On the THIRD DAY He Arose

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INTRODUCTION

- Not Jesus Christ, but Saul of Tarsus, that on the third day, he arose.
- Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord. And so on the third day he arose.
- I think we can make some pretty safe guesses of what Saul might have been thinking those three days.

1 Is He Really the Christ?

Acts 7:51–53; Acts 13:16–23

- What he thought to be a myth had been shown to be a fact.
- Is he really the Christ? Have I been that wrong? Have my teachers been that wrong?
- Your fathers had persecuted and killed the prophets, and now you have persecuted and killed the Christ.
- He never appealed to this vision as proof that Jesus was the Christ.
- From this man's seed, according to the promise, God has raised up for Israel a Savior, Jesus.

2 Will God Forgive Me?

1 Timothy 1:12–16

- Don't you imagine Saul for those three days thought about his past and what he had done?
- Not only did he drag men and women off to prison, not only did he cast his vote for their death, but he said of them, he compelled them to blaspheme.
- Although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, an insolent man, but I obtained mercy.
- Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.
- For this reason I obtained mercy. That in me first, Jesus Christ might show all long suffering as a pattern to those who are going to believe on him for everlasting life.
- God forgave me, Paul says, to show you that he can forgive you.

3 What Am I Going to Do?

Acts 26:9–18

- He had given his all of his zeal, his attention and his energy to be the best killer of Christianity that there was.
- I myself thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.
- Rise and stand on your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness.
- To open their eyes in order to turn them from darkness to light, from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins.

THE CHALLENGE

No matter how numerous they might be, Paul said, God saved me just to show you that God will forgive you of your sins. And that God has a purpose and a plan for your life.

MY NOTES