

John 20:1-9

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ²So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. ⁸Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

I. Easter for the Doubter

~Why I believe that Jesus was resurrected~

1. _____

Psalms 16:10

because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

Matthew 16:4

A wicked and adulterous generation looks for a miraculous sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah." Jesus then left them and went away.

2. _____ accounts

1 Corinthians 15:3-7

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles,

3. _____ of his disciples

4. _____ of their story

II. Easter for the Disconnected

~Why believing in the resurrection changes everything~

- You can believe "that" Jesus was resurrected and still _____ spiritually.
- Mankind's problem is not just that we are sinners in need of salvation, but we are _____ and in need of _____.

Romans 5:10

For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

- The crucifixion is about _____ your debt, but resurrection is about the _____ of life.
- Jesus not only paid for sin, He also _____ sin.
- The resurrection doesn't _____ as much as it "_____."

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

- There are always more people at the _____ than at the _____.

III. Easter for the Day-to-Day

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~Why the reality of Easter may just surprise you~

1. The _____ is reversed.
2. The _____ is revealed.

John 15:1-2

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

How to Have an Easter with Impact

1. Stay _____ and

2. Learn to _____ in vs.
_____ unto
3. Don't let _____ create

4. Don't let
_____ create a _____
 - Resting in the
_____ brings the resources of God to bear in our lives.

The Neglected Half of the Gospel