

How Do You Lift Up the Risen Lord?

Matthew 27:62-28:8

Introduction: John 3:14-15. Some hold Him down. Some hold Him up. What have you chosen to do?

I. Man Could Not Hold Him Down! - 27:62-66

- A. They tried by R_____ His authority
- Luke 4:28-30 & Matthew 27:15-26.
- B. They tried by C _____ Him - Matthew 27:51.
- C. They tried by G_____ His tomb.
- D. They continue to try holding Him down by:
 - 1. D_____ His existence.
 - 2. R_____ your faith.
 - 3. Living lives contrary to God's D_____.

II. Death Could Not Hold Him Down! - 28:1-6

- A. God is the only One who could D_____ & then have the power to resurrect Himself!
 - 1. The resurrection proves that Jesus is G_____.
 - 2. The resurrection proves that Y_____ will be resurrected too!

B. Denying the resurrection: popular explanations:

- 1. The M_____ Theory: the resurrection was a big fraud!
- 2. The M_____ Theory: the Lord lapsed into a comma!
- 3. The P_____ Theory: all the disciples saw hallucinations!
 - a. But nobody expected the resurrection - John 20:15; Luke 24:13-33 & Matthew 28:1-6.
 - b. But does more than one person have the same hallucination? - John 20:17-31; 21:4-12 & I Corinthians 15:6

III. You Must Lift Him Up, But How? - 28:7-8

- A. John 12:32 & Colossians 1:27.
- B. How can you lift Him up?
 - 1. Through your V_____ witness - Matthew 10:32.
 - 2. Through your L_____ His life - Matthew 5:15-16.

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