Up From The Grave He Arose

Greg Kline · Matthew 28:1–7

INTRODUCTION

- Praise God that Jesus died on the cross for our sins. And praise God that he was raised to newness of life, giving us a chance at being with him forever.
- Do we believe the resurrection is important? Secondly, do we believe that we should be thinking about that important resurrection? And thirdly, do I live like there was a resurrected Savior?

1 Do We Believe the Resurrection Is Important?

1 Corinthians 15:1–19; Acts 17:22–32; Acts 2:22–32

- The resurrection is, as Paul writes, of first importance.
- And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins.
- Because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.
- Yet another way that the resurrection of Jesus is of critical importance, it is a confirmation that judgment is coming.
- Jesus changed the world, and he did it not just with his death, but with raising up from the grave.
- We must believe that Jesus not only was raised from the dead, but that he currently, as Acts 2 finishes in Peter's sermon, is sitting at the right hand of God today.

2 Do I Think About My Future Resurrection?

1 Corinthians 15:45–57; Philippians 3:8–14; 2 Timothy 4:6–8

- We have a future hope, and not just a hope like we hope it won't rain.
- But a hope, a definite, fixed point that we know God will deliver because he already delivered Jesus.
- We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trumpet.
- How many times do I think about my resurrection? Not just the judgment day, not just that Jesus died on the cross for my sins, but that I will be raised.
- That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
- If we are in Jesus, our resurrection is as sure as his.

3 Do I Do Anything About a Resurrected Jesus?

Galatians 2:20; Colossians 3:1–14; Romans 6:3–5

- I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.
- Paul died with Christ. He also lives with Christ. And that changed the way he acted.

- We don't just need death. We don't just need to stop doing some bad things. We need to live. We need to be resurrected.
- If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- We must see the resurrection as not something to be considered once a year, but to remember it every single day.
- 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.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Has my life changed at all since following after Jesus? Have I even crucified the man of sin?**

MY NOTES