

What Does the Resurrection Declare?

In Luke 24, The Angels asked, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but he has risen” (Luke 24:5)

Jesus was not resuscitated, reincarnated, or recreated; Jesus was resurrected and if that body were to be found it would have destroyed Christianity.

Paul said, “That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection (Phil 3:10). The gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

1 Cor 15:3, “For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.”

For our lesson today I want to answer a few questions that many people seeking answers for. What is the significance of the Resurrection? What does this great event declare?

I. Jesus is the Son of God

In Romans 1:4 Paul spoke of Him as one “who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All throughout the ministry of Jesus you might remember why the religious leaders were so upset. They were upset because of who Jesus claimed to be. In Mark chapter 2, a man who was paralyzed was brought to Jesus. Before He was healed, Jesus said, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” Some of the scribes thought He was blaspheming. They said to themselves, “Who can forgive sin but God alone.”

In John 5:18 says, “The Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.”

In John 10:30 Jesus said, “I and my Father are one.” After hearing this, the Jews picked up stones and wanted to kill Him because Jesus made himself to be equal with God.”

In Matthew 27, when Jesus was hanging on the cross, mockers were shaking their heads and saying bitter words. Verse 40 says, “, "You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

How do we know that Jesus is the Son of God? The answer is found by looking at the empty tomb. Paul says in Romans 1, “God declared Him to be the Son of God with power, by the resurrection.”

II. The Resurrection declares that The Sacrifice of Jesus was accepted.

1 Cor 15:17, “If Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

The death of Jesus was important, but so was the resurrection. 1 Jn 2:2 says that Jesus was the propitiation for our sins. Paul said, I determined to know nothing except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified (1Cor 2:2). When we gather around the Lord's table on each first day of the week, it is to proclaim the Lord's death (1 Cor 11:26)

However, if Jesus had not been raised from the dead, we would be unsure if the cross accomplished its purpose. The Resurrection declares that God did indeed accept Jesus sacrifice for our sins. In this sense, we are saved not only by the death of Jesus, but also by his resurrection.

In Rom 4:25, Paul spoke of Jesus as "He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our Justification (Rom 4:25)

III. The Resurrection declares that we Can Be Saved.

In the great resurrection chapter of 1 Cor 15, Paul asks, in verse 54,

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"

It is because Jesus conquered death and was raised to life that we too can look forward to be raised to new life. When it comes to being saved, Paul reminded the church in Rome about their baptism.

In Romans 6, there were some Christians who thought they could live a life of sin because God's grace would cover it. In verse 4, they are reminded about the resurrection of Jesus and how we are raised from the water of baptism to live a new life.

From the passage we can see that it is through the physical resurrection of Christ that we are saved with a spiritual resurrection through baptism.

IV. The Resurrection declares that "We Have A Living Savior"

Just before ascending to the Father Jesus gave us this promise, "I will be with you always, even to the end of the age (Mat 28:20).

In Matt 18:20, Jesus said, "For where 2 or 3 have gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst.

Hebrews tells us that He is our "merciful and faithful high priest," who come to our aid when we are tempted (Heb 4:15). Let us thank God that we have a living and caring savior!

6. The Resurrection declares "A Day Has Been Set Aside For a Special Purpose"

When the N.T. speaks about a day set aside for a special purpose, it is referring to the first day of the week that we call Sunday. On the first day of the week, the early church met to worship and to observe the L.S (Acts 20:7) and give (1Cor 16:2). The Apostle John call the first day of the week “the Lord’s day” (Rev 1:10)

Why is the 1st day of the week special to Christians? Because the Lord arose on the first day. Mark said in chapter 16, it was “very early on the 1st day of the week (the women) came to the tomb when the sun had risen. In verse 2, An angel told them that Jesus has risen and He is not here.”

For Christians, the dawning of every first day of the week is “The Resurrection Mourning.

7. The Resurrection declares that “We TOO, WILL BE Raised

Long ago, Job asked, “If a man dies, will he live again? (Job14:14). God’s answer is “yes” because Jesus was raised. Phil 3:21 say’s that are body’s will be transformed.

1John 3:2 “Beloved, now we are children of God and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.”

8. The Resurrection declares that “God Stands by His word

Jesus said in Jn 2:19, “I will destroy the temple and in 3 days raise it up.” When Jesus was on trial a false witness quoted this prediction. When Jesus was on the cross, the crowd shouted, “You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in 3 days, save yourself (Mt 27:40)

After Jesus died, the Pharisee’s went to Pilate and said “Sir, we remember that when He was still alive that deceiver said, “After 3 days I am to rise again.

There were many that did not believe His prediction, nevertheless, it happened. His body died on the cross, and on the 3rd day, that body was raised from the dead. When the Lord says a thing is so, it is so and we can believe it.

Conclusion:

A. It’s my hope that this lesson will give us an overall picture about how important the R is to us.

The R declares that

Jesus is the son of God,
Sacrifice of Jesus was accepted,
We can be saved,
We have a living savior,
A day has been set aside for a special purpose,
We too will be Raised and God stands by His word.