

Resurrection Sunday Special

“Expecting To Pay Homage To The Dead And Coming Up Empty” Matthew 28:1-15

These are the two women who appeared to know more biblical truth than anyone else at this time, so if anyone is capable of making a good spiritual decision, these two Marys are at the head of the class.

Obviously, they weren't going there to pay homage to the dead; they were expecting to experience the resurrection and they wanted to be there when it was possible to see for themselves and they were the only two who did so.

It's fascinating that the first of our Lord's appearances was to Mary Magdalene.

She was valedictorian in the three years of Jesus' Bible teaching ministry; tops when it came to understanding biblical truth, obviously way ahead of everyone else.

Notice that Matthew uses Jesus, the title for the humanity of Christ and this angel is very accurate when he says 'crucified' which would indicate that the humanity of Christ was crucified because the Son of God cannot be crucified as deity cannot die.

God certainly honors those whose dependence upon Him is total, not partial.

The tomb guards gave the chief priests a detailed account of what had occurred and this is the only accurate account that they ever gave because they're about to be bribed by the Sanhedrin to change their story and they will.

The evidence of Jesus' resurrection is based on the existence of the empty tomb and the validity and accuracy of the witnesses who knew the Lord Jesus Christ well, so they could not be deceived.

And don't forget that they would die rather than change their testimony about the resurrection and many of them did!

Before His death, they were all afraid of their own shadows and soon after His death, the same attitude prevailed but after His resurrection, they were where we all need to be; joyous and fearless!

Both our death and our resurrection after death are the wise sovereign decisions of God; so, apart from suicidal intervention, we have no control over the time, manner or place of our death or even if we will die.

And since our resurrection is totally the work of God, it's obviously His victory to claim.

And also, since the resurrection is the work of God for all believers, winners or losers, it's a matter of grace and never a matter of human merit.

To know the omnipotent power of the Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection is to have maximum knowledge of biblical truth through constant learning, understanding, believing and applying God's Word.

The power of resurrection is only one of the many manifestations of God's unlimited, infinite omnipotence displayed during the devil's historic rule; Satan is the ruler of this world and the resurrection took place in his world, on his watch and try as he did, he couldn't prevent it.