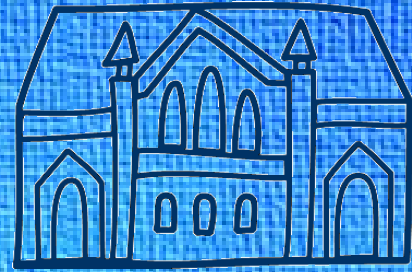


# Welcome to Calvary Church, Brighton



Today 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 speaker Philip Wells, Full-time Elder.  
This morning is Easter Sunday

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# Easter Sunday - the Resurrection of Jesus

## Marmite

- you love it or hate it
- it divides the country
- invented by Justus von Liebig

## Jesus' resurrection

- divides humanity (future/present)
- be on the right side of the division!



# Easter Sunday - the Resurrection of Jesus

- 1. Tell the story in 5 scenes 1,2,3,2,5*
- 2. show the 2 sides*

## Spoiler Alert!

- Behold! = See! x6 (v.2,7,7,9,20)
- Jesus x5
- all x4



# 1. between the death and the burial

- Joseph asks for the body
- Joseph buries the body

N.B. "new tomb"

- normal closing ... he [=?] rolled a stone "mega"
  - he went away
  - Mary & other Mary continued sitting there
- ==> seems rather worthy but forlorn!***

## 2. Opponents meeting

- chief priests (~ Sadducees) + Pharisees "synagogue" with Pilate
  - "Sir" = kyrie = Lord
  - Jesus = deceiver (v.63) ... deception (v.64)
  - they know that Jesus prophesied "after 3 days I will rise"
  - Pilate: either "you have [your own] guard OR "take a guard [of my soldiers]"
  - to prevent body stealing v.64
  - Pilate: make secure (v. 64,65,66), as best you know
  - guard, stone, seal (CCTV, tanks etc. would have made no difference!)
- ==> humanly speaking ... very sensible plan (do they know who they are up against?)***

### 3a. At the tomb

- after the Sabbath (i.e. "Sunday")
- Mary + Mary [+?]
- mega earth quake FOR the angel of the Lord came down from heaven
- rolled away the stone, sat on it.
- appearance = lightning, clothes white as snow
- guards quaked
- like dead people
- ==> who seems fragile, futile?*



# 3b at the tomb: the words of the angel

- The words of the angel
  - [to women] Do not be afraid
  - you seek Jesus who was crucified
  - he is not here, he is risen
  - Come see the [empty] place where they laid him
  - Go quickly tell his disciples
  - Behold: He has risen FROM THE DEAD PEOPLE
  - Going ahead of into Galilee
    - There you [=men] will see him
  - Behold I have spoken to you
  - ==> *entirely Jesus-centred!*

## 3c Running with good news

- The response of the women
  - Go quickly / run fear & joy mega
  - To "good-news"/report-to the disciples
- And Behold! Jesus met them
  - cheers/rejoice
  - Seize his feet and worship/fall-down-honour
- Jesus says
  - Do not fear
  - Go "good-news"/report back to my brothers
  - That they should go to Galilee
  - Where they will see me
  - ==> *how wonderful to see him, confirm his words!*



## 4=2 Back at opposition HQ

The guards go into the city

- "good-news"/report back to chief priests
- Plan ... bribe ... [deception] ... steal body ... we **sleep**
- Don't worry
- Soldiers did as **taught**
- Was widely circulated ... but untrue
- ==> *which is based on make-believe??*

## 5. Back in Galilee mountain (v.16-20)

They saw

- They worshipped
- Some were bewildered (? fear/joy? Worship?)
- Jesus came and said:
  - All authority in heaven and earth
  - Go and make disciples of all nations
    - Baptising them in the name
    - Teaching them to keep all I have commanded you
  - I am with you all the days
  - ==> *set on a mission (c.f. this evening)*

# Did you notice?

- N.B. Objections rebuffed:
  - There were other bodies in the tomb!
    - “new”
  - The women went to the wrong place!
    - They had watched carefully
  - Isolated and unreliable testimony!
    - 2 women, 11 disciples
  - The body was absent because stolen!
    - Known to be untrue: lies, bribery, invention
- N.B. vibes of power – nuclear holiness – fear – joy
  - Mega!



# Two similar but opposite communities

- Jesus & Disciples - ressn

- Galilee-based
- Nations are discipled
- Women + disciples (64, 28:7,8,16,19) brothers
- Jesus as loved
- Power of heaven (angel), creation (quake) ... roll the stone away!
- Dead become alive
- Good-news "he is risen"
- Instructed by Jesus
- Sleepers raised (27:52)
- Keep my commandments
- ==> truthful, worshipful, positive mission
- ==> **this is the community of Jesus!**  
**Please deal with God so that you get into it!**

- Opponents - death

- Jerusalem-based
- Nations conspire
- CP, Ph, P., guards
- Jesus as deceiver, deception
- Sealed & secured as best you know
- Become as dead
- Good-news report "We failed"
- Instructed with a lie for a bribe
- "fell asleep"
- Keep (28:4) [him in the grave]
- ==> based on a lie, deliberately hostile, futile