

Sonrise Service '94

MARK

CHAPTER 16:1-8

Tape SMX:155

TITLE:

“AS GOOD AS DEAD”

Death and Dying related businesses across America take in estimated \$200 billion dollars a year to keep us plugged into life.

Death is a big business and investing in the
“Dying Companies”
is big money

*Maybe these are the guys who came up with the saying
“As good as dead”*

Scientists tell us;
that the moment we're born we begin the death process.

They tell us;
biologically and metabolically, we are all dying
and dying is just part of life.

I QUESTION THAT
Just like the classroom of students
from Phoenix, Arizona



Alex Porter, 6 Ys.

“You die and there's nothing more to life, That's it!

.....*I think*"



Dee Voigt, 7 yrs.

"I don't know where people go when they die, there's nobody dead in my family except my two goldfish who got flushed down the toilet,
I don't think that's how you get to heaven.



Derek Litten, 8 yrs.

"Your body goes underground but your spirit, that's you, always stays alive. You don't really die, you just go to a different place,
and there are some BIG CHANGES!"

Jesus said Derek's right

John 14:6

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 1:12 KJV

As many as received him, to them gave he power to become
the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

1.) The Big Question;

Verse 3

"who will roll the stone away from the door of the tomb for us

Good Question.

Stones used in Israel weighed between 1,500 - 3,000 Lbs.

**It was Large
It was Heavy
It was Placed with Great Care**

>>>>> It was a Wall <<<<<

**Their Hope, Jesus, was Crucified & Buried
The Thought of the Stone blocking the entrance to God
concerned them, IT SHOULD!!!**

What's it like for you this morning?

STONES

**Maybe you're you a Christian
or
Maybe you've never asked Jesus into your life**

THE STONE REPRESENTS SIN.

13771 Yoak St. and the "Big Block Wall"

**The Bible say's,
all have sinned and fall (ing. now) short of the glory of God,**

No matter how good you are, no matter how hard you try. You're as "Good as Dead".

**They're looking for a dead man, the truth is HE'S ALIVE!!!
and we need HIS LIFE!!!**

**And God both raised up the Lord Jesus
and will also raise us up - by His power.**

This morning maybe you can't see Him because over your heart,
there's a **Great Stone.**

2.) The Big Answer;

Verse 4

**But when they looked up, they saw that the stone
had been rolled away!**

The Stone must be moved supernatural,

Matthew 28:2-4

**... there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord
descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat
on it. His face was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards
shook with fear because of him, and became like dead men.**

THE ROLLING AWAY OF THE STONE WASN'T TO LET JESUS OUT.



IT WAS TO LET THE DISCIPLES IN

The Bible Says;

**"Jesus, God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was
not possible that He should be held by death.**

They're not thinking resurrection. They're thinking funeral

3.) The Big Picture;

Verse 5-6

Luke 24:5b

... "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"

Jesus had a way of ruining Funerals

Martha & Mary brother Lazarus

Verse 6

Stop "being" afraid

You're looking for the right one, in the wrong place

The Tomb **was** empty! The Tomb **is** still empty!

There has yet to be a skeptic who would deny the empty tomb

- THE FACTS ARE OVERWHELMING

- The Jews didn't have his body. If they did, they would have produced it as proof.
- We know the Disciples didn't have his dead body. In fact, they ended up dying defending this message.

The Fact is...

Jesus lived, Jesus died, Jesus arose!!!

Concerning your pain

Concerning your fear

Concerning your sin

Concerning your life

Concerning your death

JESUS CAN SAY "BEEN THERE! DONE THAT!

But Jack, I don't Believe in *Life after death*

I don't believe in *the resurrection*

My friend the burden of proof lays on your shoulders to answer this question.

WHERE IS HIS BODY

In a moment you're going to be leaving this park

Will you ask Jesus to show Himself to you?

WHEN THAT LITTLE BOY SAID;

You don't really die, you just go to a different place,
and there are some BIG CHANGES !"

John 5:28

"Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice

Do you this morning know that if you died you'd go to heaven?

Matthew 12:30

"He who is not with Me is against Me"
not one with, to choose against, or **to vote against**

Revelation 3:20

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

RESERVED SEATING

We become so concerned about our seating arrangements,
hotel reservations, our seat arrangement on our next flight...
window, isle, ocean view, smoking, non-smoking.

Where have you made reservations,
heaven or hell,
smoking or non-smoking?

Your seat might have been saved, but are you?