

# **Then Came The Morning! Four Observations of The Resurrection Story**

**Matthew 28:1-8**

**Mark 16:1-8**

**Luke 24:1-12**

**John 20:1-10**

# Tim Keller

- *“If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that He said; if He didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what He said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like His teaching but whether or not He rose from the dead.”*

# John C. Broger

- *“God has defeated Satan through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Through this overwhelming victory, God has also empowered you to overcome any temptation to sin and has provided sufficient resources for you to respond biblically to any problem of life. By relying on God's power and being obedient to His Word, you can be an overcomer in any situation.”*

# Observation No.1

## 1. Most Christians Live Like Jesus Is Still In The Tomb.

- All four gospel accounts begin at the tomb... where they expect to find a body.
- Mark 16:1-3 “Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. 2 Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. 3 And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?”
- Application: You will demonstrate with your life what you believe about the tomb!

# Observation No.2

## 2. Observation No.1 Is Wrong.

- **Because, all four gospel accounts describe a tomb that is empty of Jesus!**
- **Matthew 28:2-6 “And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. 4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.**
- **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.”**
- **Application: All recipients of Salvation receive in themselves the reality of the empty tomb.**

# Observation No.3

## 3. Jesus Expects Us To Remember All He Said Concerning Himself.

- **Luke 24:6-7** “He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, 7 saying, ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.’ ”
  - **μηνήσκομαι**: To call to mind, to think about again. Verb, Passive, Imperative.
- This is substantiated in John 14:26 “ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”
  - **ὑπομνήσκω**: To cause one to remember. Verb, Future, Active

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## 3. Jesus Expects Us To Remember All He Said Concerning Himself.

- **Application:** You cannot benefit from the resurrection unless you remember all that Jesus said concerning it.
- **Romans 6:5-11** “For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

# Observation No.4

## 4. Jesus Expects Us To Believe All He Said Concerning Himself.

- **John 20:8 " Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. 9 For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead."**
- **A.T. Robertson, Word Pictures in the New Testament: "Peter saw more after he entered than John did in his first glance, but John saw into the meaning of it all better than Peter. Peter had more sight, John more insight. John was the first to believe that Jesus was risen from the tomb even before he saw him. According to Luke 24:12 Peter went away "wondering" still."**
- **Luke 24:11-12 "And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened."**



# Observation No.4

## 4. Jesus Expects Us To Believe All He Said Concerning Himself.

- **Application: It isn't enough to be amazed at the resurrection story. You must believe it everyday.**

# **In Summery**

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- 2. Observation No.1 Is Wrong.**
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- 4. Jesus Expects Us To Believe All He Said Concerning Himself.**