

INTRODUCTION

1. Lk 24:1-7. Today: preliminary readings to get "the big picture".

1st: The Resurrection of Jesus Confronts All Men

1. THE miracle of miracles to which all miracles point: resurrection life.
2. Modern man is open to the miraculous. Are there absolutes?
3. What does the resurrection address that is true of all men?
 - i. Legitimacy of one's "perspective". Culturalisms: 1C 10:32; 9:19ff
 - a. Universal reality of death - Heb 9:27.
 - b. Act 17:30-31 all called to repent: Final Judgment proved by the resurrection of Jesus - issues of courtroom.
 - ii. Is Scripture one subcultural perspective among many? God's perspective is true - Eph 4:1.

2nd: A Review of the Witness of Scripture

1. Supposed contradictions among Gospels - various eyewitness reports.
2. Mat 27:62-66 Sanhedrin secure tomb mindful of Jesus' prophecy: 3rd day
3. Mat 28:1-4 details re: removal of stone by angel & earthquake
 - i. v5-8 angel calms fear - announces Jesus' resurrection
 - ii. v9-10 encounter resurrected Jesus & worships - to meet in Galilee
 - iii. v11-15 guards fled, went to chief priests: rumor - wh/ is incredible
 - iv. v16-20 Jesus in Galilee. 1C 15:4b-8
4. Mrk 16:1-8 [v9ff = uncertain Grk manuscript] meet in Galilee *just as He told you* [Mrk 14:26-28]
5. Jn 20:1-17 - Mary Mag reports to Peter & John who visit tomb
 - i. Mary stayed outside weeping. Seems unaware of angels' message.
 - ii. Jesus meets her & she *clings* to Him [Mat 28:9].
6. Lk 24:1-10 2 angels - remember Jesus' prophetic words

3rd: Some Commonalties in the Gospel Witness

1. The resurrection itself is not described. God is His own witness.
2. Jesus' disciples were not expecting Jesus to resurrect.
3. The women were the 1st to visit tomb & to testify of resurrection
4. The stone was supernaturally removed.
5. Angels appear to announce Jesus' resurrection.
6. Resurrected Jesus appeared to individuals & groups - females & males
7. Resurrection of Jesus explains radical change seen in disciples in Acts.

4th: Apostolic Instruction on the Resurrection

1. Jesus' resurrection is central to gospel preached - 1C 15:1-11.
2. The God of OT who raises the dead - v12-19.
3. Commencement of the new age - v20-28.
4. Obligates us to live w/ eternal perspective - v29-34
5. Resurrection body as a tree in rln to its seed - v35-41.
6. Resurrection body is better than body wh/ is buried - v42-44
7. Resurrection body is better than Adam's original body - v45-49
8. Resurrection body is required for glorified kingdom - v50-54
9. Resurrection = victory over death - v55-58.

5th: What is Your Perspective on Jesus' Resurrection?

1. Jesus' resurrection cannot be subject of scientific inquiry. It is declared as actual & interpreted according to revelation of Scripture.
2. What is your perspective?
3. Jn 16:13-15 May HS open eyes to see resurrected Jesus in light of Scripture.