

Why the Resurrection Changes Everything

Spirit Empowered Church – Part 6

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Pray Daily for your Five Friends Focus

John 11:25-26 (ESV) Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

2 Corinthians 4:6 (ESV) For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:4 (ESV) We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

1. The Resurrection Confirms God's _____

Matthew 16:21 (ESV) 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.

Matthew 28:5-6 (ESV) But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

2. The Resurrection Renews Our _____

2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

1 Peter 1:3 (ESV) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

2 Corinthians 4:14 (ESV) knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.

3. The Resurrection Empowers Our _____

Matthew 28:18 (ESV) And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Matthew 28:19 (ESV) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Matthew 28:20 (ESV) teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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Study Guide
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Intro What does Easter mean to you?

Intro How does Jesus bring resurrection power into a person's life (John 11:25-26)?

Intro How does the light of God drive the darkness out of our hearts (2 Corinthians 4:6)?

Intro How does water baptism for the believer mirror the reality of Jesus' resurrection (Romans 6:4)?

1A. Why do you think that the disciples found it hard to believe and remember Jesus' prophetic promise about His death and resurrection (Matthew 16:21)?

1B. In what ways is the empty tomb irrefutable evidence that Jesus rose from the dead (Matthew 28:5-6)?

1C. How does Jesus' fulfillment of His prophetic promise to rise again help us have faith in God's other promises for us?

1D. What promise from God to you from His Word are you in faith for today?

2A. How does the resurrection bring hope that God is transforming us as believers into new creations (2 Corinthians 5:17)?

2B. Describe how being born again gives you a living hope through Jesus' resurrection (1 Peter 1:3).

2C. What does Jesus' resurrection ensure for our eternity according to 2 Corinthians 4:14?

2D. In what area of your life today do you need your hope renewed?

3A. How did the resurrection impact Jesus' authority (Matthew 28:18)?

3B. What does Jesus' command every believer to do (Matthew 28:19)?

3C. In what ways did Jesus' resurrection enable Him to make the promise to always be with us (Matthew 28:20)?

3D. How are you seeking to obey Jesus' command to go and make disciples?