

## ***“Why Christ Had to Rise Again”***

### ***The Mysteries of Easter #4***

Mark 16:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:17-22,35-38, 42-44, 50-55

**Mark 16:1-8** (NIV) <sup>1</sup> When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup> Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup> and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.

<sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

<sup>8</sup> Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

**Romans 16:25 - 26** (NIV) "Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to **the revelation of the mystery** hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him.

### ***The Mysteries of Easter***

- ***Why Christ Had to Be God?***
- ***Why Christ Had to Suffer?***
- ***Why Christ Had to Die?***

## ***Why Christ Had to Rise***

### ***1. To Prove His True Identity. The Mystery of Who?***

**Luke 9:22** (NIV) <sup>22</sup> Jesus said, "**The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected** by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and **he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.**" Isaiah 53:4-6, 10-11; Daniel 7:13-14

**John 11:25-26a** (NIV) <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life.** He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; <sup>26a</sup> and **whoever lives and believes in me will never die.**"

**1 Corinthians 15:17-18, 20a** (NIV) <sup>17</sup> **If Christ has not been raised**, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. <sup>20a</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead. John 20:30-31

### ***2. To Conquer Sin and Death. The Mystery of What?***

**1 Corinthians 15:21-22** (NIV) <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. Hosea 13:14; 1 Thessalonians 4:13; 1 Corinthians 15:50-55

### ***3. To Live In and Through Us. The Mystery of Why?***

**John 14:18-19** (NIV) <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; **I will come to you.** <sup>19</sup> Before long, the world will not see me anymore, **but you will see me.** Because **I live, you also will live.** Revelation 3:20; John 8:12

**John 14:23** (NIV) <sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and **we will come to him and make our home with him.** John 3:16

**Hebrews 6:19** "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul.