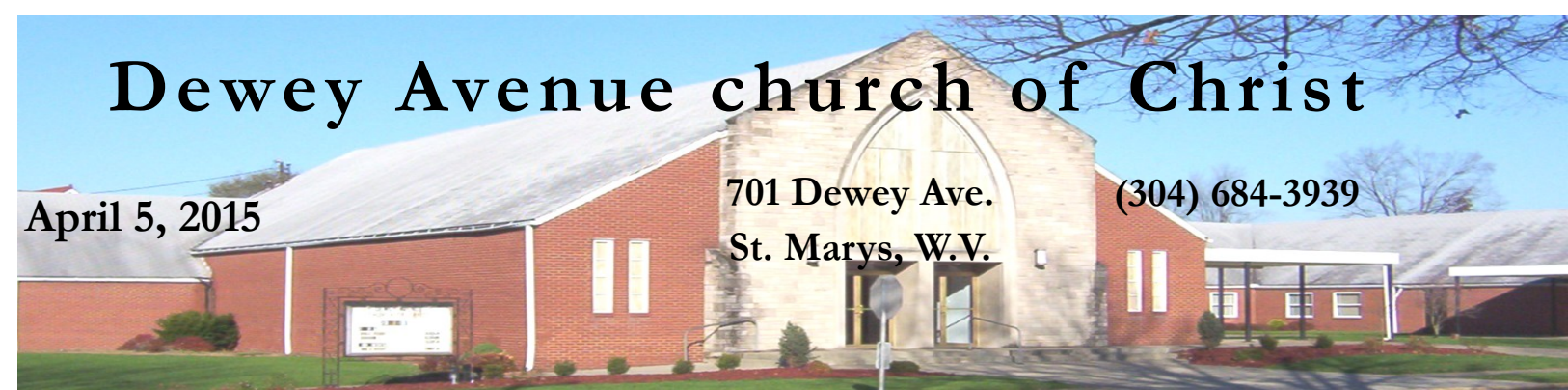


Morning Sermon:

The Jewish Leaders: Why the Killed Jesus

Evening Sermon:

Colossians 3:16 - Praise to God



April 5, 2015

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4 Reasons to Believe in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Deny Him or follow Him, despise Him or love Him, something one cannot deny is that around 2,000 years ago ancient historians such as Cornelius Tacitus, Flavius Josephus, and Lucian Samosata all make mention of an actual man from Galilee named Jesus. The Bible reveals He was more than just a man. He was God in human flesh (John 1:1-14). How can we know this? His resurrection from the dead. Consider 4 brief reasons to believe in the resurrection:

1. The fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy: Hundreds of years before the birth of Christ, David wrote, "For you will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption" (**Psalm 16:10**). The apostle Peter reveals that David did not write this about himself since his body did decay and his remains are still in his tomb (**Acts 2:27-31**).

2. The first-century argument from His enemies: If anyone's greatest nightmare came true when Jesus rose from the dead, it was the Jewish leaders who had Him killed. The best reason they gave in dismissing the resurrection after paying off the soldiers assigned to guarding the tomb was the disciples stole the body while ALL of them were sleeping (**Matthew 28:11-15**). So, not only did a band of well-trained Roman soldiers fall asleep on the job, they also did not wake up when a very large stone was rolled away to steal Jesus' body; and they also knew who stole Jesus' body while they were asleep? This story does not add up.

3. Investigating more modern explanations only makes the case for the resurrection stronger: Numerous theories have sought to explain away the resurrection. For instance, **some have said that Jesus never died but pretended to be dead**. To believe that anyone could survive being beaten by the Jewish authorities, scourged, crucified, speared in the side and pronounced dead by Roman executioners; and then survive Friday night to Sunday morning in a tomb is just as miraculous as the resurrection. To say that **the disciples went to the wrong tomb Sunday morning**, even though they were just there Friday evening, is also a foolish thing to believe given that they would have had a difficult time not noticing the Roman soldiers guarding the tomb; which would also have prompted the Jewish authorities to clarify this mistake by showing the correct tomb and His actual body. To believe that **the disciples hallucinated when they saw Jesus come back from the dead** is also unreasonable since two people, let alone many more, don't hallucinate at the same

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Prayer Meeting: 6:00pm in the fellowship room.

