

THE GREATEST MIRACLE OF ALL

Intro. 35, but this is 36th He did (Jn 10:18 exousia).

1. Predictions. Specific details: Jerus, betrayed by someone close (26:21) suffer from chief priests, scribes, elders; hand over to Gentiles, mock, scourge, die by crucifixion (20:29, 16:21), rise 3rd day (all). 10 + 14 in OT. Probability for 10 is 1/1024. 14 is 1/16384. "Predictions touched up in light of events after happened"

2. Proofs. Usual (good) ones. 1. Myth but many saw Jesus in varying venues. 2. Illusion but many under diff cur had same illusion. 3. Grave robbers but guarded, heavy stone, dispose of body. 4. Easter spirit, then Jesus lied and spirit cannot do much. But 2 less used proofs. 1. Expected to embalm X. Spices and perfumes by women, Lk 24:1 and Nicodemus brot 75 lbs. aloes (expensive perfume from lily-like plant used in embalming. Myrrh a resin that solidifies when dropped on surface. Body wrapped in bandage-like strips then spices and myrrh bound cloths to body as solidly as if lead used. If expected X res would not anoint body.. 2. Condition and position of wrappings and face cloth (handkerchief). Peter and Jn ran. Jn 1st and saw wrappings, Peter went in tomb and carefully surveyed (theo), Jn followed and beld in res (20:8). If robbers would have carried wrapped body out (so no wrappings left in tomb) OR stripped body and left the tomb a mess. 3fold evidence. Stone rolled, no body, wrappings.

3. Provisions and Promises of risen X.

1. Provides HS, Jn 16:7; Acts 2:33.

2. Provides body (by bap into body) and becomes head of body, Eph 1:22. Provides gifts, Eph. 4:10-11. Provides Nourishment and cherishing, 5:29.

3. Provides never-to-die High priest to intercede (7:25) and help, Heb 4:14..

4. Providing place for us, Jn 14:1-3.

5. Provides and presides over M kgdom.

Concl. Res of X firstgruits, 1Cor 15:23. Guarantee all will be, 1Th4 Rev 20 for unsaved.

Interpreters Dict. Matt 28:2-3 ref to angel "is part of an obvious embellishment" 4:46.

"The fact that the body was not produced will never prove that it could not have been produced." If tomb certified empty what would it est? Just that "He is not here" but doesn't quote rest of verse "for He is risen as He said. (gar=cause, explanation).

P,48. The appearances of X after res "become, if not pure hallucinations, at any rate the projections, objectivizations of an already formed conviction that Jesus was alive..."

Lev. 23:9-14. Sample of full harvest. X's res sample of ours. v.12 burnt off—dedication. Appreciation for daily food, 13. Grain off.. Prioritizatuibm 16. God's interest must be first.in all areas of life.

Tom was not empty -
it was full of grave clothes.
Evidence of res. Would friends
or enemies leave clothes &
how would they get them if X?

Embalsming was expensive &
wouldnt have done if expected
X to rise from dead.

Lk was crowned Op. title M.D.
& he staked his medical &
Op. title reputation on virgin
birth.

P was a ravishing wolf before
he met X - then he was a sheepdog
& the best the land ever had.

He Is Not Here

Luke 24:6



“He is not here”—what wonderful words
When spoken at Jesus’ grave;
Marvelous proof of a risen Lord,
One who is mighty to save!

“He is not here”—what terrible words
When spoken of human heart;
Empty and barren and hopeless that life
Where Jesus has no part.

“He is not here”—in many hearts
Though He died and rose ’tis true.
If you welcome Him now, you may surely know
That He died and rose for you.

“He is not here”—is that true of your heart?
Have you crowded out God’s dear Son?
Make room for Him now—the King of Kings,
’Tis Jesus—The Chosen One.

—*Irene Hammer*



Charles C. Ryrie

John 20: 4-7.

Maybe wrappings still shaped to body when they
" " removed & placed in carefully

Proof in either case that grave not robbed.

Ribben would have taken body wrapped
or scattered wrappings if stripped body.

Face cloth - band around head & under chin.

myrrh also 19: 39- 75 lbs.

myrrh ^(gum) as oozes out is sticky but solidifies
as drops onto surface.

Chrysotom said it would bind clothes
to body as solidly as if lead used.

Aloes - perfume - imported & expensive

in the windings, undisturbed, except that those wound around the body had fallen flat. They were not unwound. The most significant statement is that the napkin was lying by itself, separately ; and that it was still in the folds as it had been about the head of Jesus.

A careful consideration of the method of burial in those rock-hewn tombs shows that the wrapping of the head was never a part of the wrappings on the body, but was separate. Into those rock-hewn tombs the body was carried, and laid the feet towards the opening, and the head further in, the body lying on a stone ledge ; upon which ledge there was a slightly elevated place for the head. The napkin about the head was thus always separate from the wrappings about the body. When Peter looked, he saw the grave cloths lying. John had seen that, but that fact had no particular significance for him, except that it did prove at the first glance, that the body of Jesus was not there, because they had fallen flat. He did not see the napkin. Peter saw that also. He discovered that the grave cloths had not been disturbed. They were just as they were when Joseph of Arimathæa and Nicodemus left them. The wrappings were still there ; the spices had not escaped. Moreover the napkin, wrapped in a peculiar way about the head, was undisturbed, "folded up." That word does not mean smoothed out. The napkin was still in the folds that had been wound round the head.

