

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
7) 12 April.....Luke 24:1-12 [EASTER].....Raised
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>Struck with Awe At the Tomb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v1. Initial female visitors to the tomb early in the morning (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, who theologians suspect was an aunt of Jesus (James the Less and Joseph were cousins). • 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 (who is probably a battled-seasoned Roman troop, “<i>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) • 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)
John 20:1-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • vv11-18. Jesus waited to reveal Himself to her while she was alone. Why? Was she special?

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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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 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 financially.....Luke 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 Martha, Susanna, and Mary (Jesus' mother) • 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 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

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

