Surprised by Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15

I. What Do You See When Looking At The Cross?

Death is a reflection...

Soldiers saw a job Apostles saw their failures Pharisees saw their power Women saw sadness

Pilate saw his freedom

II. The Resurrection is a Surprise

Every movement has a grave

Hebrews 9:27

The women came to anoint the body, Mk 16:1

The soldiers shook in fear, Mt 28:4

Peter and John ran to see, Lk 24:12

Mary saw a Gardner, Jn 20:15

Emmaus road friends saw a man, Lk 24

Thomas refused to believe, Jn 20:28

There is an afterlife

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1 John 3:2

III. Significance of Resurrection

God keeps his promises

Mt. 12:40 Mt. 16:21

Jesus is Son of God

Rom. 1:4 John 20 (Thomas)

God's vindication

Mt 19:28-29 Rev. 6:9-11

Importance of the Church

Mt. 16:18

IV. Resurrection isn't about a day (Easter)

We celebrate it by our salvation

Jesus died (1 Cor. 15:1-3), buried (15:4), Rose (15:4)

We die (Rm 6:2), buried (3-4), rise (6:4)

We celebrate it in worship

Acts 20:7, Eph. 5:19, 1 Tim. 2:1, preach, give

Have you experienced the resurrection?