

He Has Been Raised

The certainty of the bodily resurrection of Christ necessarily summons a mission and a counter-mission

Matthew 28:1-15

I. Death and resurrection is the main human story of Scripture

In nature: Creation, days, season

In Scripture: Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Joseph, Israel, the Hebrew children, Daniel, Jonah, the Jews, Lazarus

II. The reliability of the resurrection account (1-10)

Egerthe – He has been raised

Matthew's (and all the Gospel writers') emphasize the empty tomb, not the resurrection details.

Behold! Jesus's raised body was local – it could be seen and touched

The witnesses of the empty tomb

Friendly: the women

Neutral: the guards

Hostile: the religious leaders

III. The countermission (11-15)

Objections based on supposed discrepancies in resurrection accounts

When the church denies the resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:12-19)

IV. The mission (16-18)

The Gospel does not end with the resurrection