

Two Resurrection Truths

1 Corinthians 15:20

Outline:

I. Two truths:

1. Christ is risen from the dead

There is evidence:

- 1) The tomb became occupied – Lk. 23:50-53**
- 2) The tomb was sealed and guarded – Mt. 27:62-66**
- 3) The tomb was known – Lk. 23:55**
- 4) The tomb was emptied – Mk. 16:1-6**

There are witnesses:

- 1) Mary Magdalene – Jn. 20:11-18**
- 2) Cleopas and his friend – Lk. 24:13-35**
- 3) The disciples – Mk. 16:14**
- 4) A crowd of 500 – I Cor. 15:6**

There is a church:

- * He is the cornerstone of our faith – I Cor. 15:12-19**

2. Christ is the first-fruits in resurrection

First-fruits as an offering to God:

- 1) For God's servants, the priests – Deut. 18:3-4**
- 2) For dedication to the land – Deut. 26:1-3**
- 3) For a symbol of preeminence – Deut. 33:21**

First-fruits as an offering from God:

- 1) For God's people, the believers – I Cor. 15:22-23**
- 2) For dedication to our hope – I Cor. 15:24-26**
- 3) For a symbol of Christ's preeminence – I Cor. 15:27-28**

II. Two sets of questions:

1. What does Christ's resurrection mean to you? How does that truth influence your life?

2. What does it mean to you that God would offer something to you? (This shouldn't puff us up, but rather to lift Him up.) How does the resurrection bolster your faith for the future?