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Assignment 11

Unique Facts about the Resurrection

Question 1

Read the Four Gospels from the Crucifixion through Easter and tell one unique fact that each Gospel says about the Resurrection of Christ that the other Gospels do not clarify. (For example, Mark's Gospel says that the women "told nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." Nobody else did that, and that is NOT the end of Mark's Gospel in every New Testament!!

Unique Facts about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

An account of the resurrection of Jesus Christ is given in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Although all four gospels give a similar account of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, each gospel provides unique facts about these topics as revealed in the New International Version of the scriptures used in this composition.

With reference to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Gospel of Matthew, unlike the other Gospels, provides details about the angel who was at the tomb of Jesus. Matthew 28:2, clearly states that the being was "an angel of the Lord." This verse also says where the angel came from ("down from heaven) and what He did ("[went] to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it." Details about the angel's appearance is described in Matthew 28:3 when it states that "His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow." Finally, verse 4 of the same chapter reveals the reactions of the guards to the angel's presence. The verse reveals that the guards were so frightened that they trembled and fainted. The Gospel of Matthew provides these specifics about the angel that appeared at the tomb of Jesus, but this information is not included in the other gospels.

Matthew 28:2-4

2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

Women at the tomb of Jesus are mentioned in all four gospels. The Gospel of Mark, however, is the only account that claims that the the women were so afraid that they said nothing to anyone. This information is found in Mark 16:8 and it reads as follows:

8 Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.[a]

The Gospel of Luke gives a unique account of the unbelief displayed by 11 disciples when the women gave their report of what they experienced at Christ's tomb. Luke 24:11 explains that the apostles did not believe what the women claimed about the events relating to Jesus' tomb because the women's report seemed senseless. This detail is not included in the other gospels. Verse 8 reads as follows:

11 But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. 12 Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb.

The Gospel of John is the only gospel that gives details about the disciples reaction or response to the news about Jesus' body not being in the tomb. More specifically, this gospel explains that Mary Magdalene told Simon Peter and "the disciple who Jesus loved" that Jesus' (alleged) remains were removed from the tomb and they did not know where to find His body. John's account of Simon Peter's reaction and the disciple who Jesus loved response is found in John 20:3-8 and reads as follows:

3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. 4 Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7 as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. 8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.

These verses, unlike the other 3 gospels, reveal that the 2 disciples mentioned ran to the tomb. It indicates which disciple ran faster arriving at the tomb first (verse 4). In verse 5, this gospel states what "the disciple who Jesus loved" did when he arrived at the tomb. Verse 6 tells what Simon Peter did when he arrived at the tomb. Part of Verse 6 and all of Verse 7 indicate what Simon Peter saw after he went into the tomb. The account reveals that "the disciple who Jesus loved" went into the tomb, saw what was there and who was not there and believed. This is the only gospel that gives such details and facts about the disciples reaction to the news about Jesus not being in the tomb.

Learning about Jesus through observing the similarities and differences between the gospels is enlightening and edifying. The synoptic view of these accounts can only result in enhanced passion for the One who is revealed in these passages.

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Question 2

After you have read each Gospel and answered Question 1, list one selection from a HYMNAL that you might use to illuminate each Gospel story. That's a total of 8 hymns. Then, add 8 contemporary choruses. Please give a YouTube example for each.

The Gospel of Matthew in Song (Set 1)

1. **There is a Fountain (hymn)**
<https://youtu.be/EHa0ZEXDNYY>
2. **God So Loved the World (contemporary chorus)**
<https://youtu.be/4QvezkoYbOO>
3. **He Arose (hymn)**
<https://youtu.be/2fs760h4yl4>
4. **To You (contemporary chorus)**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSK7x08Yaj4>

The Gospel of Mark in Song (Set 2)

1. **Were You There (hymn)**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpSScICWJ9M>
2. **Worthy is the Lamb (contemporary chorus)**
<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Worthy+is+the+Lamb+hillsong&view=detail&mid=1D765CE2EFA90DBB45A91D765CE2EFA90DBB45A9&FORM=VIRE0&ru=%2fsearch%3fq%3dWorthy%2520is%2520the%2520Lamb%2520hillsong%26FORM%3dATUR01%26PC%3dATUR%26PTAG%3dATUR05RAND>
3. **He Lives (hymn)**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qF6aBDS3drA>

4. Way Maker (contemporary chorus)

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Waymaker+Lyrics&ru=%2fvideos%2fsearch%3fq%3dWaymaker%2bLyrics%26FORM%3dVDMHRS&view=detail&mid=565CDA6CC6DA605B0600565CDA6CC6DA605B0600&&FORM=VDRVRV>

The Gospel of Luke in Song (Set 3)

1. Noel (hymn)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0u5UvnKICTA>

2. Jesus What a Savior (contemporary chorus)

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Good+Good+Father&ru=%2fsearch%3fq%3dGood%2520Good%2520Father%26FORM%3dAFWFCC%26PC%3dAWFD&view=detail&mid=75B65332615537F889B875B65332615537F889B8&&FORM=VDRVRV>

3. The Old Rugged Cross (hymn)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dy31TzD1A0c>

4. Alive (contemporary chorus)

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Young+and+Free+Hillsong&&view=detail&mid=3F289514A4E5A3BAF27C3F289514A4E5A3BAF27C&&FORM=VDRVRV>

The Gospel of John in Song (Set 4)

1. What a Beautiful Name (contemporary chorus)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQWFzMvCfLE>

2. Great are You, Lord (contemporary chorus)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uHz0w-HG4iU>

3. Because He Lives (hymn)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oPW9xYEyijQ>

4. Be Thou My Vision (hymn)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7OUqRUAbI4w>