

The Validity of the Resurrection

Matt. 27:62-28:15

Big Idea: Details matter. In our passage we see how some of the smallest details prove most significant in validating the Resurrection.

Three details that validate the resurrection:

1. The _____ Tomb

In this passage we see the Chief Priests and the Pharisees devise a plan to _____ **the claims of Jesus.**

Whatever happened on Easter morning happened within the tomb itself.

2. _____ Clothes and _____

The gospels include these details to _____ that what took place in the tomb on Easter morning was not a grave robbery but a **bonified resurrection.**

3. A _____ Falsehood

The need for the false story proves the _____ of the original.

The explanation for the resurrection is that Jesus is exactly who he said he was. Jesus is the Son of God. And this is validated by the resurrection

Questions to Consider

1. Have you ever heard a story that seemed unbelievable at first? What helped validate it?
2. Why is Pilate's order, the band of soldiers, and the seal significant? What were the Pharisees trying to accomplish by these steps? How did this backfire on them?
3. Why were the grave clothes and face cloth significant in this text? How did undermine the Pharisees story of grave robbers?
4. Have you ever made up a story to cover for yourself? What does this imply? How did the story from the religious leaders go to prove the resurrection even further?
5. Do these things strengthen your belief in the resurrection?
6. Why is the resurrection important?
7. How does it give you hope in the midst of our current crisis?
8. Who might you share this hope with?