

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ: The Foundation of Your Faith John 20

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John's Statement of Purpose for his Gospel account:

John 20:30-31 - Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; **but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.**

The Evidences for Jesus' resurrection should lead us to trust Him as Saviour and Lord:

Some Foundational (Load-Bearing) Evidences I can Build my Hope On:

- 1. The <u>STONE</u> 20:1
- 2. The Grave <u>CLOTHES</u> 20:5-7
- 3. The Post-Resurrection <u>APPEARANCES</u> 20:11-18, 19-23, 24-31; 21:1-25, 1 Cor. 15:6-8
- 4. The Changed <u>LIVES</u> of the Witnesses

5. His Unique Person and Amazing Claims:

Four Concluding Applications

1. Be <u>CERTAIN</u> - Our Faith in The Risen Saviour is Solidly Grounded on Historical Evidence – Believe it and <u>PROCLAIM</u> it.

2. Be <u>INFORMED</u> - Our Faith in the Risen Saviour Must Include Repentance and <u>SURRENDER</u> to His Lordship

Acts 17:30-31 - The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

1. Be **ENCOURAGED** - God does not cast us off when our faith is weak.

Hebrews 4:15-16 - For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

2. Be <u>HOPEFUL</u> - Jesus' Bodily Resurrection is the <u>GUARANTEE</u> of our Future Resurrection.

