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EVIDENCE FOR THE RESURRECTION

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Four proofs of the resurrection...

I. The tomb was! (4 facts)
A. FACT #1: Story easily – or denied.
B. FACT #2: Large stone was
C. FACT #3: Roman seal was
D. FACT #4: Roman guards go
II. Jesus was seen by
A. Jesus " around" after the resurrection!
1. Over 500 eye witnesses. (1 Corinthians 15:3-8)
2. Taught for over 40 days after resurrection! (Acts 1:3)
3. Disciples believed Jesus was ALIVE! (2 Timothy 1:12)
B. There were witnesses at the time.
III. The disciples were
A. Disciples transformed from terrified to
IV. Jesus appeared alive as of Lords!
A. Jesus stands among religious leaders.

What does it mean for me and you?

I. Jesus death paid your death
Romans 4:25 "He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification."
A. Without Jesus' death & resurrection, we're all
1 Corinthians 15:17-19 "And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Chrisare lost. 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men."
Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
II. You must this gift.
Romans 10:9-10 "That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that <u>God raised him from the dead.</u> [no excuse now!] you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."
A. Jesus is the way.
John 14:6 "Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
1 John 5:11-12 "And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."
B. Jesus was your substitute, and paid your debt.
1 Peter 3:18 "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God."
Why wait? Choose Jesus this Easter!