
Verse #2 - "And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre."

This verse is similar to the story of Lazarus, in John 11:39. Jesus told those standing by Lazarus' tomb, "Take ye away th stone..."

Jesus is the Victor of hell and the grave. (death)

The "stone" represents the blockage (you could say) of death, the grave, the doom and gloom of the negative side of this earthly life.

In the natural, it's not possible for anyone, in their grave (in bodily form), to ever physically come out and be alive again. Their spirit and soul goes immediately to heaven or hell, but the physical (bodily form) goes to the earth or crypt.

In both stories, Jesus resurrection, and Lazarus, the stone was "rolled away". Both represent victory over the grave!

It's recorded in Matthew 27:50-53, "the saints which slept arose". This portion of scripture is a type of us someday coming (in bodily form) out of our grave, just like Jesus did.

Both Lazarus, who arose before Jesus death (John 11:44), and the saint's, who arose after Jesus resurrection (Matthew 27:52 & 53), eventually died again. They are still in their tombs or graves, to this very day, until the great resurrection takes place. The explanation is so clear in I Thessalonians 4:13-18. Verses #16 & #17 are very detailed about it. Revelation 20:4-6, states there is a first resurrection for the saints of God. (born again believers)

Those that are not believers will have their separate resurrection, as written in Revelation 20:12-14.
This will be the second resurrection.

Luke 14:14 distinguishes a resurrection for the "just" (born again followers of Christ).

Every single person on earth, whether cremated, lost at sea, buried in the ground, or in a crypt, will have to be resurrected and give an account of their lives.

The judgment seat of Christ (for believers) is mentioned in Romans 14:10 & II Corinthians 5:10.

The great white throne judgment (for the lost), is found in the book of Revelation 20:11 & 12).

Both have to do with the saved and unsaved giving an account of their lives someday. What we do now will matter throughout all of eternity, for good or for bad.

After Jesus arose, He eventually ascended (back) to heaven. Luke 24:51 - "And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them and carried up into heaven."

Do you see the type here? Jesus arose, we will, too. Jesus ascended to heaven, we will, too.

I Peter 4:18 - "And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

Not everyone who calls Jesus, Lord, will make it. (Luke 6:46/Titus 1:16)

Matthew 7:21 - "Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven."

Romans 12: 1 & 2, is telling us God's will. It's presenting our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto Him. We also must be doers of the Word, and not hearers only. James 1:22 - "But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

Today, people want the free ticket to heaven!

Folks don’t want to pay the price for it, though. The price is surrendering totally unto Jesus every day!

Many professing christians want one hand in the world and the other hand in the church. The two don’t mix. Lukewarmness is repulsive to God. Revelation 3:16-18. Why risk lukewarmness? It may keep many out of heaven. Don’t let it be you.

May our spiritual eyes be opened so we can "see" so clearly how to be born again and live the christian life that’s pleasing to God. Romans 10:9, 10 & 13.

Celebrate the real reason for Easter. It’s not the Easter bunnies, candy, new church clothes, or home-cooked family dinner. It’s Jesus giving us the victory over the grave. He died so we might live. He lives so we might die (to our fleshly desires).

I Corinthians 15: 51- 57.

The absolute clincher verse at the end of this chapter (I Cor. 15:58) admonishes every christian to be steadfast, unmoveable, serving God with all of their heart, as their motives and desires are to bring honor and glory unto Him.

CLOSING:

Will you do that today? Will you give Him your heart, your absolute ALL? Don’t hold back anything from God. He didn’t hold back anything from you.

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