In View of the Resurrection |
Why Do You Seek the Living Among the Dead?
John 20

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ has changed this world beyond our human comprehension. Yet there is no event in history that has been more scrutinized. Matthew Henry states: " There was no one thing of which the apostles were more concerned to produce substantial proof than the resurrection of their Master." Why? Because Jesus had pointed to His resurrection as His last and most compelling evidence that He was the Messiah. He told those who did not believe His miracles that the only additional sign He would give them is the sign of Jonah. The apostles also were concerned to know if the resurrection was real because without it we could not be forgiven and saved. If Jesus gave His life as a ransom and still is dead in a tomb our faith is useless and we are still dead in our sins as Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15. However, if He is risen, there has been a profound undeniable stamp of approval, on both His words and work t and we can be forgiven and have eternal life. Henry writes: "The method of proof is such as gives abundant satisfaction to those who are piously disposed to receive the doctrine and law of Christ, and yet leaves room for those to object who are willingly ignorant and obstinate in their unbelief. And this is a fair trial, suited to the case of those who are probationers." Henry In other words, the proof is sufficient for the one who will receive it. Yet those who are stubborn would not be convinced by anything. Let's examine the death and resurrection of Jesus.

1. The significance of the _____.

2. The _____ from the grave site.

3. The _____ of Jesus.