The Proof and the Promise of the Resurrection (Matt 28; 04-04-21am) Easter Sunday

Central thought: There is sufficient evidence in Jesus' resurrection to persuade belief in the gospel

I. Resurrection: Facts and Implications

A. Facts

- 1. A work of God (2)
- 2. Validated Jesus statements about His death and resurrection (6a)
- 3. Physically verified (6b)

B. Implications

- 1. Jesus death was not end of the story (10)
- 2. The Jesus who rose is the same Jesus who died (9 & 17)
- 3. One can fully trust even when one doesn't fully understand (8 & 17)

II. Resurrection: Proof and Promise

- 1. God has the power over life & death
- 2. Jesus' death on the cross was God's plan
- 3. Man would not have the last word about Jesus and His work on earth
- 4. Jesus' death accomplished God's will
- 5. God keeps His promises
- 6. God loves people
- 7. Promises that good news about Jesus is news of hope