**He Has Risen!**

**(John 2:18–22)**

**Introduction:**

 **I. For many years the debate raged – will there be a resurrection or not. We see this most prevalent within the various sects of the Jewish followers.**

A. Sadducees did not believe in a resurrection (Mat. 22:23-46 end of chapter).

 B. The philosophers in Athens had not heard of Jesus nor the resurrection until Paul spoke of it to them (Acts 17:14-21; 30-32).

 **II. Today, I am sad to say, that the same debate continues.**

 **III. Let us spend this time together to strengthen our faith about the matter.**

**Discussion:**

 **I. The Heart of the Matter**

A. The resurrection turns out to be at the heart of the matter when considering Jesus’ trial before the Sanhedrin Council.

 1. (John 2:13-22; Mat. 26:59-66)

 2. Even though the false witnesses did not exactly agree (Mark 14:59)

 **II. Victory over Death**

A. We will all face judgment (Heb. 9:27-28) ***“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.”***

 1. (Mat. 25:32-34; 41)

 B. There is something after the physical death (1Cor. 15:45-58)

 **III. The Lord’s Resurrection**

A. (Mat. 28:1-17) Corruption and conspiracy of the chief priests and the guards. B. (Mark 16:4-14) Apostles do not believe and are rebuked by Jesus.

 C. (Luke 24:1-48) Two men along the road to Emmaus and seen of the apostles.

 D. (John 20:19-31) Thomas now believes by seeing the Lord.

**Conclusion:**

 **I. Do you believe the Holy Scriptures? (1Cor. 15:1-26)**

 **II. Please consider seriously and honestly where you will be after this life.**