The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ

Matthew 27:57-66, 28:1-8

Intro:

A. Jesus told His disciples what would happen to Him.
   1. He would go to Jerusalem.
   2. He would be killed.
   3. He would rise again on the third day.

B. These events came to pass.
   1. He was betrayed and arrested.
   2. He was tried and crucified.
   3. Did He in fact rise from the dead?

I. The Burial Of Jesus.

A. The man who buried Jesus.
   2. He was a disciple of Jesus.
   3. Initially, he was a secret disciple. John 19:38
   4. He had a faithful companion, Nicodemus. John 3
   5. He was an "honourable counselor"
   6. He waited for the Kingdom of God.
   7. He went boldly to Pilate.
   8. He was a good man. Luke 23:50
   9. He was a just man.
   10. He had not consented to the conviction of Jesus.

B. The manner of His burial.
   1. Joseph wrapped it in clean linen.
   2. He laid Him in his own new tomb.
   3. This was a fulfillment of prophecy. Isaiah 53:9
   4. It was hewn out in the rock.
   5. A great stone was rolled to the door.
   6. Joseph departed, others stayed. Vs.60,61

II. The Plot Of Unbelievers.

A. The chief priests and Pharisees. V.62
   1. They came to Pilate.
   2. They remembered what Jesus said. V.63
B. Their suggestions.
   1. Make his sepulchre sure. V.64a
   2. Keep the guards for 3 days.
   3. Their fears. V.64b

C. Pilate's response.
   1. He agreed. V.65
   2. They did as they wished.

III. The Resurrection Of Jesus.

A. The end of the Sabbath at the dawning of the first day of the week. 28:1
   1. Two women came to the grave. V.1a
   2. There had been an earthquake. V.2
   3. The angel had rolled back the door. V.3
   4. The keepers shook at his sight. V.4
   5. The angel reassured the women. Vs.5-6

B. The angel gave them instructions.
   1. "...go quickly." "Tell his disciples." V.7
   2. "...he is risen from the dead."

C. Their obedience.
   1. They departed quickly. V.8
   2. They had great joy.