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Easter Sunday: Why So Certain

Matthew 28:1-10 - *Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. ² Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. ³ His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. ⁴ The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. ⁵ Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. ⁷ And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you." ⁸ The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message. ⁹ And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there."*

They Ran To Him, Grasped His Feet, And Worshiped Him

Jesus Remained The Same Person They Knew Before His Brutal Death

Hebrews 13:8 - *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*

Jesus Remains Dependable, Regardless Of Our Changing Circumstances

Their Worship Testifies To His Divinity

Acts 1:3 - *During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.*

Christ Rose On The Third Day:

- 1) The Foundation Of Our Christian Faith**
- 2) What God Means To Us.**

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 - *I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. ⁴ He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. ⁵ He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him.*

Recognizing The Depth Of Our Sinfulness And Receiving God's Grace To Be Free From It

1. Jesus Is Lord.

Romans 1:4 - *He was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord.*

2. The Resurrection Became The Foundation For Life And Mission.

The Easter Story Is The Answer To The Conflict Between God And Man

Jesus Holds The Power To Save Anyone Who Trusts In Him For The Forgiveness Of Their Sins

1 Corinthians 15:20-22 - *But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died. ²¹ So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. ²² Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life.*

1 Thessalonians 4:14 - *For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.*