

# The Miracles of Jesus

## Lesson Forty

### The Resurrection of Jesus from the Dead

Text: Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-11; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-10

#### Introduction:

1. After Jesus gave up the ghost on the cross, the Roman soldiers pierced His side with a spear in order to confirm that Jesus was dead (John 19:31-37).
2. Joseph of Arimathea made an urgent request of Pilate for the body of Jesus that he might give him a proper burial.
3. He and Nicodemus wound Jesus' body in burial clothes and placed it in Joseph's new tomb (Matthew 27:57-60; Mark 15:42-46; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42).
4. Then, they rolled a great stone before the door of the sepulcher.

#### I. The Miracle

##### A. The order of events...

1. Before daybreak on the first day of the week, Jesus was raised from the dead.
2. An angel descended and rolled away the stone from the tomb.
3. As the dawn was breaking, Mary Magdalene and other women came to the tomb.
4. The angels told them of Jesus' resurrection.
5. They reported this news to the apostles.
6. Peter and John ran to and investigated the tomb.

##### B. Events associated with the resurrection...

1. There was a great earthquake.
2. An angel of the Lord descended and removed the stone from the entrance to the tomb (cf. Luke 2:9-14).
3. The soldiers who were guarding the tomb were overcome with fear and fainted.

##### C. This is the most powerful resurrection of all (John 10:17-18).

#### II. The Manifestation

A. The resurrection of Jesus is the seal and proof of all His other miracles (Matthew 12:38-40; John 2:18-22; 1 Corinthians 15:17).

B. The resurrection proved the deity and authority of Jesus (Romans 1:4).

C. The resurrection confirms our hopes of victory over death (Philippians 3:10-11).

#### III. The Message

A. The resurrection proves the accuracy of the Scriptures (Psalm 16:10; Acts 2:25-31; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

B. The resurrection proves the love of God (John 3:16; Acts 13:26-39).

C. The resurrection proves the hope of Heaven (1 Corinthians 15; 6:14; 2 Cor. 4:14).

D. The resurrection proves the coming of Judgment (Acts 17:30-31; 1 Thes. 1:10).

E. The resurrection proves the purpose of life (1 Corinthians 15:19, 58).