

PASSION WEEK  
RESURRECTION SUNDAY 2021

TRUTH IN A POST-2020 WORLD. HOW AN UNBELIEVING WORLD CAME TO BELIEVE.

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**Returning**

**How Truth Divides The World**

CELEBRATING THE FACT THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE TRUTH AND HIS WORD STANDS FIRM.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Resurrection, Life, Death, Heaven, Hell, Right, Wrong**

**Luke 24:1-12**

**Good Morning People of God, He Is Risen – He Is Risen Indeed**

**I Often Think of How – 2,000 Years Ago, The News Reporters Would Have Handled The Headlines This Weekend In History.**

NEWSMAX

“Skeptics proven wrong.  
Jesus Christ Defies Death. Stone Roles Away.”

FOX News

“Eternal Life is now Possible.  
Jesus Conquers Death and Hell”

CNN

“We don’t know what happened. We have no information on what happened – but we know absolutely for sure – that whatever did happen – did not really happen – and WE CANNOT FIND A DEAD BODY ANYWHERE”

**and with that – we would agree, CNN  
would have gotten that point right – there was no dead body to be found!**

## Luke 24:1-12

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. 2 But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. 3 Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. 5 Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, 7 saying, "The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. " :8 And they remembered His words. 9 Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the disciples and to all the rest. 10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. 11 And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

## **The 4 Gospels in Stereo, a Quadrophonic Overlay of Truth Matthew 28 / Mark 16 / John 20**

**The Gospel = The Good News to all People**

**You'd think that if someone were to come back from the dead,** that he would be Hollywood's greatest hit. You'd think that there would be lectures and seminars on "*how to manage your everlasting life*". – You'd think that it would be the happiest news on earth.

**But the Resurrection of Jesus Christ -**  
after 2,000 years, still continues to be the single most powerful  
argument, doctrine, EVENT in all human history.  
And what About The "Monday Morning Quarterbacks" 2,000 years ago?  
They had it wrong – they had to rethink it all – they had to eat their pride

**Returning – how truth divides the world.  
1.) Jesus Christ came proclaiming truth.**

John 8:32

"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

## **Returning – how truth divides the world.**

### **2.) Jesus Christ came shining light.**

1John 1:7

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

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### **3.) Jesus Christ came confronting sin.**

Mark 7:20-23

And He said, “What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. 21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within and defile a man.”

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### **4.) Jesus Christ came conquering death.**

Hebrews 2:14b-15

He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

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### **5.) Jesus Christ came defeating hell.**

Revelation 1:17b-18

“Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. 18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen.

And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

Revelation 2:8b

“These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:

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### **6.) Jesus Christ came preaching love.**

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

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**7.) Jesus Christ came answering fear.**

Luke 12:32

“Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”

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**8.) Jesus Christ came extending mercy.**

1Peter 1:3a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope.

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**9.) Jesus Christ came inviting repentance.**

2Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Proverbs 28:13

He who covers his sins will not prosper,  
But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

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**10.) Jesus Christ came showing grace.**

Eph. 2:5,8-9

When we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), :8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

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**11.) Jesus Christ came announcing hope.**

John 4:13-14

Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

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**12.) Jesus Christ came granting righteousness.**

Romans 10:4

For Christ has already accomplished the purpose for which the law was given. As a result, all who believe in him are made right with God.

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**13.) Jesus Christ came offering forgiveness.**

John 8:2-11

Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. 3 Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, 4 they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. 5 Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?” 6 This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear. :7 So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.” 8 And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. 9 Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. 10 When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?” :11 She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.”

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**14.) Jesus Christ came opening heaven.**

John 3:3,16

Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of Heaven... “16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

2Tim. 4:6b

The time of my departure is at hand.

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**15.) Jesus Christ came loving you.**

Jeremiah 31:3

The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

Drawn heb. to pull or beacon, to extend, prolong, allowed you, to grant time, to be waiting.

**He is still waiting for some of you.**

Phil. 2:8-11

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Acts 4:12

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

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**End of Study**

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