Real Faith Rises

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INTRODUCTION

- This month we've been focusing on the matter that real faith does that.
- The resurrection of Jesus, tying it to what real faith does.
- And so this morning we're going to look at the matter that real faith rises.

1 Did Jesus Need Faith?

Hebrews 11:1; Hebrews 11:6; Hebrews 4:15

- Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things not seen.
- We do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.
- He didn't need faith that God exists. He knew that. He'd been in his presence.
- But he had faith and assurance and confidence that whatever the Lord said would happen would in fact happen.

2 Jesus Had Faith in Those Promises

Isaiah 53:5–6; Psalm 110:1; John 2:19

- The coming one would suffer, the coming one would rise, and the coming one would ultimately be exalted to the very right hand of God.
- And while living on this earth, Jesus had faith in those promises.
- Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.
- You might say that faith was put to the ultimate test by the cross.
- But yes, it is the Father's will that I die. But I trust that it is also the Father's will as he has said that I will rise.

3 And Rise He Did

Mark 16:9–20; Acts 2:24; Acts 13:33–35

- The historical reality of the resurrection is found throughout the Gospels.
- What makes unbelievers who are fearful for their lives go out and proclaim the gospel, they had seen him.
- His faith in God allowed him to go to the cross with the assurance that he would rise and would ultimately be exalted.
- This proves, this shows beyond a shadow of a doubt, Jesus is the Son of God. Real faith rises.

4 Believers Will Rise

John 11:25–26

- I am the resurrection of the life. He who believes in me will live, even if he dies.
- Well, it's a fact that all will rise. But in a sense, there's only one true resurrection.
- Your soul will live. Your soul will never be separated from God. Even if you die, you will live again.

5 Our Faith in the Resurrection Is Based on His Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:20–24; 1 Corinthians 15:12–19; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–14

- We know, we believe that we will rise because he arose.
- Firstfruits are the harbinger of things to come.
- It means that what we're doing here is not in vain.
- And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless. You are still in your sins.
- It also puts temporal suffering in perspective.
- But what gives purpose and perspective to that? That this isn't all there is.

THE CHALLENGE

Do you have the faith to die now so that you could rise again?

MY NOTES