

Easter Service | April 21, 2019 Pastor Bruce Adrian

Behold the Risen Lord

Matthew 28:1-10

Two Crucial Events

The two most important events in the history of the world are the CRUCIFIXION and RESURRECTION of Jesus Christ.

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1. Behold, Jesus Was CRUCIFIED on the Cross!

But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified." Matthew 28:5

Five Truths about the Crucifixion

> The crucifixion of Jesus was <u>PUBLIC</u>.

Matthew 27:32-56

The crucifixion of Jesus was <u>PAINFUL</u>.

Mark 15:37, 44

> The crucifixion of Jesus was <u>PLANNED</u> by God.

Matthew 17:22-23; John 3:16; Acts 4:27-28; Romans 8:32

The crucifixion of Jesus was <u>PUNISHMENT</u> for our sin.

1Corinthians 15:3; Galatians 1:4

The crucifixion of Jesus is <u>PRECIOUS</u> to those who believe.

1Peter 1:18-19; 2:7

2. Behold, Jesus Is <u>RISEN</u> from the Dead!

"He is not here; for He is risen, as He said..." Matthew 28:6

What Two Women See

> The two women go to see Jesus' tomb and find it EMPTY.

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. 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. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. Matthew 28:1-4

But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 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." So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. Matthew 28:5-8

> The two women see the risen Savior and WORSHIP Him.

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. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me." Matthew 28:9-10

What does Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection mean for me?

- It means that Jesus can be <u>TRUSTED</u>.
- It means that you can be FORGIVEN.
- It means that death is not the END.

Behold the Risen Lord and Believe!

Repent of your sin and trust Jesus for your salvation.

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. Romans 10:9-10 NIV

If you're ready to respond, sincerely pray: "Heaven Father, I know that I'm a sinner and I need Your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus is the Savior who died to pay the penalty for my sin and rose again. I want to turn from my sins and follow You instead. Please forgive me and save me. I receive Your Son Jesus by faith as my Savior and Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen."