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An Exposition of the Book of Mark



Does the Resurrection Matter?

Mark 15:42-16:20

Overview

- **Jesus resurrected is sin & death defeated**
 - Joseph of Arimathea requested the body, he took it, covered it w/ linen, and laid in tomb
 - Mary and Mary were there to see where Jesus was laid (so they knew where to return)
 - Angel in tomb told Mary and Mary the obvious: He is not here, He is risen!
 - The resurrection of Christ is pivotal to the Gospel
 - Without the resurrection we are still in our sin
 - The resurrection tells us that God received the payment of Christ
 - That Christ was who He said He was
 - The resurrection insures the believers...
 - Regeneration (New Birth)
 - Justification (Declaration of Innocence)
 - Restoration (Resurrected body of perfection)
 - Resurrection then empowers our obedience
- **Resurrection life is a life of advance, not retreat**
 - Jesus appears to Mary (John 20.14)
 - Jesus appears to a couple disciples (Luke 24.13-31)
 - Jesus rebukes disciples for lack of belief
 - Great Commission: Go and make disciples of all creation (Matt. 28.19-20)
 - Signs and wonders testify to truthfulness of Gospel as it advances (Acts 5.12)
 - Christ ascension to heaven and seating at right hand indicates finished work

Questions

Discussion Starter: What is public opinion of the supernatural? (i.e. Resurrection) Why do you think some do not believe the supernatural is possible?

1. Jesus predicted his betrayal, death, and resurrection three times...why is everyone so surprised at his resurrection and not looking for it?
2. Why is the resurrection such a strong apologetic for the truth of Christianity?
3. How is the resurrection so vital to the Gospel?
4. Discuss the significance of the 1st and 2nd Adam and what each of them brought.
5. Read 1 Cor. 15.58 (in context of discussion on resurrection in 1 Cor. 15) and discuss how the resurrection informs power for obedience in the day to day.
6. How does the resurrection insure regeneration, justification, and perfected resurrected bodies?
7. Why would Christ go from wanting everyone to be quiet about him to now commanding them to go and tell everyone change now?

8. Why does Christ want us to go and make disciples?
9. What is a practical way you can continue/start making disciples?