

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

1) 01 Mar 2020.....	Romans 01a.....	Compelled
2) 08 Mar.....	Romans 01b.....	Guilty
3) 15 Mar.....	Romans 02.....	Insufficient
4) 22 Mar.....	Romans 03-04.....	Justified
5) 29 Mar.....	Romans 05.....	At Peace
6) 05 April.....	Romans 06-07.....	Free
<b>7) 12 April.....</b>	<b>Luke 24:1-12 [EASTER].....</b>	<b>Raised</b>
8) 19 April.....	Romans 08-09.....	Secured
9) 26 April.....	Romans 10.....	Saved
10) 03 May.....	Romans 11.....	Mercy
11) 10 May.....	Romans 12.....	Sacrifices
12) 17 May.....	Romans 13.....	Citizens
13) 24 May.....	Romans 14.....	Accepting
14) 31 May.....	Romans 15-16.....	Reach

**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
Matthew 28:1-4	<p><b>Struck with Awe At the Tomb</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v1. Initial female visitors to the tomb early in the morning (cp Lk 24:10) included:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <b>Mary Magdalene</b> – was healed of 7 demons and supported the Lord's work financially ..... Luke 8:2-3</li> <li>♦ <b>“the other Mary”</b> – the wife of Cleophas/Alpheus, the mother of James the Less (Junior) and Joseph, who theologians suspect was an aunt of Jesus (James the Less and Joseph were cousins).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• v2. The stone was rolled away to allow the women to walk in, not for Jesus to walk out</li> </ul>
Matthew 28:5-8	<p><b>Come and See</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An unnamed Angel is given the task to spook the guards (who is probably a battled-seasoned Roman troop, “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” – John Gill Commentary)</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>
Mark 16:1-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary Magdalene and friends visits the tomb to prepare Jesus' body for formal burial, but they flee the scene (This could be Mary's 2<sup>nd</sup> trip to the tomb)</li> </ul>
John 20:1-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v1. Mary M. was at the tomb while it was still dark and after seeing the stone moved away and assuming the worst, she ran to fetch the men</li> <li>• vv11-18. Jesus waited to reveal Himself to her while she was alone. Why? Was she special?</li> </ul>

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

**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: Romans 8.** Chapter 8 hits on 12 doctrines – Election, predestination, God's foreknowledge, God's calling, justification, condemnation, salvation, eternal security, spiritual adoption, joint heirs with Christ, perseverance, and prayer – all within 39 verses

