

CALL to PRAYER -

Thank God for sending His Son to defeat death

Intro - Jesus Christ is the greatest Person in history. There is no one like Jesus Christ. Time itself revolves around His life. All of history was waiting for His arrival and all of history is dated to His life, death & resurrection. The calendar revolves around the SON. But Jesus Christ didn't just put a mark on history, He is the LORD of history, and His resurrection is the most monumental event in history. It not only changed the day of the week the redeemed meet for worship...it changes how all of us should view the past, present & future. Since Jesus has been raised from the dead...that changes everything...and all people must come to terms with the ramifications of resurrection reality. There was a recent *mystery movie*, and its plot incorporated elements of *resurrection skepticism* into the mystery. It was evident to me that the producers of the film were grappling with *The Resurrection* and trying to explain it away in order to justify their unbelief and feed their skepticism (fascinating). There are serious ramifications, to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, that both believer & unbeliever must come to terms with. Because resurrection reality changes everything. Today message is - *What does The Resurrection prove?*

*John 10:14-21 - What Does the Resurrection of Jesus Prove?**IT PROVES - JESUS IS WHO HE SAID HE WAS*

- Jesus was plain in His assertion that He was God...the only Son of God
 - The Jews took acceptance to this bold audacious claim
 - John 10:30-33 (this is not the only time they tried to kill Him for this claim - John 5:18; 8:56-59)
 - John 10:34-36 (Jesus' claim is the basic Christian confession - He is the Christ...Son of living God...God)
- Jesus said that His works proved who He was - John 10:37-38
 - No one ever did the things Jesus did or said the things Jesus said
 - **Words of God & Acts of God** summarize Jesus' earthly ministry
 - *Miracles* - diseases...demons...weather...elements...plants...animals
 - Jesus' miracles prove He is supernatural - John 10:19-21 (some thought demon)
 - *Events* - Jesus openly predicted events...including His own death & resurrection
 - His enemies heard this recurring theme and even took measures to protect the tomb. (Matt. 27:62-66) Why would they seal the tomb?
- Jesus raised Himself from the dead - John 10:17-18 -
 - Jesus voluntarily stepped into death and then with Divine authority came back from the dead after 3 days
 - Jesus' resurrection was not a Houdini trick but a triumph over death and a testimony to His divinity
- Jesus' miraculous works (with the ultimate one in self-resurrection) proves His Deity & Sonship
 - Rom. 1:1-4

IT PROVES - JESUS' DEATH WAS NO ORDINARY DEATH

- It was not unusual for someone to die on a cross. Why was Jesus' death different?
- Jesus lived a substitutionary life, and He died a substitutionary death
 - Jesus is the 2nd Adam (a Representative of a people) Romans 5:19
 - Romans 5:8 Is. 53:5-6 John 10:14-16 not ordinary but Substitutionary

