PRAYER UPDATE

HOSPITALIZED

Ellie Tefertiller - after battling pneumonia and rehabbing at Pacific Coast Manor, is now back at her home! Pray for good rest.

HOME TO BE WITH THE LORD

Dave Erickson - a long time attender of TLC went home to be with Jesus on April 10th. Please remember his wife Kristin and their son Parker in prayer as they grieve his loss.

Thank you to all who delivered flowers to our shut-ins this past week. If you would like to encourage our shut-ins (those who are unable to get to church) with a regular visit, contact Carrie Clark 465-3368 | care@tlc.org

If you're able to drive individuals to their doctor's appointments, as part of our Driving Angels Team, contact Carrie Clark 465-3368 | care@tlc.org

A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.



THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING!

APRIL 15 & 16 | RENÉ SCHLAEPFER

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear... Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. John 20:19a,20

BECAUSE JESUS IS RISEN...

MARY MAGDALENE'S STORY:
I can know
John 20:11-18
THOMAS' STORY:
I can develop
John 20:25-27
PETER'S STORY:
I can know
John 21:15-17

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Easter is God's invitation to experience the risen Christ—his living presence, and his promise of your future resurrection!

"I am the resurrection and the life... do you believe this?" John 11:25.26



THREE HISTORICAL REALITIES THE RESURRECTION EXPLAINS:

1. E

The tomb was empty, or opponents of Christ would have produced a body

"By far most scholars hold firmly to the reliability of the biblical statements concerning the empty tomb." - Jacob Kremer

2. E

More than 500 saw Christ alive again. Consider...

The women: In first-century society, women's testimony was considered unreliable. No reason to claim they were the earliest witnesses. Unless they were.

James: This brother of Jesus called him crazy but became an ardent follower after he saw Christ alive after death.

Saul of Tarsus: This fierce opponent of the faith changed overnight after an experience with the living Christ.

Many of these eyewitnesses gave their lives for this claim

"It may be taken as historically certain that Peter and the disciples had experiences after Jesus' death in which Jesus appeared to them as the risen Christ." - Gerd Lüdemann

3. E

The Jesus movement suddenly exploded internationally with a new message—preached by the very disciples who had once hidden from authorities in fear.

"As a historian, I cannot explain the rise of early Christianity unless Jesus rose again, leaving an empty tomb behind him."

- N. T. Wright

FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION:

Gary Habermas and Michael Licona, The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus

Lee Strobel, The Case for the Resurrection

N. T. Wright, *The Resurrection of the Son of God* A 750-page treatment of the subject by a brilliant Oxford PhD

Wright also wrote an influential paper on the history of the resurrection: http://ntwrightpage.com/2016/07/12/jesus-resurrection-and-christian-origins/

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4/29,30 ... LES MIS

5/6,7 ... THE LORD OF THE RINGS

5/13,14 ... PIXAR

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