

*“In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from Heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, ‘Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: For He Is Risen, As He Said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.” *Matthew 28:1-6 KJV**



Christ Promised the Pharisees, *“For as [Jonah] was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. After three days I will rise again.’ After that, He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once.”* We generally accept eyewitness testimony in our courts as truthful from credible witnesses. There was quite a crowd in Galilee gathered to see the Risen Lord, and we have several written affidavits by eyewitnesses who knew Christ before and after His Resurrection. These Apostles recorded their testimony for posterity. They are credible accounts, because they sealed their records with their death! It was first witnessed by angels, then the women, the disciples, and lastly over 500 saw Him at one time in Galilee! Paul wrote with Holy Spirit inspired pen, *“For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But Now Is Christ Risen From The Dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the Right Hand of God, Who also maketh intercession for us. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures: And that He was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, He was seen of James; then of all the Apostles. And last of all He was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.”* HE WAS SEEN! We may not be able to look and SEE the sun, but we are assured of its presence by the light of each new day. By the same token we can know Christ is risen by the Light of understanding His Written Word stirs in our hearts as we read. *“The entrance of Thy Words giveth Light; it giveth understanding unto the simple. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.”* We know His Words are true, because for His own the desire to love and obey Him springs up in our hearts as we hear His Word. *“Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.”* Does the hearing of God’s Word make you desire to know and please Him?

With Trumpet Sound our Lord will come,
And we shall rise in clouds as one,
For as He said, *“Again I’ll come,”*
For He has left an EMPTY TOMB! –CGP

ARE YOU READY???

“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the Last Trump: for the Trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.” 1 Corinthians 15:51-53 KJV