

Resurrection Sunday- We gather today to celebrate and worship. We see

- 1) Doctrine of the Resurrection
- 2) the fact of the Resurrection
- 3) the implications of the Resurrection
- 4) the power of the Resurrection

Doctrine of the Resurrection

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is central to our faith

- (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.

(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.

Jesus refers to His death and Resurrection in 17 separate passages in the New Testament, never referring to His death without His resurrection,

(Mat 16:21 NKJV) From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

(Mat 17:9 NKJV) Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

(Mat 20:18-19 NKJV) "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, {19} "and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again."

(Mat 26:31-32 NKJV) Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' {32} "But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee."

Fact of the Resurrection Appearances

To Mary Magdalene- John 20, Mark 16

women returning from the tomb- Mt. 28

Peter later in the day- Luke 24

on Emmaus road to disciples- Luke 24

to the apostles without Thomas- Luke 24, John 20

to the apostles with Thomas- John 20

to apostles by the Lake of Tiberias- John 21

to James

to the eleven

at the Ascension

to Paul in Acts

to Paul in the temple- Acts

to John on Patmos – Revelation

Read 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

This must be believed to be saved

(John 11:25-26 NKJV) Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. {26} "And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Implications of the Resurrection

Romans 6:3 through Romans 6:11 (NKJV) 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:11 (NKJV) 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Ephesians 2:4 through Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV) 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Colossians 2:11 through Colossians 2:15 (NKJV) 11 In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 buried with Him in baptism,

in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. 13And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

Colossians 3:1 through Colossians 3:4 (NKJV) 1If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Power of the Resurrection

Ephesians 1:19 through Ephesians 1:21 (NKJV) 19and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

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

Turn to John 20

Mary Magdelene

- about a dozen references to her, how she followed and supported Jesus' ministry

- 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

- 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.

- 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 20: 19-20-

- 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 ?

Are you walking in the power of His resurrection ? example of live man in coffin, he does everything he can to get out of that grave, we rose with Him

(1 Cor 15:51-55 NKJV) Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed; {52} in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. {53} For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. {54} So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." {55} "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"