

“The Truth & Meaning of Easter”

INTRODUCTION

- the skeptics wagging their tongues at Jesus again...

Jon Meacham, “From Jesus to Christ,” *Newsweek*, 3/28/05

1. The historicity of the resurrection

- the fact of the empty tomb
Mt. 28:11-15
- specific, living eye-witnesses
1 Cor. 15:3-8
- people don't die for a lie
- dramatic and permanent life transformations

2. The meaning of the resurrection

- its meaning comes from the Bible
- it is a declaration of Jesus' _____.
 - + Jesus is the Creator
Col. 1:15-16
 - + Jesus is God in human flesh
Tit. 2:11-13; Col. 2:9
 - + Jesus' power & authority over all creation & laws of nature
 - + Jesus' claims to be God
Jn. 4:24-26; 9:35-38; 10:30; 14:6-9

Jn. 10:18
- it is a declaration of man's _____.
 - our deficient view of God
1 Pet. 1:15-16
 - our deficient view of sin

Tit. 3:13-14; Jn. 10:15; Gal. 1:3-4; 1 Pet. 3:18

CONCLUSION