

The Resurrection Changes Everything

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Matthew 28; I Corinthians 15

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Week's Core Competency:

Hope: "I can cope with the hardships of life and with death because of the hope I have in Jesus Christ." (Hebrews 6:19-20)

Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

Introduction:

It is said that a Christian is a person who makes it easier for others to believe in God. The problem is that many believers have just enough religion to give an appearance of following Christ. Up to the time of Christ's resurrection many of Christ's followers were just like that. They were simply good, decent religious people. After the resurrection, many in the early church literally changed the world as they proclaimed the good news of the resurrected Christ.

A Christian is one in whom Christ lives. This would not be possible unless Christ was raised from the dead.

Christianity begins, where the religions of the world end—the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is what makes our faith unique. Christianity is not a religion, but a relationship with a living Savior. He is not dead. He is alive. Because He lives, we live.

Belief in the resurrection of Christ changes lives. What difference should it make in how we live?

① EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

Read Matthew 28:1-15 (NASB)

- 1 Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave.
- 2 And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it.
- 3 And his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.
- 4 The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men.
- 5 The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified.
- 6 “He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.
- 7 “Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you.”
- 8 And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples.
- 9 And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him.
- 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and take word to My brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me.”
- 11 Now while they were on their way, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened.
- 12 And when they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers,
- 13 and said, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.’

- 14 “And if this should come to the governor’s ears, we will win him over and keep you out of trouble.”
- 15 And they took the money and did as they had been instructed; and this story was widely spread among the Jews, *and is* to this day.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-7, 13, 14, 17

- 1 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand,
- 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.
- 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
- 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,
- 5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.
- 6 After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;
- 7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles;
- 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised;
- 14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.
- 17 and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.

EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN?

1. What was the reaction of Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to the resurrection?
2. What are several evidences that the body of Christ was not removed or stolen by His disciples?
3. Why is the resurrection of Jesus Christ the heart of the Gospel message?
4. Practically speaking how has your belief in the resurrection of Christ made a difference in your life?

③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does this MATTER to me?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes

30 CORE Competencies

10 Core Beliefs

Trinity *2 Corinthians 13:14*

I believe the God of the Bible is the only true God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Salvation by Grace *Ephesians 2:8-9* I believe a person comes into a right relationship with God by His grace, through faith in Jesus Christ.

Authority of the Bible *2 Timothy 3:16-17*

I believe the Bible is the Word of God and has the right to command my belief and action.

Personal God *Psalms 121:1-2*

I believe God is involved in and cares about my daily life.

Identity in Christ *John 1:12*

I believe I am significant because of my position as a child of God.

Church *Ephesians 4:15-16*

I believe the church is God's primary way to accomplish His purposes on earth today.

Humanity *John 3:16*

I believe all people are loved by God and need Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Compassion *Psalms 82:3-4*

I believe God calls all Christians to show compassion to those in need.

Eternity *John 14:1-4*

I believe there is a heaven and a hell and that Jesus Christ is returning to judge the earth and to establish His eternal kingdom.

Stewardship *1 Timothy 6:17-19*

I believe that everything I am or own belongs to God.

10 Core Practices

Worship *Psalms 95:1-7*

I worship God for who He is and what He has done for me.

Prayer *Psalms 66:16-20*

I pray to God to know Him, to lay my request before Him and to find direction for my daily life.

Bible Study *Hebrews 4:12*

I read the Bible to know God, the truth, and to find direction for my daily life.

Single-mindedness *Matthew 6:33* I focus on God and His priorities for my life.

Spiritual Gifts *Romans 12:4-6*

I know and use my spiritual gifts to accomplish God's purposes.

Biblical Community *Acts 2:44-47*

I fellowship with other Christians to accomplish God's purposes in my life, others' lives, and in the world.

Giving Away My Time *Colossians 3:17*

I give away my time to fulfill God's purposes.

Giving Away My Money *2 Corinthians 8:7*

I give away my money to fulfill God's purposes.

Giving Away My Faith *Ephesians 6:19-20*

I give away my faith to fulfill God's purposes.

Giving Away My Life *Romans 12:1*

I give away my life to fulfill God's purposes.

10 Core Virtues

Joy *John 15:11*

I have inner contentment and purpose in spite of my circumstances.

Peace *Philippians 4:6-7*

I am free from anxiety because things are right between God, me, and others.

Faithfulness *Proverbs 3:3-4*

I demonstrate loyalty in my relationships with others in response to God's loyalty to me.

Self-Control *Titus 2:11-13*

I have the power, through Christ, to control myself.

Humility *Philippians 2:3, 4*

I choose to esteem others above myself.

Love *1 John 4:10-12*

I sacrificially and unconditionally love and forgive others.

Patience *Proverbs 14:29*

I endure patiently under the unavoidable pressures of life.

Kindness/Goodness *1 Thess. 5:15*

I choose to do the right things in my relationships with others.

Gentleness *Philippians 4:5*

I am thoughtful, considerate and calm in dealing with others.

Hope *Hebrews 6:19-20*

I can cope with the hardships of life and with death because of the hope I have in Jesus Christ