

**Providence Reformed Baptist Church – Palm Sunday, March 31, 2024**

**Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew**

**Message 123. “He Has Risen” – Matthew 28:1-15**

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As the sun was coming up Sunday, the Son had already risen!

- I. An Angel’s Revelation – vs. 1-7
  - A. The Women First at the Tomb
  - B. An Earthquake and an Empty Tomb – Dan. 10:5-6; Rev. 1:13-16
  - C. Guards Scared almost to Death – Dan. 10:8-9; Rev. 1:17
  - D. “He has Risen”
    1. “Jesus, who has been crucified” (*He was really dead*)
    2. “He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said” (*He is alive!*) – Matt. 16:21; 17:9, 23; 20:19; 26:32; 27:63-64
    3. “Come, see”
    4. “Go, tell His disciples”
    5. “Look, I Have Told You” – call to action – Isa. 1:2; 25:8; Joel 3:8; Ezek. 5:15, 17
- II. Jesus Greet the Women – vs. 8-10
  - A. Running to Tell the Disciples
  - B. Fear and Joy
  - C. Jesus Meets Them
    1. The Worship Him and Touch Him! (*He is not a ghost*)
    2. “Do not be afraid”
    3. “Go report to My brothers” – Psa. 22:22; John 20:17
- III. The Cover Up – vs. 11-15
  - A. The Guards Tell the Truth (*The Tomb is Really Empty!*)
  - B. Jewish Temple Guards, not Roman Soldiers
    1. Reported to the Chief Priests, not a Roman Commander
    2. Accepted a bribe and admitted (lied) to falling asleep while on guard duty (a capital offense for a Roman soldier)
  - C. The Story Spreads – to this day

**Ligonier “The State of Theology” – 2022**

Statement 5 – Biblical accounts of the physical (bodily) resurrection of Jesus are completely accurate. This event actually occurred. True or False.

Among evangelicals:

74% strongly agree

16% somewhat agree

6% are not sure

3% somewhat disagree

1% strongly disagree

So, 26% do not strongly agree.

## **Cross References**

### **Daniel 10:5-6**

5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a certain man dressed in linen, whose loins were girded with a belt of pure fine gold of Uphaz. 6 His body also was like beryl, his face had the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and feet like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude.

### **Revelation 1:13-16**

13 and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. 14 And His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. 15 His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters, 16 and having in His right hand seven stars, and a sharp two-edged sword which comes out of His mouth, and His face was like the sun shining in its power.

### **Daniel 10:8-9**

8 So I alone remained and saw this great vision that appeared; yet no might remained in me, for my outward splendor turned to a deathly pallor, and I retained no might. 9 But I heard the sound of his words; and as soon as I heard the sound of his words, I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.

### **Revelation 1:17**

17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not fear; I am the first and the last,

### **Matthew 16:21**

21 From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.

### **Matthew 17:9**

9 And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man has risen from the dead."

### **Matthew 17:23**

23 and they will kill Him, and He will be raised on the third day." And they were deeply grieved.

### **Matthew 20:19**

19 and will deliver Him over to the Gentiles to mock and flog and crucify Him, and on the third day He will be raised up."

### **Matthew 26:32**

32 But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

### **Matthew 27:63-64**

63 and said, "Sir, we remember that when He was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I am to rise again.' 64 Therefore, order for the grave to be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come

and steal Him away and say to the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last deception will be worse than the first.”

**Isaiah 1:2**

2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; For Yahweh speaks, “Sons I have reared and raised up, But they have transgressed against Me.

**Isaiah 25:8**

8 He will swallow up death for all time, And Lord Yahweh will wipe tears away from all faces, And He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; For Yahweh has spoken.

**Joel 3:8**

8 Also I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the sons of Judah, and they will sell them to the Sabeans, to a distant nation,” for Yahweh has spoken.

**Ezekiel 5:15**

15 So it will be a reproach, a reviling, a chastisement, and a desecration to the nations who are all around you when I execute judgments against you in anger, wrath, and wrathful reproofs. I, Yahweh, have spoken.

**Ezekiel 5:17**

17 Moreover, I will send on you famine and wild beasts, and they will bereave you of children; plague and bloodshed also will pass through you, and I will bring the sword on you. I, Yahweh, have spoken.”

**Psalms 22:22**

22 I will surely recount Your name to my brothers; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.

**John 20:17**

17 Jesus \*said to her, “Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brothers and say to them, ‘I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.’”