

▼ **Be an Agent of the Resurrection - Part 2**

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▶ **Read the Passage: Matthew 28**

▼ **Exegetical Idea**

- Jesus rises from the dead as Israel's true King and the world's true Lord and commissions his disciples to expand his Kingdom.

▼ **Sermon's Purpose (what listeners should do)**

- Embrace Jesus' resurrection as real history.
- Understand what Jesus' resurrection means and explain it to others.
- Decide what you're going to do about it.
- Become an agent of the resurrection.

▶ **Decide How to Accomplish This Purpose**

▼ **Mission Prep**

▼ Make a list of unchurched people in your sphere of influence:

- People you see regularly.
- People in whom you have a relational investment.
- Seekers
- People open to change in their lives.
- People who are curious.
- People who trust you.
- What interests do they have?
- Do they have a living hope? - 1 Peter 1:1-7

▼ **Embrace Jesus' resurrection as real history.**

- This is the central issue in Christianity.
- Jesus rose on the first day of the week.
- The tomb was empty. The angel (=messenger) rolled away the stone so that the witnesses could see that Jesus was already gone.
- How else do we explain the subsequent spread of Christianity?

- After his resurrection Jesus had a body that could be touched. Resurrection always implies a body.
- Matthew makes a point of explaining the rumor that the disciples stole Jesus' body.
- Jesus received worship.
- Jesus declared that he had been given all authority in heaven and earth.
- Jesus commissioned his disciples to reproduce and promised to be with them to the end of the age.

▼ **Understand what Jesus' resurrection means and explain it to others.**

- If Jesus wasn't raised from the dead we are still in our sins. - 1Corinthians 15
- The Old Testament, Israel's backstory, culminates with them still waiting for a new King.
- Jesus' resurrection vindicated him as Israel's true Messiah - their anointed King.
- Jesus' resurrection as Israel's King makes him the world's true ruler.
- There is resurrection-power at work in us. - Ephesians 1

▼ **Decide what you're going to do about it.**

- Because Jesus rose from the dead, we have an assignment.

▼ **Become an agent of the resurrection.**

- How will you become a disciple?
- How will you make more disciples?

• **Review**

▼ **Discussion Topics (for next week):**

- Go over the list that you developed before the sermon.
- What would it take for them to have a living hope? - 1 Peter 1:1-7
- What interests do they have in common with you? How might you use this to grow the relationship towards giving them a living hope?
- What interests do they have in common with the people in your discussion group. How might you use this to grow the relationship towards giving them a living hope?
- Pair up and pray for one of the people on your list. (2 min)
- What opportunities will you have to expand God's Kingdom this week?
- Pair up and pray for your upcoming Kingdom expansion opportunities.