

Easter Sunday

He Has Risen! Seriously!

Sunday April 1, 2018

1. What confidence can we have that Jesus Christ was crucified, died, was buried – and then rose from the dead?

- Jesus actually died.
- The tomb was empty.

2. While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that happened. When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day (Mt. 28:11-15).

3. What confidence can we have that Jesus Christ was crucified, died, was buried – and then rose from the dead?

- Lots of people saw Jesus alive after He died.
- The changed lives of the disciples.

4. Why is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead such a big deal?

- HOPE
- The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead represents the hope that death can be defeated.

5. I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die (Jn. 11:25-26).

6. If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised our preaching is useless and so is your faith...

7. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead... But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep...

8. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him (those who have placed their faith in him)... (1 Cor. 15:12-23)

9. Jesus put it this way: *Because I live, you also will live* (Jn. 14:19).