

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 01 March.....Nahum 1-3..... Don't Mess with God
- 2) 08 March..... Zephaniah 1-2..... Everyone is Accountable
- 3) 15 March..... Zephaniah 3..... Our Great Salvation
- 4) 22 March..... Obadiah 1..... Compassion for Lost People
- 5) 29 March..... Zechariah 1-12..... The Promised Messiah
- 6) 05 April..... Luke 24:1-12..... The Declaration**
- 7) 12 April..... Luke 24:19-35..... The Promise Fulfilled
- 8) 19 April..... Zechariah 13-14..... A Refined People
- 9) 26 April..... Habakkuk 1-2..... Hard Questions, Hard Answers
- 10) 03 May..... Habakkuk 3..... Awestruck
- 11) 10 May..... Haggai 1-2..... Seek God First
- 12) 17 May..... Malachi 1..... True Hope
- 13) 24 May..... Malachi 2..... Faithful
- 14) 31 May..... Malachi 3..... A Pure People

INTRODUCTION

- If the Resurrection of Christ is the cornerstone of our faith why would so few details be provided in the Gospels?
- Matthew's account constitutes less than 5% of his Gospel; Mark gave 6% of his story to the resurrection; Luke 4%; and John 9%.
- Can the resurrection be scientifically proved? Only by accepting mathematical probability of prophetic fulfillment in Jesus Christ
- Can the resurrection be historically verified.....Yes ...Beyond all doubt? No. Beyond reasonable doubt? Yes
 - ♦ We have more secular historical evidence for Jesus Christ (10 sources) than we do for His contemporary, Augustus Caesar (8)
- Credibility of the Resurrection is actually strengthened since the Gospel writers did not embellish their various claims

Passage	Comments
Luke 24:1-12	<p>Resurrection Morning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v2. The stone was rolled away to allow the women to walk in, not for Jesus to walk out ♦ Mary Magdalene – was healed of 7 demons and supported the Lord's work financially Luke 8:2-3 ♦ Joanna, wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, also supported the Lord's work financiallyLuke 8:3 ♦ Aunt Mary, the wife of Cleophas/Alpheus, the mother of James the less (Junior) and Joses. ♦ Salome, the wife of Zebedee, the mother of James and John..... cp Mt 4:21; 20:20; 27:56; Mk 15:40 ♦ "Other women" – possibly Mary, Martha, Susanna • v12. Peter & John then ran to the tomb.... John 20:3-10
24:36-49	<p>The Reality of the Risen Christ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The disciples still had doubts even though Jesus was standing before them, and they were seeing, touching and hearing him • v42. Finally, when Jesus ate something their minds began to accept what their senses were telling them • v45. Jesus still had to do the miraculous to "open their minds" to understand the Scriptures about Him • What makes us hear things but not perceive things? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Low IQ or Insufficient Information B. Stubbornness or Pride C. Immaturity D. All of the Above • How can we remove some barriers to perceiving truth? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Spend More Time In God's Word B. Spend More Time Praying for Wisdom C. Spend More Time Listening, Less Talking D. All of the Above

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Matthew 28:1-4	<p>Struck with Awe At the Tomb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v1. Female visitors to the tomb (cp Lk 24:10) included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Mary Magdalene – was healed of 7 demons and supported the Lord's work financially..... Luke 8:2-3 ♦ "the other Mary" – the wife of Cleophas/Alpheus, the mother of James the less (Junior) and Joseph. ♦ Joanna, wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, who supported the Lord's work financially.... Lk 8:3; 24:10 ♦ Salome, the wife of Zebedee, the mother of James/ John... cp Mt 4:21; 20:20; 27:56; Mk 15:40; Lk 24:10 ♦ "Other women" – possibly Mary, Martha, Susanna • v2. The stone was rolled away to allow the women to walk in, not for Jesus to walk out
Matthew 28:5-8	<p>Come and See</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An unnamed Angel is given the task to spook the guards (probably a Roman troop of seasoned veterans, "who had been used to terrible sights in the field of battle; were men of courage, and fearless of danger; and yet were seized with a panic, and every limb of them shook and trembled at the sight of the angel, for fear he was come as an executioner of divine vengeance upon them" <i>John Gill Commentary</i>) • The Angel also had the task of calming the fears of the women, giving them a guided tour of the empty tomb, and sending them on to the disciples
Mark 16:1-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Magdalene and friends visits the tomb to prepare Jesus' body for formal burial, but they flee the scene (This could be Mary's 2nd trip to the tomb) • According to John, Mary M. apparently was at the tomb while it was still dark and ran into the risen Lord

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- God gives sufficient and credible evidence for people to reliably and confidently place their faith in Him, but not overwhelming evidence to force people to believe..... Acts 1:3; 17:31

NEXT WEEK: Luke 24:19-35. This passage in Luke tells the story of when the resurrected Messiah was incognito alongside 2 of His disciples on a 7 mile/2 hour walk.

