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- This was not done in a dark corner, but in Jerusalem, the center of Jewish culture and life.
- What is the significance that the first to find the empty tomb were women?
- Jesus had already been prepared for burial, the women were going to honor Jesus personally and anoint His body.
- Despite Jesus’ threefold prediction of his death and resurrection on the third day, the women were expecting to find Jesus’ body in the tomb. The angel’s words: **“He is risen, he is not here”**
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## What is the significance of the resurrection?:

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- Good Friday is good, because Jesus is raised from the dead. (1 Cor. 15:17)
- Because of Jesus' humble submission, God "has highly exalted him" (Phil. 2:8)

### 2. Our being *born again* is dependant on Jesus' resurrection.

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### 3. Jesus' resurrection is proof that one day we will receive resurrection bodies.

- Jesus conquered death (1 Cor. 15:54-56)
- Jesus is the "firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Cor. 15:20,22)
- If Christ is the "firstfruits", it's saying that we will come after Jesus, as he is, we will be.
- The dead will be raised "imperishable", (1 Cor. 15:52-53)

## What does all this mean for you today?

- Jesus is the only way to be restored to God. If you're trusting in something or someone else, it will fail you.
  - No other religion/belief system *stakes* its credibility on an actual, physical, historical event.
- The resurrection is a guarantee of your future resurrection. Therefore you can have hope and stand firm, abounding in the work of the Lord. (1 Cor. 15:56-58)
- We have resurrection power living inside of US! (Romans 8:11,13) and FAITH is the vehicle by which we experience this resurrection power.
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