

First words- The definition of a surprise – a surprise is an unexpected event or experience—something that happens suddenly and wasn't anticipated. There are good surprises, bad surprises and neutral surprises.

### I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Surprise – The surprise that shouldn't have been a surprise

A. There were the \_\_\_\_\_ about the Messiah

*Isaiah 53:10–12 - Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. <sup>11</sup> Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup> Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.*

*Psalm 16:10 - For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. See also **Job 19:25-27***

B. There were the \_\_\_\_\_ from Jesus Christ

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ - **Matthew 16:21** - *From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. – See also **Matthew 17:22-23, 20:18-19***

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ - **Matthew 12:38–40** - *Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, “Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.” <sup>39</sup> But he answered them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. <sup>40</sup> For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. – See also **John 2:18-19***

### II . The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Surprise – The essential facts

A. On Friday Jesus suffered brutally at the hands of the Romans

1. Jesus was whipped and beaten by the Romans – **Luke 23**
2. Jesus was made to carry his own cross to Calvary – **Luke 23**
3. Jesus was crucified execution style - **Matthew 27** and **Mark 15**
4. Jesus expired after 6 hours on the cross and thus there was no need to break his legs in order to speed up the process. -**Matthew 27**
5. Jesus' side was pierced with a spear and water and blood came out separately – **John 19**
6. Jesus was placed in shroud, embalmed with 75 lbs of spices and laid in a cold tomb in front of which a stone was rolled – **John 19**
7. Jesus' tomb was guarded by 12 soldiers 24/7 as to prevent anything happening to his body. - **Matthew 27**

B. On Sunday Jesus' Tomb is Empty is there are reports of him appearing to his disciples for 40 days afterward

1. At the empty tomb early Sunday – **Matthew 28**
2. To Mary Magdalene early Sunday – **Mark 16**
3. To two travelers to Emmaus at midday – **Luke 24**
4. To Peter in Jerusalem – **Luke 24:34**
5. To ten disciples in Evening in Upper Room – **John 20.**
6. One week later to 11 disciples – **John 20**
7. To seven disciples fishing – **John 21**
8. To eleven on mountain in Galilee – **Matthew 28**
9. To more than 500 - **1 Corinthians 15:6**
10. To James – **1 Corinthians 15:7**
11. At the Ascension on the Mt. of Olives – **Acts 1**

### III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Surprise

A. Jesus claimed to be long awaited Messiah – **Matthew 16:16-18**

B. Jesus claimed to God come in the flesh – **John 10:30-33, 14:9**

C. Jesus claimed that he would die for the sins of mankind and rise again on the third - **Mark 8:31, Luke 9:22, and Luke 18:31-33**

VI. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Surprise - For whom does the surprise matter

A. For the powers of this world who \_\_\_\_\_

**John 18:37-38a**

B. For the forces of darkness and hell who \_\_\_\_\_

**Colossians 2:13-15**

C. For the power of death and the grave which \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Corinthians 15:54-57**

D. For the devout followers who \_\_\_\_\_

**John 20:13-16**

E. For the sceptics who \_\_\_\_\_

**John 20:25, 27-29**

F. For the failure believer who is \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark 16:7**

G. For the 21 st century man or woman looking for a \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Corinthians 15:3-8** - *For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.*

So...What's it to me?

Bad Surprise ?

Good Surprise?

No Surprise?

