

## EASTER 2016

### *He is Risen!*

#### The Cross

*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)*

*Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree” (Galatians 3:13)*

God isn't going to compare you against the worst person in your life. God is going to compare you against His perfect nature, against His perfect attributes, and against His perfect character.

*“For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.” (Hebrews 9:24–28)*

#### The Resurrection

Four Anti-Resurrection Theories:

1. The Swoon Theory

*“They beat him, scourged him, crucified him, and speared him...but he didn't die!”*

2. The Stolen Identity Theory

*“Someone saw everything that Jesus went through on the cross and decided that it would be a good idea to steal his identity!”*

3. The Hallucination Theory

*“Because we all know that 500 people can hallucinate and see the exact same thing at the exact same time.”*

4. The Stolen Body Theory

*“The disciples stole his body and lied about it...and spent the rest of their life spreading that lie...and died a horrific death because of that lie and never recanted!”*

#### Redemption

I am not the solution to my greatest problem, and you are not the solution to your greatest problem. If we could solve our greatest problem (alienation from God) on our own, then why did Jesus need to come and die?

Questions From This Morning:

1. Is Jesus your treasure?
2. Is Jesus your prize?
3. Is Jesus your all?
4. Is Jesus your everything?