

The Reality of the Resurrection

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Introduction:

- * There has been a recent media assault against the core message of Christianity
 1. The DaVinci Code
 2. The Jesus Papers
 3. The Gospel of Judas
- * Attempts to discredit the resurrection of Jesus are not new (Matthew 28:11-15)
- * Why I choose to believe in the resurrection . . .

I. The _____ of the Scriptures (vs. 13-15a)

- A. A Word of _____ (v. 13)
Christian sorrow is permissible, and peculiar, but it is passing.
- B. A Word of _____ (v. 15a)
Jesus expressed the immediacy, intimacy, and intrigue of heaven (Luke 23:43).

II. The _____ of the Savior (vs. 14-15)

- A. The _____ of His Return (v. 14)
“Since we believe . . .” - He’s Coming!
- B. The _____ of His Return (v. 15)
Do you believe He will come today? (Luke 12:40)

III. The _____ of the Saved (vs. 15-17)

- A. The _____ Saints (vs. 15-16)
“Dead in Christ” - implies a dual address.
- B. The _____ Savior (vs. 16-17)
The Shout - Heard Physically
The Trumpet - Heard Emotionally
The Voice - Heard Spiritually

IV. The _____ of the Saints (vs. 17-18)

- A. _____ with Loved Ones
- B. _____ by Loved Ones
- C. _____ with Loved Ones

Hallelujah! He Has Risen!