

A sunset scene over a mountain range. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and lens flare effects. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds. In the foreground, the silhouette of a person stands on a hillside, looking out over the landscape. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Easter 2016-“The Day
After”

Matthew 27:51-53; 28:1-15

I. Pre-Resurrection Disturbances

(Matthew 27:51–53)

A. Ceremonial Disturbance:

The veil was ripped in two

Separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies, where the Ark of the Covenant stood

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The veil served as a stop sign

God ripped it from top to bottom

God is all about relationship; man would rather settle for rules, rituals, and ceremonies

I. Pre-Resurrection Disturbances

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B. Seismic Disturbance: The earth quaked, rocks split

San Francisco: "Praise the Lord! I know the God who can shake the world!"

I. Pre-Resurrection Disturbances

(Matthew 27:51–53)

C. Cemetery Disturbance

1. Preview of coming attractions
2. Jesus conquered His own death and gave hope to anyone who hoped in Him that they also would have eternal life

II. Post -resurrection Responses (Matthew 28:1–15)

Some tried to stamp it out;

Some wanted to speak it out

Some wanted to check it out

Lee Strobel

"I had seen plenty of dead bodies as a reporter for the Chicago Tribune, but I never saw anyone come back to life. That's why I was a skeptic about Easter -

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until my agnostic wife's conversion to Christianity prompted me to spend two years investigating the historical evidence for Jesus' resurrection. What I encountered turned me from atheism to faith and what I've learned since then has only cemented that decision.”

Check Out The Evidence

Historical evidence for the resurrection

Evidence of the earliest followers (cowards
became martyrs)

Biblical prophecies

Changed lives

A SUGGESTED PRAYER

Lord, I give you my life. I know that I am a Sinner. Please forgive me. I believe that Jesus died, that He shed his blood for me, and that He rose from the dead for me.

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I turn from my sin.

I leave my past behind. I turn to you as my
Savior to follow You as my Master.

Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and give me Your
power to live for you, in Jesus name. Amen