John entered the tomb, and he saw ; that is, he understood. There had been no disturbance in that tomb. No rude hand had gone in and torn away the wrappings. Not even the hands of lovers had touched the dead body which Joseph of Arimathæa and Nicodemus had left there. John saw and believed. His Lord was not there. He was risen !

Remember, that as yet they had not seen Jesus. He had not appeared to them ; but the demonstration of the resurrection came in a stone rolled away, and in undisturbed grave cloths. The tomb was empty. He had gone. The Ultimate Sign was complete.

That is the centre and the heart of Christianity. Deny it,

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covenant and cov read in unison each communion. 1951 RC said permissible to offer 1st mass of Easter on night of Sat-Sun.

Derivation of word uncertain. Bede (675-735) said it was connected to Anglo-Saxon spring goddess Eostre. Others say from Germanic root for dawn or east (time and place of the rising sun.) Certainly the Christian celebration has taken over. Exchanging Easter eggs is of ancient origin.

Astarte = goddess of moon

*Acts 12:4
Passover*

Date. Tied to Passover at first (14th of Nissan—Easter on following Sunday). Nisan was 1st month of Jewish yr, roughly April. Universal by end of 2nd c. Nicea 325 ruled date determined as first Sun after first full moon after Spring Equinox. Anywhere from Mar 21 to April 25. This is acc to Gregorian calendar adopted in 1582. But Nicea 325 put it after the vernal equinox. Eastern orthodox follow Julian calendar so their Easter sometimes coincides with W. and sometimes 4-5 weeks later.

Easter eggs. From Persians followed custom of giving each other colored eggs. Symbols of rebirth. Often red. In Bohemia villages girls acting as priestesses carried red eggs in a ritual picturing bringing summer into the village. In Russia red Easter eggs laid on graves to serve as resurrection charms. Rabbits pictured new life. Easter baskets represent the womb of life. Most imp't question about Easter. Why was tomb empty. Stone rolled side to side in trough. *Fertility & life*

Crimson eggs in Greece - blood of X.

Germany & Austria - green (new life - spring). Used on Thurs.

Germany & elsewhere - empty insides & hollow eggs hung from trees Easter.

Lk 24:12

John 20:5-6 Peter

*John 20:8 - John saw & held (no objects) Saw grave wrappings & he had seen happened
grave wrappings would take body wrapped or wrappings extreme chest*

*face cloth In 11:44 - still folded (not smoothed out)
with folds wrapped around head.*

EASTER

How Easter changed within my adulthood.

Most focus on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Thursday preparation for communion if on following Sunday.

Some protestants wash feet on Maundy (mandate=command=Jn 13:34)

Friday some kind of service. Often 3 hour and got time off to attend 30-60 min.

At least service on Fri evening. Stock market closed! *Bank closes at 4*

Lots of Easter sunrise services. Fewer and fewer, then several churches united for sunrise services, but now none.

Multiple services on Sun because of crowds.

New clothes same, tho white shoes not until Memorial day!

Easter Monday not a holiday. Now is.

Oldest moveable feast of Xn ch. Climax of long period preparing for it:

Lent. Nicea in 325 1st mentioned 40 days. Fast but usually lasted only 2-3 days. Also in early centuries all 40 days, 1 meal at evening.. No meat, fish, eggs. 9th c eat at 3 p.m. 15th c. at noon and included some fish. 1966 RC obligation to fast only on 1st day of Lent and Good Friday. 3 hour service, 12-3 usually consists of 7 sermons on 7 words from cross with hymns and prayers interspersed. Instituted by the Jesuits in 1860s. Popularity declined in latter 20th c. In Orthodox called Great Friday. RC no mass on Fri and Sat. Day of abstinence, penance.

Passiontide. Last 2 weeks of Lent. Customary to veil in purple. Fri.

cucifixes, pictures, images. Crucifix unveiled on Good Friday.

Holy Week. Palm Sun. Mon-cursing fig tree, cleanses temple. Tues.

teaching in temple. Phar, Sad, Herodians. Mt. Olives in eve. Wed. Sanhedrin discusses killing J. Judas promises to betray J. Thurs. J sends 2 to prepare for Passover. Passover, Gethsemane, Annas, Caiaphas and Sanhedrin, Pilate, Herod, Pilate, Golgotha. Sat. tomb. Sun. res.

Paschaltide: celebrates victory of risen X. From Easter to Pentecost (50 days after Passover).

*Holocaust
Apr 25, 06*

Catechumens watched all Sat night, then baptized Easter a.m., then communion. Baptized changed into new white clothes. Ch of Eng renew baptismal vows on Easter (without water). Baptism often connected with ch