Spring Clean Up: Moved to **April 11**, please update your calendar. Sign up sheet in the back. Doughnuts will be served for cleaning at 8:00pm

April 7th: Ladies Quilting at the church building.

April 9th: CareHaven Sing at 7:00pm.

Gospel Meeting April 5-8: Bridge Street Church of Christ with Andy Robison

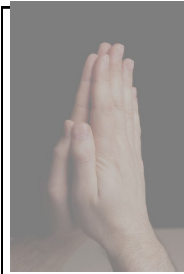
Golden Ages Dinner: Will be held **April 25 at 5:00pm.** (Change on the calendar.) Honoring guests that are 60 years of age and up. Please bring an old picture of your childhood or teenage years for our evening activity.

4 Reasons to Believe in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ Cont:

time and have the same exact hallucinations on multiple occasions.

4. The Credibility of the eye witnesses: When we harmonize the gospel accounts of the resurrection in observing no contradictions, while having more than a sufficient number of eye witnesses (over 500, see **1 Corinthians 15:1-8**). In addition, when we observe specifically the apostles who cowardly fled for their lives after Jesus was arrested (**Mark 15:50**), but 50 days later stood on the day of Pentecost preaching that Jesus rose from the dead (**Acts 2:1-38**), then later went on devoting the rest of their lives in spreading this message, enduring imprisonment, beatings, and many other types of hardships to the point of being killed for something they fabricated or knew to be a lie is not a logical explanation for the drastic change in their lives. In fact, when we consider that the resurrection message was not done for money, fame, pleasure or any other ulterior motive from these men, the only reasonable explanation is that they were telling the truth. Jesus really did rise from the dead!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER:



Geraldine Stewart was moved to CareHaven this week and would love to have some visitors.

Gala Stewart had an appendectomy today. She is in Room 353 at Marietta Memorial.

Janie Judge will have surgery on May 6.

Ruth Eddy's son-in-law, Terry Hubner to go to Cleveland Clinic.

Remember those on our prayer list:

Doris Kessinger Family, Geraldine Stewart, Anthony Butcher, Robert Noland, Marie Newland, Janie Judge, Kenny Lancaster, Jodi Mote, Gary Maston, Jane Becker, Dick Dutton, Ronnie Frye, & Madeline McFadden. Remember those who are shut-in, receiving cancer treatments, traveling and our military.

Schedule of Services:

Sunday:

Morning:

Bible Class: 9:30

Worship: 10:30

Evening:

Prayer Meeting: 6:00

Worship: 6:30

Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7:00

THOSE SERVING April 5th:

Morning Worship:

Announcements: Larry Butcher
Song Leader: Darren Parks
Ushers: Cole Butcher, Thomas Kessinger
Communion: Dave Parks, Tom Becker, Bill Dutton, Jesse Barnhart, Elmer Burns, Rodney Ramsey
Reading and Prayer: Gerald Burns
Closing Prayer: Melvin Truax
Door Greeters: Richard Lee Davis Family, Rodney & Debbie Ramsey

Evening Worship:

Communion: Glenn Stewart
Prayer: Brian Mercer
Closing Prayer: Thomas Kessinger

Wednesday:

Song leader: Darren Parks
Prayer: Buzz Williams
Closing Prayer: Camaron Lancaster

THOSE SERVING April 12th:

Announcements: Dave Lancaster
Song Leader: Buzz Williams
Ushers: Jesse Barnhart, Bill Dutton
Communion: Kevin Mercer, Lew Wilson, Craig Dutton, Eric Croasmun, Cole Butcher, Ethan Davis
Reading and Prayer: Clint Perkins
Closing Prayer: Brian Mercer
Door Greeters: Kevin Mercer Family, Wirt Cook Family

Evening Worship:

Communion: Camaron Lancaster
Prayer: Clay Perkins
Closing Prayer: Hal Powell

Wednesday:

Song leader: Buzz Williams
Prayer: Kyle Lancaster
Closing Prayer: Connor Lancaster

Radio and TV Programs

Good News of Peace: Sundays: 8:00 AM on WRR 93.9 FM

Gospel Broadcasting Network: Dish Network Channel: 9407 (noon); Direct TV Channel: 376 (7:30 AM)

In Search of the Lord's Way: 7:30—Channel 4, Parkersburg; 7:30—Channel 15, Parkersburg; 8:00— Channel 7, Wheeling; 11:30—Channel 5, Clarksburg

