

SERMON NOTES

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MESSAGE: RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD – 2026

Key Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 15:3–4 (KJV)

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

1. Eyewitnesses

- Jesus appeared to many after His resurrection—providing infallible proofs (**Acts 1:3**).
- He appeared to Cephas (Peter), then the Twelve (**1 Corinthians 15:5**).
- He later appeared to over 500 brethren at once (**1 Corinthians 15:6**).
- The disciples on the mountain in Galilee worshiped Him, even though some doubted at first (**Matthew 28:16–17**).
- John records His third appearance to the disciples at the Sea of Galilee (**John 21:14**).
- Paul emphasizes that he, too, encountered the risen Christ (**1 Corinthians 15:8–9**).

2. The Women at the Tomb

- **Matthew 28:1–6**
- Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came early at dawn.
- They witnessed the angelic announcement: “*He is not here: for he is risen, as he said.*”
- Women being the first witnesses strengthens the credibility—unexpected in ancient culture.
- God often chooses the unlikely to reveal the greatest truth.

3. The Empty Tomb of Joseph of Arimathea

- **John 19:38** - Jesus was buried in the new tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, a respected Jewish council member—verifiable location.
- The tomb was found empty on the third day.
- Religious leaders fabricated a lie, bribing guards to say the disciples stole the body (**Matthew 28:11–14**).

4. The Power of His Resurrection

- The apostles gave their witness “with great power”—enabled by the risen Christ (**Acts 4:33**).
- Paul desired to know Christ and the power of His resurrection (**Philippians 3:10**).

5. The Church

- **Acts 5:38–39**
- Gamaliel recognized that if the movement was of God, it could not be stopped.
- The unstoppable growth of the early church is evidence of a risen, active Savior.
- The very existence and endurance of the church testifies to the resurrection.