

## THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION

Text: Matthew 28:1-15

March 27, 2016

- ❖ **Did Jesus rise from the dead?**
- ❖ The Importance of the Resurrection
- ❖ There are five possible explanations for the Resurrection.

### I. Possible Explanations

#### 1. *The Swoon Theory*

- A. **Claim:** Jesus didn't die on the cross, He fainted
- B. **Evidence:** The nature of crucifixions and the spear in Jesus' side proves He died

#### 2. *Hallucination Theory*

- A. **Claim:** The disciples all hallucinated
- B. **Evidence:** The nature of hallucinations

#### 3. *Jesus Tomb Was Not Empty Theory*

- A. **Claim:** Everyone went to the wrong tomb
- B. **Evidence:** Everyone knew the location of the tomb

#### 4. *Stolen Body Theory*

- A. **Claim:** The disciples' stole Jesus' body
- B. **Evidence:** Measures taken by the Jewish leaders, the weight of the stone, the Guard, The nature of the grave wrapping, and the integrity of the Apostles all prove Jesus' body could not have been stolen.

#### 5. *The Biblical Account*

- A. **Claim:** Jesus died on the cross and actually rose from the grave
- B. **Evidence:** The historical facts

### II. Personal Implications

- 1. Jesus has supreme authority over all creation
- 2. Believers have a confident hope

### III. Personal Questions

- 1. Do you believe in the historical resurrection of Jesus?
- 2. Do you surrender to the universal authority of Jesus?