

A TIME OF REFLECTION

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Jesus of Nazareth was trouble. That was the considered opinion of the High Priest and his ruling council. Due to the size of the crowds that showed up to listen to Him teach, and to the reaction of those crowds, they'd had Him under surveillance for months. Not just a passive or covert keep-an-eye-on-this-guy effort, but an active, coordinated attempt to discredit Him. They sent scholars with loaded questions to trip Him up in front of the people, to publicly humiliate Him but their plan backfired.

So, Plan B: find something in His behavior, a moral flaw in His character, that would destroy His reputation. That didn't work either. So, they finally decided to go kinetic. They met and actually conspired to take Him off the board completely.

On the flip side, Jesus was a security nightmare. He knew they were coming after Him. He knew the whole thing was going down in Jerusalem, but He went anyway. He warned His PSD (personal security detail – Peter, James and John) what was up and told them to stand down. When the temple police showed up, the only one who lifted a finger was Peter, and Jesus immediately countermanded him.

The High Priest and his council got exactly what they wanted. They took the popular Rabbi from Galilee off the table.

Permanently. Ironically, their original assessment was correct:

Jesus of Nazareth was trouble. Also, ironically, they did not know what they were doing. In the brief hours between **His execution on Wednesday and reappearance on Sunday morning, the Rabbi from Galilee morphed into the Savior of the world.** 2,000 years later, 3+ billion believers are celebrating the King of Heaven and the Lord of Life. Whose plan was that? Luke 24:4-7:

And it happened, as they were ^[b]greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed *their* faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' "

Our King Lives!

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"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way."

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Unity in Prayer: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM;

Youth & Kid's Club

Prayer ½ hour before services

THEOLOGICAL SEED

Matthew 28:5-6

⁵ But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

⁶ He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday Evening Prayer – 6 to 7 PM.

Wednesday Bible Study – John 17. Come as we learn how Jesus prays for His own.

Kid's Club & Youth in the basement, learning about the Lord.

While the Pastor is away, Artie Henderson will be filling in.

Liturgical Dance – we will have a practice Wednesday night at 6:00 PM. It is important that those involved be prompt.

New York Women Of Purpose – Saturday, April 30th, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Liberty Church, 1840 Albany St., Schenectady. There is a flyer on the entry door and a sign-up sheet in the foyer. For more information, please see Caroline Zeyak, or Leah Pier.

Very Special Heart Felt Thanks – to all those who gave offerings to help the Pastor represent the church in Costa Rica. God bless you.

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THE RESURRECTION & THE GREATNESS OF CHRIST

TEXT: Mark 5:21-24; 35-43; Ephesians 1:16-20

May God reveal to you not just the _____ greatness but the _____ greatness of Christ. Ephesians 1:21-22

I. THE CHRIST OF GALILEE NEVER GAVE UP ON THE _____

He who _____ death has all power. John 5:21, 25-26; 10:25

He brings _____ out of death. Jesus transcends _____!

II. FAITH ONLY TO THE _____ OF DEATH IS NOT GOOD

_____! Mark 5:35-36

But no _____, no person is ever _____ with Jesus!

John 11:32, 37

III. JESUS HAS NEVER BEEN MORE _____ TO

SHOW HIS _____ THAN HE IS RIGHT NOW!

Jesus _____ gives _____ on the dead!

Those who hold on in unswerving _____ are in for a glorious _____ of Christ's resurrection power. John 1:4; 4:32

That is the secret _____ of resurrection life!

Romans 8:11; Colossians 2:13; Psalm 103:5; Titus 3:5

Appropriate it by _____ – and _____ in resurrection life and power! Ephesians 3:2; Psalm 104:3; Romans 8:28-39