Jesus' Resurrection ("Truth from the Crypt")

- I. Introduction
 - A. Did the guards ever "finger" or arrest anyone from stealing Jesus' body?
 - B. Did anyone ever find Jesus' body after 3 days from His death/burial?
 - C. Did anyone look for Jesus' body?
 - D. Did anyone claim to see His body alive after Jesus' death/burial?
- II. Scripture (Some Truth from the Crypt/Resurrection of Christ facts!)
 - A. It was promised/prophesied/fulfilled (*Mat. 20:19; 27:63; Mark 8:31; 10:34; Luke 18:33; John 2:19-20; 1Co. 15:4*).
 - B. It happened on Sunday, "the first day of the week," now called the Lord's Day, which is the day most of the Church chooses to worship (Mat. 26:17; Mark 16:2, 9; Luke 24:1; John 20:1).
 - C. Jesus' Body was in a heavily guarded sealed tomb (*Mat.* 27:62-66; 28:11-15).
 - D. Witnessed by, and personally saw Jesus alive after His resurrection:
 - 1. Angels (*Mat. 28:2-6; Luke 24:4-7*).
 - 2. Women (*Mat. 28:1-6; Luke 24:1-10*).
 - 3. All Apostles, including Paul (1Co. 15:5, 7-8).
 - 4. Many disciples, on many occasions (Acts 1:3).
 - 5. > 500 people at once, and most were still alive when Corinthians was written (1Co. 15:6).
 - E. An earthquake shook at Christ's Resurrection as death could not hold "the Word of Life," "the Prince of Life," "the resurrection and life," "and death hath no more dominion over Him" (Mat. 28:2; John 11:25-26; Acts 3:15; Rom. 6:9; 1Jo. 1:1-2).
 - F. An angel rolled away the stone (*Mat. 28:2*).
 - G. Christ's body was missing (*Mat. 28:6*).
 - H. Christ's grave clothes were still there, His face covering was separately folded (*John* 20:5-8).
 - I. Proved Christ's payment of sin was accepted (John 14:19; Rom. 4:25).
 - J. Proved Christ can resurrect all believers (John 14:19; Rom. 8:11; Col. 3:4).

- K. All must believe in Christ's resurrection to be saved (1Co. 15:1-4).
- L. Christ was the 1st to receive a glorified body (*1Co. 15:20, 23*).
- M. Jesus "*showed Himself alive...by many infallible proofs*" for "40 days" after His resurrection (*Acts 1:3*).

III. Application

- A. What facts seem most important or relevant to you about Christ's Resurrection?
- B. Has anyone ever risen from the dead by their own power, but Jesus?
- C. Will anyone ever raise themselves from the dead by their own power, but Jesus?
- D. Why do you believe Jesus Christ rose from the dead?
- E. Why do you think the Apostle Paul longed to experientially know Jesus and "*the power of His resurrection*" (*Php. 3:10*)?
- F. Do you long to experientially know Jesus and "the power of His resurrection?"