

# THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING

## Resurrection Sunday and the Empty Tomb

### Matthew 28:1-10

#### IN JESUS' DAY...

- \* Roman Crucifixions were **COMMON**
- \* Messianic Leaders would **COME AND GO**
- \* No problem with crucifying the **KING OF THE JEWS**

What happened next changed everything...Matthew 28:1-10

#### THE RESURRECTION AND THE EMPTY TOMB CHANGED EVERYTHING

1. It proved **WHO JESUS IS**

*"Tell us who you are", they demanded. Jesus replied, "I am the one I have always claimed to be...when you have killed the Messiah, then you will realize that I am he..."* John 8:25, 28 (LB)

*"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."* John 14:6

*"They will condemn him to death...mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise."* Mark 10:33-34

*"I am the Son of God. Do not believe me unless I do what my father does...even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles..."* John 10:36-37

2. It validated **WHAT JESUS TAUGHT**

*"If you hold to my teachings you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."* John 8:31-32

#### WHAT IS THE TRUTH THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING?

1. God made you **FOR A PURPOSE**

*"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."* Ephesians 2:10

2. You can know **GOD PERSONALLY**

*"He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him....my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."* John 14:21, 23

3. You can be **FORGIVEN AND START OVER**

*"He has forgiven all our sins...and cancelled every record of the debt owed; Christ has done away with it by nailing it to the cross."* Colossians 2:14 (Jerusalem Bible)

4. You can go to **HEAVEN WHEN YOU DIE**

*"Now this is eternal life; that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."* John 17:3

## THE RESURRECTION/EMPTY TOMB CHANGES EVERYTHING

1. It means death is **NOT THE END**

*"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.'"* John 11:25-26

2. The grave is not my **FINAL DESTINY**

*"...because you will not abandon me to the grave."* Acts 2:27

3. Sin is not **MY MASTER**

*"Where, O death, is your victory, where, O death is your sting? The sting of death is sin...but thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."* 1 Corinthians 15:55-56

4. The Devil **DOES NOT WIN!**

\* 1 John 4:4, Revelation 12:9, Revelation 20:10