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3. Paul confirmed it. Acts 13:34-37
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C. Jesus' Resurrection Occurred as Predicted. Matthew 28:1-10

1. Women approach the tomb. 28:1
2. The messenger. 28:2-3
3. The guards. 28:4
4. The message. 28:5-7
5. The report. 28:8
6. The encounter. 28:9
7. The assignment. 28:10
8. Sometimes God answers prayer when we have stopped praying and have given up!
9. If God had not raised Jesus from the dead, His death would have been meaningless.
10. God can turn the greatest nightmare into the greatest blessing!

D. Jesus is Returning to Judge the World in Righteousness.

1. Message to the men of Athens. Acts 17:30-31
 - a. Repent!
 - b. Proof of coming judgment!
2. Message to Thessalonian Christians. 2 Thess. 1:4-10
 - a. Perseverance and faith ... 1:4 =
 - b. "worthy of the kingdom"! 1:5
 - c. Payback! 1:6
 - d. Relief! 1:7a
 - e. Revelation! 1:7b
 - f. Retribution! 1:8
 - g. Eternal destruction. 1:9
 - h. Glory! 1:10
3. Jesus' resurrection affects every person in the world whether he believes it happened or not.
4. It requires an act of faith on my part for Jesus' resurrection to do me any good.
5. The unbeliever's worst nightmare is the believer's greatest joy!
6. Your choice...
 - a. Will you choose to place your trust in Jesus?
 - b. Will you believe Jesus died to pay for your sins?
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