1) CHRIST IS THE FIRSTFRUITS (vs. #1)

“Now upon the first day of the week…”

This is why we worship on Sunday, and not Saturday. It’s because Jesus arose from the grave on the first day of the week. To me, it’s also symbolic of first fruits.

I Cor. 15:30 - “But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.”

(See: I Cor. 15:23)

2) NO ONE COULD HOLD JESUS BODY DOWN (vs. #2 & #3)

He’s risen! This is also symbolic of how someday we, too, will rise from the dead. Nothing will hold us back from rising with a new body, EXCEPT not truly being born again, by knowing Jesus as our own personal Savior.

I Cor. 15:14 - 54. (vs. #52-b) - “…the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

(See: Matthew 27:50-53)

3) GOD DOESN’T HANG AROUND DEAD SITUATIONS, EITHER

Jesus had died, but proved His divinity and legitimacy when He rose from the dead. Jesus had the power over death! ALLELUIA!

Romans 6:9 - “Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dies no more. Death hath no more dominion over Him.”
(See: John 10:10(b) - “...I (Jesus) have come to give you life and that more abundantly.”

4) GOD’S WORD TELLS US EVERYTHING WE NEED TO KNOW (vs. #6-#8)

(vs.8) - “Remember how He spoke unto you...the Son of man must be crucified...and rise again.”

The Bible has many verses to encourage, enlighten and envelope our understanding about how we are to live here on earth, and how to prepare ourselves for the life hereafter in heaven. We need only to trust in Jesus to be our Lord and Savior and obey His Word, as we commune with God in prayer.

Psalms 119:105 - “Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

The 119th chapter of Psalms, is an excellent chapter to read and meditate upon. Every single verse in this chapter talks about the Word of God and how important it is to apply it daily to our lives. Whatever we really need to know about our future and how to live our lives in the present, is found in God’s Word.

5) GOD WANTS US TO TELL (vs. #9 & #10)

Mark 16:15 - “…Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”

Notice how God chose to use women. Yes, women! If God didn’t want women to share the good news, He wouldn’t have chosen them to be the first to come to the tomb. They left proclaiming the glorious message of Jesus resurrection.

Galatians 3:28 - “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.”
6) GET RID OF ANY UNBELIEF (vs. #11)

“...seemed to them as idle tales”

(See: Hebrews 11:6)

John 20:29 - “...blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.”

God wants us to have unwavering faith (James 1:6 & 7) in His Word (that doesn’t waver), NOT over the wavering circumstances this world offers.

7) GOD CONFIRMS HIS WORD (vs.#12)

Mark 16:20 - “...confirming the Word with signs following. Amen.”

(See: I Kings 8:56 / Ezekiel 12:25(a) / Matthew 5:18)

Jesus spoke to the disciples, before the cross, that all of this would happen. Jesus IS the Word.

EVERYTHING He predicted about the cross, His death and resurrection, DID come to pass!

(See: John 2:19 / Mark 8:31 / Luke 9:22 / Matt. 16:21 / Mark 9:9)

What is yet to happen (predicted in the Bible), will take place, eventually. Will you believe His Word? Will you give your body, soul, and spirit to Him today? GOD IS REAL. HIS WORD IS TRUE.

(See: Isaiah 40:8)

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