesus' crucifixion.
- B. Jesus was not a reformer; Jesus came to establish something brand _____.

III. Personal Implications of Easter

- A. Mary thinks that someone _____ Jesus' body from the tomb.
- B. Immediately, Jesus followers re-engaged with the message and the mission of Jesus because of what they _____.
- C. The resurrection of Jesus resolves the mystery of how we can know where we _____ with God.
 - *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in (puts their trust in) him shall not perish but have eternal life."* John 3:16
 - *"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."* John 3:17

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message



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INTRODUCTION

When Jesus was crucified, it was the end of the movement; and there were no Christians, there was no church, there was no Bible, and there were no believers. Fast forward to the year 380 A.D. and the same empire that crucified Jesus makes Christianity its official religion. Fast forward to 2023 and there are now 2.4 billion Christians in the world. So... what happened?

Monday: John 20:1-10

When Mary saw the empty tomb, she assumed someone stole Jesus' body because nobody expected Jesus to be raised from the dead. Once Jesus was dead, they expected him to stay dead, "nobody expected no body." What does that tell you about the catalyst for Christianity?

Tuesday: John 20:24-29

Thomas had fled the city of Jerusalem after the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus. When he returned to Jerusalem, the resurrected Jesus had already appeared to the disciples and Thomas missed it. His comments to the disciples are why he gets his nickname 'doubting Thomas.' If you weren't a firsthand witness to something incredible (for instance, the moon landing), what would it take to convince you it happened?

Wednesday: Luke 24:1-12

What are some details in this account that give it credibility?

Thursday: Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus's followers disengaged, but then re-engaged after many people saw him resurrected. What emotions do you think they would have experienced as they saw Jesus die, then saw him alive, saw him leave again, and then heard him promise he would one day return?

Friday: Revelation 1:4-8; 17:14; 19:16

In the sermon, Pastor Eric said "Jesus is a king like no other king." In your own words, what makes Jesus a king like no other king?

MOVING FORWARD

People ultimately weren't convinced to follow Jesus because of what he taught. They became convinced *because of what they saw*. It is the resurrection of Jesus that answers one of history's greatest mysteries: 'how did the church survive the 1st century?' And it's the resurrection of Jesus that resolves the mystery of how we can know where we stand with God.

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Answers to the sermon notes: IA) personal, B) crucified, C) burial. IIA) alive, B) new.
IIIA) religion, B) Christians. IVA) stole, B) saw, C) stand.