That You May Believe

John 20:29-31

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Introduction:
A. What did Jesus _______ after He was resurrected?
B. What exactly ___________ when Jesus was resurrected?
C. How did people ___________ when they saw the resurrected Jesus?

Movie Segment: “The Gospel of John”

Sermon:
A. Have you ever thought that God did the resurrection _____ _______?
   1. The resurrection of Jesus was not nearly the __________ that most of us would have made it!
   2. After the resurrection, why did God limit the ___________ of Jesus to his closest acquaintances and friends.

B. Why didn’t God do something more melodramatic and sensational?
   Perhaps the clue can be found in Jesus’ words to__________.
   1. Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen me you have ________; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have _______.
   2. It seems that those who saw the resurrected Lord had no _________ but to _________ in the resurrection.
   3. All believers who have lived since Jesus ascended into the skies fall into the category of _________.

C. Why did the _______ roll the _________ away from the tomb?
   1. Did he roll it away for _________?
   2. No, he rolled it away for _____, the ____________ and for _____.

D. When we __________ in our resurrected Lord and Savior, then we are able to _______ life without _________.
   1. Two of the primary things that the resurrected Jesus said to those to whom He appeared were: “Don’t be ________” and “________ be with you.”
   2. The resurrection of Jesus changed ____________!
   3. Hebrews 2:14-15

E. Why is it that we can live without fear? Because we believe in a _______ who raises the ________.
   1. “We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.” (1 Thess. 4:14)
   2. We believe that “to live is Christ and to die is gain.” (Phil. 1:21)
   3. We believe “that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.” (2 Cor. 5:1)
   4. We believe Jesus when He said: “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.” (Jn. 11:25-26)