

# FOUR THINGS EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT THE RESURRECTION

John 20:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene **went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.** <sup>2</sup>So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

<sup>3</sup>So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup>Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>**He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there** but did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup>as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup>Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.

## I. Actually happened.

### A. Bible says so.

Cf. Mt. 28:1-10, Mk. 16:1-8, Lk. 24:1-12, Jn. 20:1-8

### B. Fulfilled prophecy.

Cf. Is. 25:8, Is. 26:19, Hos. 6:2

### C. Historical evidence other than the Bible.

Jewish and Roman historians.

### D. So many who saw Him afterwards.

Cf. I Cor. 15:3-8 (500)

### E. Changed lives in this room alone.

### F. Tomb was empty!

## II. Our only hope.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood outside the tomb **crying**. As she **wept**, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup>and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. <sup>13</sup>They asked her, "**Woman, why are you crying?**"

## III. Must be heralded (proclaimed).

<sup>17</sup>Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. **Go** instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" "

<sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "**I have seen the Lord!**" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

## IV. Only access to Heaven.

<sup>31</sup>But these are written that you may **believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have **eternal life** in his name.

John 14:6 - Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. **No one comes to the Father except through me.**"

Acts 4:12 - **Salvation is found in no one else**, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever **believes in him** shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 10:9 - **That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**