

ALL THINGS NEW

'He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said.'

Matthew 28:6

Part 2: His Resurrection validates our TRUST in Jesus

The OT writers penned **Four** descriptions of coming Messiah

Messiah GOD – One day God Himself is coming to earth Zech. 2:10

Messiah Son of DAVID – reigns from Jerusalem forever 2 Sam. 7:12-16

Messiah Son of MAN – rules all the nations of the earth Dan. 7:13-14

Messiah Son of JOSEPH – the suffering servant will be crucified and die
Psalm 22:14-18; Isaiah 53

The **Mystery of two visitations** explains these descriptions

First Visitation

Messiah **God**

Messiah Son of **Joseph**

Second Visitation

Messiah **God**

Messiah Son of **David**

Messiah Son of **Man**

Jesus FORETOLD of His death, burial, and Resurrection
at least THREE Times Matt. 16:21-23, 17:22-23, 20:17-19

Let's go to that **first** appearance of Jesus Matthew 28

The words of the ANGEL vs. 6

The words of JESUS vs. 9-10

The APPEARANCE of Jesus vs. 16-17

We can trust JESUS, He is a Person who keeps His word!

His promises for TODAY can be trusted!

His foretelling of the FUTURE can also be trusted!

Auburn Grace Community Church – April 16th, 2023

Life Group Discussion Questions – April 16, 2023

Matthew 28:5-7 “And the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see Him; behold, I have told you.”

DISCOVER

1. What difference would it have made if Jesus had ascended directly to heaven at the moment of death? Why might it have been unfathomable for the disciples to think Jesus would actually rise from the dead? In John 2:19, Jesus said “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” What might the people who overheard Jesus’ statement of the temple have thought He meant?
2. Do you believe anyone besides Jesus has kept every promise they ever made? What stands in the way of us keeping our word in small things or large? Why does a single failed promise lead you to doubt someone’s future commitments? Jesus kept, or will keep, every promise He ever made. People doubt Christianity but no one has proved Jesus to have fallen short in His promises. What does that tell us about the confidence we should have in telling non-believers of the gospel?
3. Why was death on the cross so contrary to the expectation of the followers of Jesus? As long as our days are numbered, it seems we will look to strong leaders, political or otherwise, for hope. In what ways does Jesus lead and provide that no human ever has or ever will? At what point does our trust in earthly leaders become a diversion from the only One who is trustworthy, Jesus?

EXPLORE

1. Read Matthew 16:21-23, Matthew 17:22-23 and Matthew 20:17-19. What is the consistent message in these scriptures? How was the message of the impending death of Jesus inconsistent with the expectation of His disciples? From the perspective of man and science, death is the end. How did Jesus show this to be a misguided perspective?
2. Read Daniel 7:13-14. How did Jesus fulfill this prophecy? What do you see in the verses that indicate the fulfillment of the prophecy could only be accomplished through the Son of Man? How does this show the Bible to be the inspired word of God?
3. Read Psalm 22:14-18 and Isaiah 53. How did Jesus fulfill these scriptures? The words of David were composed around 1,000 BC. Crucifixion was invented between 300-400 BC. Why should this give you confidence that prophecy in the Bible is trustworthy? Isaiah 53:6 says our sins will fall on the Lamb. Explain the impact on your love of Jesus knowing He has taken away your sins.

EXPERIENCE

1. Why is it so important for Christians to be trustworthy in their relationships with non-believers? When believers fail in their relationships with each other, how does grace come into play? What are your guidelines for living a life that is worthy of your calling? What is pleasing to God?
2. Jesus has promised many things for us, and He has proven faithful. What promises of His do you hold onto? Have the promises that you hold dear, changed in different periods in your life? Explain your response. What do you look forward to in your own resurrection?

PRAY

Pray... God, no one is faithful, no one is good, and no one keeps their promises like you. Great is thy faithfulness. Give us strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow. May the Holy Spirit remind us of the reason for our hope. Science, governments, and all humanity has proven to be unfaithful in comparison to you. We know full well that Your promises are trustworthy. Please open our eyes and ears that we can seize opportunities to share the gospel with a dark and hurting world. We know the harvest is plenty but the workers are few. Amen.