

▼ **Be an Agent of the Resurrection - Part 4**

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▶ **Read the Passage: Matthew 28**

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

▼ **Mission Prep**

▼ Make a list of unchurched people (i.e. people who do not currently attend church) 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?
- What else do you know about them?

▼ **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? In typical messianic movements, when the leader is killed the movement either dies, or a replacement (often a relative of the dead leader) is designated.
- 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?

▼ **Skills Development:**

▼ Basic Questions

- What is the back story? Did God make a mistake?
- What is the Good News?
- ▼ Do you want to be a disciple? Are you making disciples?
 - Do you wish someone would teach you how?
 - Join us every Sunday for discipleship training.
 - How will you disciple someone?
 - How long does it take to disciple someone?

▼ Go over the list that you developed before the sermon.

- What is your passion?
- Who is your target?
- What is your activity? Help your group members develop some ideas for connecting the folks on their lists with other believers.
- Who is your partner? Help your group members develop some ideas for connecting the folks on their lists with other believers.
- Pair up and pray for one of the people on your list. (2 min)
- What opportunities will you have to expand your sphere of influence this week?
- Pair up and pray for your upcoming Kingdom expansion opportunities.