The Effect of Christ's Resurrection

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INTRODUCTION

- Peter preached that Jesus was raised from the dead. How would you have responded to that at that time and in that setting?
- What Jesus is doing here is promising to reverse the irreversible. And do you know the crowning achievement of that was the resurrection of Jesus.
- This is the linchpin of our hope. This is the linchpin of our faith, the resurrection of Christ.

1 The Effect Before the Resurrection

Matthew 26:31–75; Matthew 16:22; John 21:3

- All of you will be made to stumble because of me this night.
- Peter said to Jesus, this shall not happen to you.
- The disciples were not stupid. The disciples were just simply ignorant.
- Even if all are made to stumble because of you, I will never be made to stumble.
- Jesus was on trial, they all forsook him and fled, and Peter denied him three times exactly the way that Jesus said that he would.
- So how did the resurrection affect the disciples? Before they didn't believe it.

2 The Response During His Resurrection

Matthew 28:17

- The women came to the tomb and observed that the tomb was empty, and they reacted with fear and great joy.
- This is too good to be true. But then they would have responded, but it's too good not to be true.
- I think we often forget how hard it was for the disciples to believe this.
- There's no angelic chorus, there's no star in the sky. There are no magi coming to offer gifts. Just the testimony of some women.
- Thomas was no different than many of the other disciples. Because Matthew 28 and verse 17, after Jesus appeared to them in Galilee, some doubted.

3 How Did They Respond After the Resurrection

Acts 1:3; John 7:17; Acts 4:19–20

- Jesus presented himself alive after his suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during 40 days.
- If they don't believe Moses and the prophets, they would not be persuaded though one rose from the dead.
- He appeared to these disciples because they wanted to believe.

- The resurrection of Jesus on the apostles after they witnessed that resurrection was so overwhelming that no apostle ever denied him again.
- After the resurrection, the message of the resurrection of Jesus became the cornerstone of all their preaching.
- But we could not be saved without Jesus being resurrected from the dead.

4 Why I Believe in the Resurrection of Jesus

John 20:29; Job 14:14; Romans 8:23

- I believe because the overwhelming evidence is too profound to disbelieve.
- The evidence is overwhelming. And the tomb of Jesus is empty to this day.
- I believe in the resurrection also because it fits perfectly God's pattern and character.
- I believe because I desperately want to believe.
- If a man dies, shall he live again? I want the answer of that to be yes. And Jesus gave us the answer to that.
- And furthermore, I believe because of the nail prints and the wounded side.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **I want that to be true. Don't you?**

MY NOTES