

March 27, 2016 – EASTER SUNDAY

The Bridge Bible Fellowship

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Mark 15:42 – 16:8

“The Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus”

The Gospel! 1 Cor. 15:1ff

- I. The Title – 1:1 – “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”
- II. The Prologue – 1:2-13
- III. The Body: The Public Demonstration of Who Jesus Is and What He Came to Do – 1:14-15:41
 - A. The Galilean Ministry: Who Jesus Is (the Christ the Son of God) – 1:14-9:50
 - B. The Judean Ministry: What Jesus Came To Do – 10:1-15:41

IV. The Epilogue: The Resurrection of Jesus (15:42-16:8[20])

A. Dead and Buried (15:42-47)

B. Resurrected (16:1-8)

So what?

Discussion & Application:

1. Read 1 Cor. 15:1-8. Paul says there were four critical components to the Gospel message that he preached: a) Christ **DIED** for our sins according to the Scriptures; b) He was **BURIED**; c) He was **RAISED** on the third day according to the Scriptures; d) He **APPEARED** to...
 - Why are all four components critical to the gospel message? What is the significance of each?
 - How do they answer the questions of skeptics who don't believe in the resurrection of Jesus?
2. Why do all four gospels make the point that Jesus was DEAD? How do the following verses help you answer the question?
 - Is. 53:8 -
 - Is. 53:9 -
 - Heb. 2:9, 14-15 -
3. Why was it important for Mark to tell us that the women saw where Jesus was buried (v. 40)? Why does he give us their names?
4. Who is Joseph of Arimathea? See Mt. 27:57; Lk. 23:50-51; Jn. 19:38. Why is it significant that he asked for the body of Jesus? Why did it take courage for him to go ask Pilate for the body? Why is it significant that Jesus was buried in his tomb? Who else helped Joseph bury the body of Jesus (Jn. 19:39)? Why is that significant?
5. Why was Pilate surprised that Jesus was dead? What did he do to make sure that Jesus was dead?
6. According to Mark 16:1ff, why did the women come to the tomb? Did they expect Jesus to rise? If not, why not? What were they going to do for the body of Jesus that Joseph did not do?
7. Who (or what) was the young man inside the tomb? What was his message? What evidence did he give that Jesus had been raised?
8. Why did the young man tell them to "go, tell His disciples AND Peter"? What comfort would this wording bring to the disciples? What comfort would it bring to Peter?
9. Why is the response of the women in v. 8 appropriate?
10. What does Matthew 28 add to the story?
11. The religious leaders of Israel said that if Jesus came down from the cross they would see and believe (Mk.15:31-32). Was that true? What did they do with the miracle of the empty tomb?
12. What does the resurrection of Jesus prove?
 - **Jesus' claims are true!** Acts 2:24, 36; 10:40; Romans 1:4; John 2:13-21
 - **God the Father accepted Jesus' death as full payment for our sins!** Rom. 4:25; 1 Cor. 15:17
 - **Jesus will return as the Judge of every person who has ever lived!** Acts 17:31
13. There is an elephant in the room! What will you do with the empty tomb? Jesus is ALIVE! What will you do with the gospel of Jesus the Christ, the Son of God? What decision will you make today?
14. Read the "*Life's Most Important Question*" booklet and respond to Jesus today!