

Resurrection Sunday- 2018

The Resurrection of Jesus is specifically referenced 28 times in the Acts. It was the doctrine that established the church.

(Rom 10:9 NKJV) that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

- we must realize that this statement is the culmination of what Paul has been leading up to throughout the letter.
- There is none righteous, no not one- 3:10
- For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God- 3:23
- The wage of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord- *(Rom 6:23 NKJV) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

- Why was a Savior even necessary ?

Gen. 3 As man sinned and disobeyed God in the Garden, sin and death entered into man. The promise of a Messiah was given and God said that He would bruise the head of Satan.

His death had to come to free us and deliver us from the curse of sin, but what about His resurrection- *(1 Cor 15:14-22 NKJV) And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. {15} Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up; if in fact the dead do not rise. {16} For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. {17} And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! {18} Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. {19} If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. {20} But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. {21} For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. {22} For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.*

- His death and resurrection is the crucial point of all His claims, if He did not rise from the dead, we are the same as all other religions but He did.

But how does this affect us personally, I want to look at three people touched by His resurrection this morning.

Mary Magdelene

- about a dozen references to her, how she followed and supported Jesus' ministry- don't take doctrine from new movie

- *Mark 16 and Luke 8*- tells us she had seven demons cast out of her, some feel that this was in reference to physical infirmity

- some identify her as the woman who anointed Jesus' feet in Luke 8, a woman of ill repute but we really don't know that this was her, we don't know exactly what her background was other than she was bound in something terrible and Jesus freed her, and gave her life meaning.

- (*John 10:10-11 NKJV*) *"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. {11} "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.- maybe that's where you are at today*

Peter -turn to Luke 5

- after a night of Peter's fishing in Luke 5, Jesus uses his boat to speak from because of the crowds- He says let down your nets, big catch, and Peter replies "(*Luke 5:8-10 NKJV*) *When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men."*

- we see Peter walk on water and then begin to sink

- we see Peter- " Who do men say that I am ?"- " You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.- then" get thee behind Me Satan"

- on the Mount of Transfiguration- lets make three tents

- Last Supper- " You will never wash my feet..... then wash all of me"

- I will never forsake You

- cut off ear of servant in the Garden

- denies the Lord- (*Luke 22:60-62 NKJV*) *But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!" Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. {61} And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." {62} So Peter went out and wept bitterly.- maybe that's where you're at today*

John

- Sons of Thunder with brother James

- *(Luke 9:52-56 NKJV) and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him. {53} But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. {54} And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?" {55} But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. {56} "For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village.*

- *In Mark- Grant us to sit on Your right and left hand when You enter Your Kingdom-* in Matthew, they have their mom ask

- on the Mount of Transfiguration

- refers to himself as the disciple Jesus loved

- *Turn to John 18:15-* as we see something about John that is easily overlooked- his relationship and restoration of Peter- *John 18:15-17 (NKJV) 15 And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest. 16 But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought Peter in. 17 Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also one of this Man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."*

John 20: 19-20-(NKJV)*19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.*

- Have you seen ?

- Are you glad ?

(Phil 3:8-11 NKJV) Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ {9} and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; {10} that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, {11} if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Do you know Him and the power of His Resurrection ?