

## **The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most important event of all recorded historic events.**

Matthew 28:1 Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. 4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. 5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 "And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before

you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." 8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. 9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me." 11 Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. 12 When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, 13 saying, "Tell them, 'His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.'" 14 "And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure." 15 So they took the money and did as they were

instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day. 16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. 17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

It's the greatest story ever told.

1 Corinthians 15:14 And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty.

Jesus taught the disciples the story doesn't end with the resurrection.

John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

2 "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming

of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Jesus lived, He died, He was buried... and He rose again. **AND HE IS IS COMING BACK.**

And it's going to be a glorious day!!!

Even after the death, burial and the resurrection people still doubted.

2 Peter 3:3-4 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For

since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.

Jesus told a parable about a man who lived like his master wasn't coming back.

Luke 12:42-46 And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? 43 "Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.44 "Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has.

**This guy simply BEHAVED like his master (Jesus) wasn't gonna come back.**

Jesus promised HE WAS COMING BACK.

He warned us against expecting His return on our timetable.

Matthew 24:35-39 “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. 37 “But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 “For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 “and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Acts 1:7 And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

**JESUS IS COMING BACK!**

**ARE YOU READY?**

JESUS IS coming back... and that means at least 2 things to us:

## **1. We need to be ready.**

Revelation 16:15 “Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”

2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.<sup>11</sup> Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,<sup>12</sup> looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

In other words, live every day as if Jesus were to coming that day.

Live every day like it's your last, 'cause one day you're gonna be right.

## **2. It's going to be great.**

1 Thessalonians 4:18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

**ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER WITH THESE WORDS!**

We should be looking forward to Jesus' Coming Back with excitement!!!

Are you excited about his return?

Do you believe He's coming back?

Are you ready for His return?

And do you really know Him?

