

**The Story Series
Jesus Promised
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Opening

-update on Marcellin's house in Haiti **(show pic)**

-(show The Story Slide)

-(show our slide for tonight)

Introduction

-Top 5 conspiracy theories...

- 5 is the moon landing...
- 4 is Roswell...
- 3 is 9/11...
- 2 is the JFK assassination...
- 1 is Jesus and Mary Magdalene were married...

-You know what's not on this list...Jesus' resurrection!

- Jesus encounters for 40 days following...
- The meteoric growth of Christianity in the first century...
- NT books written during lives of first hand witnesses...
- If we did our own survey tonight...I bet vast majority believe...

-We believe because we have the story of His resurrection, AND because we have Jesus' many promises that He would rise from the dead!

Jesus Promised

-John 2:19-22

-Mark 14:28

-Matthew 27:63

-Jesus Promised -- Jesus Crucified -- Disciples' Reaction -- Jesus Risen

-Shouldn't they have left food and a change of clothes?

- Mary
- Disciples
- Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea (washing, wrapping, anointing...75 pounds of spices) (Young Living or Doterra)

- They never saw Him break a promise!
- They never saw Him lack power to do anything!
- Jesus NEVER over promised!

-kids early on understand the power of a promise

- Pinky swear
- "Cross my heart, hope to die..."
- (joke about crossing fingers)

- Jesus didn't have any gimmicks for promises!

-Do you believe Jesus keeps His promises?

-John 14:1-2 (mention cultural context)

I am going to prepare a place for you

-we are helping a church in Niger purchase property **(show pic)**

- Edouard's church...
- Builds a wall
- Builds a stage
- Builds some bathrooms
- They are preparing for their church to come!

-Preparing Places

- Pregnancy nesting
- Kids building forts
- Imago Dei

-John 1:1-5

-Heaven

- Revelation 22:5-6 (ref)
- Revelation 21:4-5 (ref)

- Isaiah 11:6-9 (ref)

-Jesus promised...He is building something for us!

I will come and get you

-Have you ever thought about how traumatic it is when kids first go into a childcare setting?

-Hachiko Story

-Mark 13:34-37

-Last of The Mohicans

- French and Indian War
- 1757 Upstate NY
- Nathaniel (adopted by a Mohican family)
- Falls in love with Cora
- As the war party approaches intent on killing them
- (tell the scene)
- ...IKEA speech...lol!

-2 Peter 3:9

-(short description of Jesus' return)

-Jesus promised...He is coming back for us!

Band

-Do you believe Jesus Keeps His promises.

- If I believe He is making Heaven ready...
- If I believe Jesus could come back in my lifetime...

- 1. Build relationships, not careers.**
- 2. Be where you want to be found.**

-(set up baptisms and give people a chance to accept Jesus today)