

## Story #33

### The Resurrection

(Mark Smith)

**Matthew 27:62-66; 28:2-4, 11-15; Mark 16: 1-13; John 20: 1-18**

**Foretold by the prophets:** Psalm 16:10, Acts 13:34, 35; Isaiah 26:19

**Foretold by Himself:** Matthew 20:19; Mark 9:9; 14:28; John 2:19-22

#### Was Necessary for:

The fulfillment of Scripture: Luke 24:45-46      Forgiveness of sins: I Corinthians 15:17

Justification : Romans 4:25; 8:34      Hope: I Corinthians 15:19      Efficacy of preaching: I Cor. 15:14

Efficacy of faith: I Cor. 15:14, 17      Proof of his being the Son of God: Ps. 2:7; Acts 13:33; Rom. 1:4

#### Effected by:

- The power of God: Actis2:24; 3:15; Ro. 8:11; Eph 1:20; col. 2:12
- His own power: John 2:19; 10:18
- The power of the Holy Spirit: I Pet.3:18

#### He appeared to:

Mary Magdalene: Mark 16:9; John 20:18      The women: Mat.28:9      Simon Peter: Lu 24:34

Two disciples: Lk 24:13-31      Apostles, except Thomas: Jn. 20: 19, 24

Apostles, Thomas present: Jn. 20:26      Apostles at the sea of Tiberias: Jn. 21:1

Apostles in Galilee: Mat 28: 16, 17      About five hundred brethren: I Cor. 15:6

James I Cor. 15:7      All the apostles: Lk 24:51; Ac 1:9; I Cor. 15:7      Paul: I cor. 15:8

#### Was attested to by:

By many infallible proofs: Lu 24:35, 39, 43; John 20:20, 27; Actis1:3

Angels: Mt 28:5-7; Lu 24:4-7, 23

Asserted and preached by the Apostles: Acts 25:19; 26: 23

Apostles: Acts 1:22;2:32; 3:15; 4:33      His enemies: Mt 28: 11-15

## ORDER OF APPEARANCES OF THE RESURRECTED CHRIST

- The guards saw an angel roll away the stone and they knew the body was gone- Matt 28:2-4; 28: 11-18
  - Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, Salome, and other arrive at the tomb- Matt. 28:1, 5-7; Mk. 16:1-11; Lk 24:1-10; Jn. 20
  - Peter and John arrive at the tomb, followed by Mary Magdalene again – Jn. 20: 2-10
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1. Jesus appears to Mary – Jn. 20: 11-17
2. Jesus appears to the other women who were returning to the tomb – Mt. 28:9-10
3. The appearance to Peter in the afternoon of resurrection day – Lk 24:34; I Cor. 15:5
4. The two Emmaus road disciples see Jesus – Lk. 24:13-35; Mk. 16: 12-13
5. The first upper room appearance of Jesus to the ten disciples – Mk. 16:14; Lk. 24:36-43; Jn. 20:19-23
6. The second upper room appearance a week latter to all eleven disciples – Jn. 20: 26-29
7. Sea of Tiberias appearance to the seven disciples – Jn. 21:1-23
8. Appearance to the 500 at one time – I Cor. 15:6
9. James, the half brother of Jesus, sees Jesus – I Cor. 15:7
10. To the twelve on the mountain in Galilee when Jesus gave the Great Commission – Matt 28: 16-18
11. At the ascension of Christ from the Mount of Olives – Lk 24:44-53; Acts 1:3-9
12. Stephen, at his martyrdom, saw Jesus – Acts 7: 55-56
13. Saul (Paul) saw Jesus on the road to Dasmascus – Acts 9: 3-9
14. To the Apostle Paul in Arabia – Acts 20:24; 26:17; Gal. 1:12,17
15. To Paul when he was in the temple – Acts 22: 17-21
16. To Paul while he was in prison – Acts 23:11
17. To the Apostle John on the island of Patmos – Rev. 1: 12-20

## **MATTHEW 27: 62-66**

**v. 62 – “the next day’** – day after the crucifixion, it was a Passover Sabbath, not a typical one, but at a very holy day. Meeting with a pagan ruler was certainly unusual for the Jewish leaders, but even more so on a Sabbath day! The even went INTO Pilate’s building and chamber! This was a major defilement for them. The business of stopping any possible schemes to promote a resurrection story out -weighed their traditions and practices.

***PRACTICAL POINT: the simple possibility of a resurrection caused the enemies of Jesus to change their life habits. Has the reality of the event moved me to make any changes in my own life recently?***

**v. 63 – “we remember that the deceiver said ..”** – The Sadducees, who did not believe in any resurrection from the dead, along with the Pharisees had been listening to Jesus’ speeches even more closely than His own disciples. They grasped that Jesus said He would rise again and had a time frame for the event. The disciples did not understand this until after the resurrection.

**v. 64-66 – “So they went, and made the sepulcher sure,”-** The plan to secure the body of Jesus from being stolen turns out to be a major aid in disproving the false theory some promote. Planning to prevent such a theft enables us to be confident that the resurrection HAD to have occurred. No untrained group of fishermen, tax collectors, and such could have out – witted Roman soldiers.