

Coming Up...

Apr 16 – 1 Peter 2:18-21

Apr 23 – 1 Peter 2:22-25

Apr 30 – Guest Speaker

Meet and Greet from 10:00-10:20am has been going great! Come visit and meet some of the new people at Church!

On the Calendar:

Apr 12 (Wed) @ 7:00pm - Evening Prayer & Bible Study

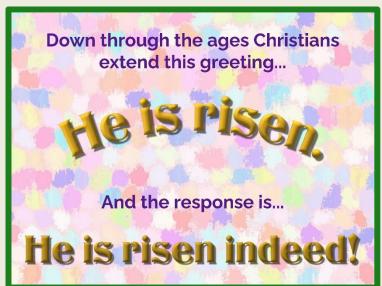
Apr 15 (Sat) @ 8:30am - Men's Prayer Time

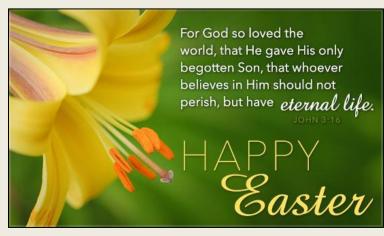
Apr 16 (Sun) @ 10:30am – Worship Service

Apr 21 (Fri) @ 7:00pm - Fired Up Fridays

Apr 22 (Sat) @ 1:00 - 3:00pm - Ladies' Fellowship and Bible Study

Apr 28 (Fri) @ 7:00pm - Ladies' Inter-Church Tea













Dryden First Baptist Church

Worship Times and Some of Our Activities:

Sunday Services are held at 10:30am
Junior Church occurs during the worship hour.
Nursery facilities are available for parents to use.
Sonshine Saturday is 10:30am-12:00 on scheduled months.
Fired Up Fridays is held bi-weekly during the school year.
Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study at 7:00pm
(watch for announcements or check Facebook)

Social Media:

Facebook - Dryden First Baptist Church Facebook - Sonshine Saturday YouTube - Christian Canuck Website - firstbaptistchurchdryden.com



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Sermon Outline

500 Reasons to Believe in the Resurrection of Jesus: Acts 1:1-11

Acts 1:1-11 ESV

- ¹ In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.
- ⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."
- ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Introduction

a) acknowledging the resurrection is essential for the Christian faith

b) the Bible is the authority and the record

c) Jesus ate because he had a physically resurrected body

Luke 24:39 See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

1) (1:1-3) Alive After Sufferings

(1:1-3) In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

a) who is Theophilus

Luke 1:1-4 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, ² just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, ³ it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

b) summary statement - Acts 1:3

Acts 1:3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. **Luke 23:44-46** It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

c)) Jesus as mediator

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

d) the eyewitness record

2) (1:4-8) Apostle's Commission

(1:4-5) And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

a) wait in Jerusalem

(1:6-7) ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.

b) be concerned about the sovereignty of God

(1:8) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

c) Jesus promises the Holy Spirit

3) (1:9-11) Ascension of Christ

a) disciples witness the ascension

(1:9-11) And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

- b) Jesus ascends for 3 main reasons
 - 1) to advocate for us before the Father

2) to prepare a place for us 3) to send the Holy Spirit to us
Application 1) Reasons Not To Believe? a) a blatant lie
Matthew 16:21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.
b) the events of Easter morning – He is risen!
Matthew 28:5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.
c) Jewish religious leader's conspiracy theory
2) 500 Reasons to Believe in the Resurrection of Jesus

2) 50

a) the resurrection was no secret

- 1 Corinthians 15:5-7 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.
- b) witnesses are willing to die

3) The Hope of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

- a) assurance of resurrection for the believer
- 1 Corinthians 15:20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

John 14:18-19 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

b) promises for the believer

Revelation 21:3-4 ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

• Next Sunday's text: 1 Peter 2:18-21 Working for the Lord