

The New Testament Church  
Resurrection Day  
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 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:1-5; Revelation 5:1-10

I Probably a little after 6 AM on the “first day of the week” – Sunday

- A. The women arrive first at the tomb and find it empty... the stone rolled away...
  - 1. The “other women” run to find the disciples...
  - 2. Mary goes for Peter and John - Peter and John then run to the tomb...
  - 3. They both leave, but Mary remains there weeping
- B. Let us reflect on the significance of who Jesus appeared to on that Sunday
  - 1. Note that the gospel is clearly made of three parts – 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 15:1-4
    - a. Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures
    - b. He was buried according to the Scriptures
    - c. He was also raised on the third day according to the Scriptures
  - 2. But then it goes on to state that Christ, in his resurrected state, was “seen” – v. 5

II Consider the significance of Jesus’ appearance on that first Sunday – resurrection day!

- A. All of the times Christ was seen by people (evidence) were a miraculous shock!
  - 1. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was the only one who believed he would rise
  - 2. 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 15:14-24 list key truths illustrated by those who saw him that first day!
- B. 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 15:14 – *If Christ is not risen, then... your faith is empty (vain)*
  - 1. **Mary Magdalene** – she had seven demons in her for years...
  - 2. Her faith was not vain, in self, but truly focused on **gratefulness** to Him!
  - 3. The resurrection solidifies the object of our faith – gratefulness in Him
- C. 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 15:15 – *if Christ is not rise, we are false witnesses of God*
  - 1. The “other women” - **Mary (wife of Clopas); Salome (mother of James and John) Joanna and another...** - these were key women who served Jesus...
  - 2. They were witnesses - secretaries, administrators... **servants**
  - 3. The resurrection inspires service of the highest kind – a relationship with Him
- D. 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 15:17 – *if Christ is not risen... you are still in your sins (separated)*
  - 1. **Cleopas and his companion (Luke)** – going on a journey outside the city
  - 2. Jesus joined them; discussing Scripture, but in **communion** they knew Him
  - 3. The resurrection provides fellowship with Jesus! He is alive!
- E. 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 15:18-19 – *if Christ is not risen... we have hope only in this life*
  - 1. **Peter (Cephas)** – Peter saw the resurrected Christ on Sunday, but was guilty
  - 2. He had denied the Lord three times before the cock crowed (significance)
  - 3. Could he be forgiven? Is hope only limited to this life and our shortcomings?
  - 4. The resurrection confirmed that there is eternal hope!
- F. 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 15:20, 24 – *if Christ is not risen... His kingdom does not come*
  - 1. **The “eleven”** – without Thomas; and then with Thomas (fearing Rome)
  - 2. Christ showed them the **evidence** of his hands and feet, and he ate fish
  - 3. The resurrection is evidence that Christianity is true – belief can be rational!