

SERMON NOTES

**Title: Why the Resurrection
of Jesus Matters**

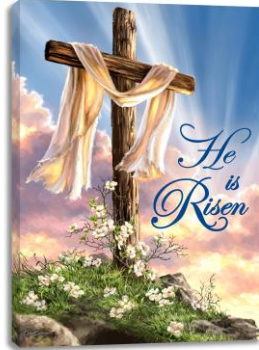
Text: John 20:26-29

Topic: Belief

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After the crucifixion the Disciples were **frightened, confused and grief-stricken.**

After Jesus rose from the grave He made **ten** different appearances. In one of them He was seen by over **five hundred** people.

Three things that the resurrection accomplished...

THE RESURRECTION VINDICATED JESUS.

Evidence for the resurrection ...

1. The **staying** power of the story.
2. **Changed** lives.
3. Fulfilled **prophecy**.
4. Eyewitness accounts.

**THE DISCIPLES BELIEVED SO STRONGLY,
NEARLY EVERY DISCIPLE DIED
A MARTYR'S DEATH.**

James was **beheaded**. Simon Peter was **crucified** upside-down.

THE RESURRECTION DEFEATED DEATH.

"Well, if you believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and you are one of His followers, then you understand, this life isn't the end. A new day is dawning, the best is yet to come." - Winston Churchill

THE RESURRECTION RESTORES HOPE.

"The Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, He will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you." Romans 8:11

Thomas **doubted**. *"Unless I touch His side, unless I see the scars in His hands, I will not believe that He is alive."* John 20:19-20

Thomas was **open to** the truth, and he **came to** believe.

"...Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29

