The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ

Matthew 27:57-66, 28:1-8

Intro:

- A. Jesus told His disciples what would happen to Him.
 - 1. He would go to Jerusalem.
 - 2. He would be killed.
 - 3. He would rise again on the third day.
- B. These events came to pass.
 - 1. He was betrayed and arrested.
 - 2. he was tried and crucified.
 - 3. Did He in fact rise from the dead?

I. The Burial Of Jesus.

- A. The man who buried Jesus.
 - 1. vs.57-60, Mark 15:42, Luke 23:50, John 19:38
 - 2. He was a disciple of Jesus.
 - 3. Initially, he was a secret disciple. John 19:38
 - 4. He had a faithful companion, Nicodemus. John 3
 - 5. He was an "honourable counselor"
 - 6. He waited for the Kingdom of God.
 - 7. he went boldly to Pilate.
 - 8. He was a good man. Luke 23:50
 - 9. He was a just man.
 - 10. He had not consented to the conviction of Jesus.
- B. The manner of His burial.
 - 1. Joseph wrapped it in clean linen.
 - 2. He laid Him in his own new tomb.
 - 3. This was a fulfillment of prophecy. Isaiah 53:9
 - 4. It was hewn out in the rock.
 - 5. A great stone was rolled to the door.
 - 6. Joseph departed, others stayed. Vs.60,61

II. The Plot Of Unbelievers.

- A. The chief priests and Pharisees. V.62
 - 1. They came to Pilate.
 - 2. They remembered what Jesus said. **V.63**

- B. Their suggestions.
 - 1. Make his sepulchre sure. V.64a
 - 2. Keep the guards for 3 days.
 - 3. Their fears. V.64b
- C. Pilate's response.
 - 1. He agreed. V.65
 - 2. They did as they wished.

III. The Resurrection Of Jesus.

- A. The end of the Sabbath at the dawning of the first day of the week. 28:1
 - 1. Two women came to the grave. V.1a
 - 2. There had been an earthquake. V.2
 - 3. The angel had rolled back the door. V.3
 - 4. The keepers shook at his sight. V.4
 - 5. The angel reassured the women. Vs.5-6
- B. The angel gave them instructions.
 - 1. "...go quickly." "Tell his disciples." V.7
 - 2. "...he is risen from the dead."
- C. Their obedience.
 - 1. They departed quickly. V.8
 - 2. They had great joy.