

Easter Sunday – 2007

Hollywood Skeptics vs. the Resurrected Jesus

Matthew 28:1-20

Introduction: Last month James Cameron's movie *The Lost Tomb of Christ* premiered, casting doubt on the biblical accounts of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Cameron flatly states that Jesus was not God and did not rise from the dead. If true, this would completely dismantle the Christian faith. This morning we take a fresh look at the resurrection of Jesus through the eyes of Matthew, and I want to present you four timeless truths about the resurrection.

1. ***1ST TIMELESS TRUTH – On Sunday Morning April 5th 33 A.D. the eyewitnesses to Jesus' life reported an empty tomb. Matthew 28:1-7***

2. ***2ND TIMELESS TRUTH – Between April 5th and the Day of Pentecost the eyewitnesses reported resurrection appearances. Matthew 28:8-10***

3. ***3RD TIMELESS TRUTH – Jesus' resurrection was mired in political controversy from the very beginning. Matthew 28:11-15***

4. ***4TH TIMELESS TRUTH – After the resurrection Jesus' claimed universal spiritual authority and was worshipped as God. Matthew 28:16-20***