

THE GREATEST DAY IN HISTORY

Text: 1 Cor. 15:1-20, etc.

- Three reasons why Easter is the greatest day of all time:
- I. IT WAS THE DAY OUR SAVIOR ROSE BODILY FROM THE DEAD (Vs. 1-4).**
 - Three important _____ of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ:
 - 1. It happened in fulfillment of Old Testament _____.**
 - “According to the Scriptures” such as Ps. 16:10.
 - 2. It happened in spite of the best attempts of Jesus’ enemies to _____ it.**
 - 3. The fact that it happened was verified by _____ eyewitnesses.**
- II. IT WAS THE DAY OUR GOSPEL WAS _____ (Vs. 5-9).**
 - The eleven Resurrection appearances of Christ:
 - To Mary Magdalene in the _____.
 - To a group of women who had come to the tomb to tend His body.
 - To _____, privately, for reconciliation after his denials.
 - To Cleopas and another disciple on the road to Emmaus.
 - To the disciples minus _____ as they were gathered in secret, probably in the Upper Room.
 - To the disciples again, this time including Thomas.
 - To _____ of the disciples by the Sea of Galilee.
 - To over _____ disciples on a mountaintop in Galilee.
 - To _____, the unbelieving half-brother of the Lord.
 - To all the disciples just before His Ascension into heaven.
 - To a man named _____ on the road to Damascus.
 - The completed gospel of Christ has four parts: His death, burial, Resurrection, and appearances.
 - Christ’s _____ and Resurrection were the essential works of our salvation (Rom. 4:25).
 - Christ’s burial and appearances are the _____ of His completed work:
- II. IT WAS THE DAY OUR FUTURE WAS SECURED (Vs. 13-20, ETC.).**
 - Three glorious, life-changing truths about the Resurrection of Christ:
 - 1. The Resurrection proves that Jesus Christ has the _____ to save others who come to Him in faith for salvation and cleansing from sin (Heb. 7:25).**
 - 2. The Resurrection guarantees that all those who die believing in Christ will one day also be _____ (vs. 21-23).**
 - 3. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ foreshadows His ultimate triumph over _____ (vs. 24-26, 55-57).**

THE BLESSEDNESS OF BELIEVING

Text: John 20:19-20, 24-31

- I. THE _____ OF THE SAVIOR**
 - A. The amazing appearance (vs. 19)**
 - One moment He wasn’t there, but the next He was, as with a single step.
 - Came through doors that were being kept _____ and probably locked.
 - B. The amazing _____ (vs. 20)**
 - The wounds in Jesus’ hands and side:
 - The proof of His _____.
 - The proof that He had a real, physical _____.
 - The proof of His identity at His second _____.
 - C. The amazing _____**
 - The disciples were glad!
- II. THE _____ OF THE DOUBTER (vs. 24-28)**
 - A. Thomas’s _____ (vs. 24-25)**
 - “I will not believe” = very strong, “I will not at all believe.”
 - He set _____ on his faith—he had to both see and touch.
 - B. Thomas’s declaration (vs. 26-28)**
 - “After eight days again” = inclusive reckoning, the next _____.
 - Jesus’ invitation—to _____ His hand and side.
 - Jesus’ admonition—“be not faithless [becoming _____], but believing”
 - Thomas’s reaction = “my _____ and my God!”
- III. THE _____ FOR THE BELIEVING (vs. 29-31)**
 - God gives greater rewards for greater _____ and blesses His children more richly when we exercise greater faith in Him.
 - God gives the greatest blessing of _____ life only in response to faith.
 - We believe not on the basis of sight but of God’s _____ Word (vs. 30-31).
 - Application 1: Believe the _____ of the Bible regarding Jesus Christ.
 - Recognize Him as your Lord and God and receive Him as such.
 - Application 2: When you can’t see the future and don’t like what you can see in the present, keep believing in your loving, risen Lord and keep your eyes on the _____ blessings He has in store for you (2 Cor. 4:17-18).