

ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

April 4, 2021

Thank you for being a part of our service today. We trust that you will receive a blessing from being with us and hearing a message from the Word of God. May the Lord bless you as you serve Him.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE (Please use this time to quietly prepare your heart for worship)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #357 Christ Arose

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 15:1-7

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #368 He Lives

HYMN #367 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

HYMN #76 Jesus Is the Sweetest Name I Know

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.

HYMN #87 Fairest Lord Jesus

CLOSING PRAYER

Announcements

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - Prayer Meeting

Business Meeting - Wednesday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4: For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.

The Empty Tomb Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie Jr.

An introduction of redemption history points out that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of our Christian faith. There is no real Christianity without Christ's resurrection. His resurrection was the return to life of His physical body. He ate, walked, talked, and was seen by many witnesses. He came as God-Man taking on flesh, that He might fulfill God's plan of going to the cross to bear the penalty of our sins. He rose again from the dead, or our faith would be in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4,16-17)

Many of the Old Testament saints believed there would be a resurrection of the dead:

- Abraham, in offering up his son Isaac, believed that God would raise Isaac up. He knew that in Isaac his seed would be called (Genesis 22, Hebrews 11:17-19).
- The prophet Isaiah believed in the resurrection. (Isaiah 26:19)
- Daniel spoke of a resurrection. (Daniel 12:2)
- Hosea mentioned a resurrection. (Hosea 6:2)
- Job believed in the resurrection. Job 19:25: "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth."

The New Testament teaches of a resurrection.

- Jesus said: "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25).
- Paul in 1 Corinthians 15 details the importance of the resurrection. Without it there is no Christianity, no redemption, and no forgiveness of sins.
- In Peter's first sermon after Pentecost, he taught the importance of Christ's death and resurrection. (Acts 2:32).

What was it like visiting the tomb after Christ's death? (Matthew 28:1-10)

1. There was sorrow (verse 1). The women returned with the sorrowful task of finishing the preparation of Christ's body for burial.
2. There was shock (verses 2-7). The women were greeted by a great earthquake, the angel of the Lord who had descended from heaven, and the keepers who shook and became as dead men.
3. There was suspense (verse 8). Was it possible that Jesus was alive? With fear and joy, the women ran to tell the disciples.
4. There was surrender (verse 9). Jesus met the women on their way. They fell at His feet and worshipped Him.
5. There was service (verse 10). Jesus assured the women, and then He commanded them to go and tell the others.

The women's sorrow was turned to joy and purpose. Because of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, we have the provision for forgiveness of our sins. We also have hope, purpose, peace, and assurance of our own resurrection. Have you surrendered to Christ? Do you know that you have eternal life?