

Scripture: Deut. 5:1-21 & Matt. 28:11-15 & 1 Cor. 15:1-19

Singing: 76 – 89:1-2 – 29 -- 333 – 448:2, 4

A. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is still a heavily assaulted truth.

B. What is the solid footing of the resurrection of Jesus?

1. The Bible's testimony confirmed thru hundreds of witnesses (1 Cor. 15:3-7)

a. the witnesses did not explain the *how* of the resurrection

b. though we don't know how, what makes faith in the resurrection reasonable or credible?

2. The Holy Spirit's direction to establish the doctrine of the resurrection

a. Matt. 28:11; 1 Cor. 15; 1 Thess. 4:13-18

Satan's Attempt to Silence the Truth of the Resurrection I. How? II. Why?
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I. How did Satan attempt to silence the truth of the Resurrection?

A. Jesus preached often about His resurrection: Matt. 16:21; 17:22-23; 20:18-19

1. Noteworthy that His enemies remembered it: Matt. 27:62-64

B. Satan's attempt to silence the truth of the resurrection began before Easter

1. Consider the Sadducees' attempt in Matt. 22:23-33 (Deut. 25:5)

2. Jesus' answer reveals His glorious grasp of Scripture (Exodus 3:6)

C. Satan's second attempt to silence the truth of resurrection

1. Matt. 27:62-66 details his plot to prevent 'another error' to spread

2. Yet his plot backfired: *his agents published the resurrection as fact*: 27:11

a. they reported *all the things that were done*

b. the construction of the 'lie about Easter' is cracked on all sides

II. Why did Satan attempt to silence the truth of the resurrection?

A. Each Sunday we confess what *sets Christianity apart from all other religions*

1. We do so with our *day of worship* on the Lord's Day (Rev. 1:10)

2. We do with our *confession of faith*

B. Why would Satan want to discredit this truth?

1. Because if there is no resurrection, there is no Gospel (1 Cor. 15:12-17)

2. Because if there is no resurrection, there is no hope for the deliverance from death

a. Jesus' resurrection is 'the first fruits' (1 Cor. 15:20) of harvest to come

● how glorious will that harvest be: 1 Cor. 15:42-44

b. what a prospect: *to be delivered from this body of death* (Rom. 7:24)

c. note the degeneration when we embrace Satan's creed (1 Cor. 15:32)

3. Because if no resurrection, we mourn without hope (1 Thess. 4:13-18)

a. when death did come or will come, our hope is vs. 14

The Resurrection of Jesus and His People

The resurrection of Christ is the Amen of all His promises. (John Boys)

The Christian Church has the resurrection written all over it. (E Robinson)

God fits our souls here to possess a glorious body after through the new birth.
And He will fit the body for a glorious soul through the resurrection. (R Sibbes)

We are surer to arise out of our graves than out of our beds. (T. Watson)