

## ***Easter 2010***

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### ***The Difference Easter Makes!***

#### **Believe it or Not?**

##### ***Challenging the Intellectual at Mars Hill***

*In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed.*

Acts 17.30-31a (NIV)

##### ***Seemingly Insignificant & Catastrophic Events of our Lives:***

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#### **1) The action & event of CALVARY & the EMPTY TOMB!**

##### ***The Facts:***

*God has given proof of this to all of us by raising Jesus from death.*

Acts 17.31b (CEV)

##### ***Physical WITNESSES to the Event:***

*But God brought him back to life again three days later and showed him to certain witnesses God had selected beforehand—not to the general public, but to us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.*

Acts 10.40-41 (TLB)

##### ***The Witness has become a WINDOW***

*So Mary Magdalene went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and related to them what he had told her.*

John 20. 18 (GNT)

*He [John] who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe.*

John 19.35 (ESV)

*Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone was rolled aside from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and me and said, “They have taken the Lord’s body out of the tomb, and I don’t know where they have put him!”*

John 20.1-2 (TLB)

*Simon Peter arrived and went into the tomb and saw the strips of linen lying there. He also saw the cloth that had been around Jesus’ head, which was folded up and laid in a different place from the strips of linen. Then the other follower, who had reached the tomb first, also went in. He saw and believed.*

John 20.6-8 (NCV)

#### **What Happened?**

##### **A) Risen BODILY, not just SPIRITUALLY**

- Unique DNA Event
- Unlike other resurrections (Lazarus)

*Then he [Jesus] said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and examine my hands. Extend your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue in your unbelief, but believe.”*

John 20. 27 (NET)

##### **B) A FULLFILMENT of THINGS to COME**

- Unique DNA Experience
- “In Christ” experience changes my life forever

*He [Jesus] will change our weak mortal bodies and make them like his own glorious body, using that power by which he is able to bring all things under his rule.*

Philippians 3.21 (GNT)

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#### **2) WHAT YOU DO with this Event!**