

Jesus is Raised! How Does That Change Me?

Luke 24:5-6: (KJV) ⁵...*And they (the angels said) ...why seek ye the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but is risen.*



Easter Sunday is a widely celebrated holiday. It is a day that represents life in its highest form, for it is about the resurrection of Jesus. It is far too easy to lose the deep meaning of Jesus' sacrifice and victory in the commotion and fanfare of Easter eggs, the Easter Bunny and Easter chocolate. As Christians, we know Jesus' resurrection was a world-changing experience, but was it a personal life-changing experience for ME? How does the fact of Jesus being in heaven again with God affect ME every day? To trace the kind of changes his resurrection can have on us, we need to look at the kind of effect it had on some who were there and experienced it firsthand. What did they see? What did they change?

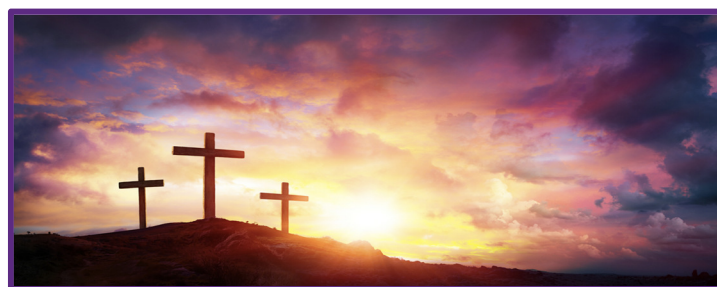
Ancient history, *Easter Daybreak*, *The Skit Guys*

- *Daybreak is almost here; it's nearly Sunday. Seven hundred years ago, a man named Isaiah wrote that the Messiah would come to Israel and be rejected and killed. Four hundred years ago, God stopped sending prophets. Thirty-three years ago, God broke His silence and an army of angels announced the birth of the Savior. Three-and-a-half years ago, John the Baptist called Jesus "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." Three years ago, Jesus told Nicodemus that the Son of Man must be lifted up and that those who believe in him will have eternal life. One year ago, Jesus told his followers he would be killed by the Jewish leaders, but that he would rise again after three days. Last Sunday, Jesus rode into Jerusalem as the people shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Thursday night, Jesus was betrayed by one of his own and arrested. On Friday, the crowd shouted, "Crucify!" and the sinless son of God was killed on a Roman cross.*

We begin our look into some of the experiences of Jesus' disciples with the overriding social and political tenor right after Jesus died.

The following summation is based on [John 19:31-42](#) and [Matthew 27:60-66](#).

There was a sense of urgency to end the crucifixion scene. The urgency was not driven by any form of compassion or mercy, but by the fact that sundown was the beginning of both the Sabbath and the Passover, which made this particular Sabbath a higher and holier celebration than normal.



With the tens of thousands of extra people in Jerusalem for the Passover, the spectacle of bodies on crosses - especially that of Jesus - had the potential to cause a stir amongst the people that the Pharisees did not want to deal with. Thus, the urgency to *hide the evidence* was only for the Pharisees' protection.

Jesus' death was considered a victory by those who hated him. It also spurred them on to make sure their "victory" would remain intact. Removing the man from the cross was one thing - destroying his followers was another. In battle, the strategy often is to take out the leader, and the army will disband.

Jesus was taken down, to be buried in a new tomb belonging to Joseph of Arimathea. Joseph and Nicodemus respectfully wrapped the lifeless body with myrrh and aloes in linen cloths and laid it to rest. They then rolled the stone over the door.

All was now quiet and the following day at the request of the Pharisees, the guards arrived, sealed the tomb and watched, lest someone should steal the body and claim resurrection. The Pharisees were paranoid and were trying to protect their position.



Jesus' death brought Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus together to publicly show their respect and love for him. Nicodemus was a respected Pharisee, and Joseph was a highly respected citizen. Their stand for Jesus would cost them influence and power.

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- *Jesus' disciples have been in hiding, terrified for their lives, not understanding what has happened. It's been long two nights, but in a few seconds, the son will rise.*

We now look at the life-changing responses that some of Jesus' followers had at the news of his resurrection.

We begin with those who found out first:

Mark 16:1-6: (KJV) ¹And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. ²And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. ³And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? ⁴And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. ⁵And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted (afraid.) ⁶And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted (afraid): Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: ([Luke 24:5](#): Why seek ye the living among the dead?) he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.



For believers then, there was no better form of credibility than a messenger sent from God. For believers now, this still holds true, although we see these visits through the eyes of biblical history.

The angel continued:

Luke 24:6-8: (KJV) ⁶...remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, ⁷Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. ⁸And they remembered his words.

Mark 16:7: (KJV) But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

Take note of the specific message to tell Peter. We will touch on this later.

Here the news of the resurrection begins a new frenzy of activity, as the resurrection of Jesus would not only energize the fragile followers he left behind, it would send a shock wave throughout all the nation. These women went to the tomb in sorrow and walked away in a shocked joy! Though all of these women would carry the good news to the others, Mary would be the first to actually speak to the risen Lord.



This good news of Jesus' resurrection still excites us. It brings us joy that we can share God's plan through Christian Questions year after year. We want the resurrection to give us that continuous energy to look up and be a beacon of light in a very dark world.

These strong reactions to Jesus' death and resurrection should make us take our own spiritual temperature.



We know what the news of Jesus' resurrection started, but how did it become real to the disciples?

We all react differently to what could be life-changing news. For the disciples, having gone through the tragedy of Jesus' crucifixion was a major trauma. Even though he told them several times it would happen, it did not seem real. To them the man Christ Jesus seemed invincible.

When we have gone through unexpected trauma, talking it out is therapeutic, and the two disciples walking on the road to Emmaus were doing just that. They were likely sharing their shock and grief about what had just occurred and their insecurity about a future that looked empty.

They were still trying to piece together the resurrection news they had heard earlier:

Luke 24:13-32: (NASB) ¹³And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place.

Sometimes the answer to our confusion and insecurity emerges when we are not looking for it.

When this happens, we are often unaware because we are too busy wrestling with our questions and concerns:

¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself approached and began traveling with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking? And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, answered and said to him, Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days? ¹⁹And he said to them, What things? And they said to him, The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, ²⁰and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to the sentence of death, and crucified him. ²¹But we were hoping that it was he who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened. ²²But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and did not find his body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but him they did not see.

The absence of seeing Jesus made it still mysterious to them. They had the answer but were not yet able to process it without all the pieces.

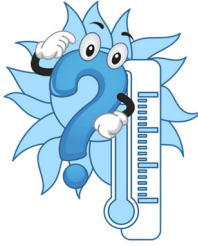


Do we ever get into that position with our faith and our life events? Do the hardships of life ever overshadow the grace and providence of the gospel? During this time experiencing the COVID-19 virus, are we distracted and not staying connected to God the way we should be? Did not being able to go to church services on Resurrection Sunday this year become a distraction or a focus?

Jesus saw their dilemma and had compassion as he challenged them:

²⁵And he said to them, O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! (Jesus reminds them of the prophetic story, yet, they still do not know it is him.) ²⁶Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into his glory? ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, he explained to them the things concerning himself in all the Scriptures. ²⁸And they approached the village where they were going, and he acted as though he were going farther. ²⁹But they urged him, saying, stay with us, for it is getting toward evening, and the day is now nearly over. So he went in to stay with them.

They have been enlightened but do not yet realize it. They heard dramatic truth in the midst of traumatic times.



Do we ever overlook the power of prophecy and the purpose of God's plan in the heat of our moments?

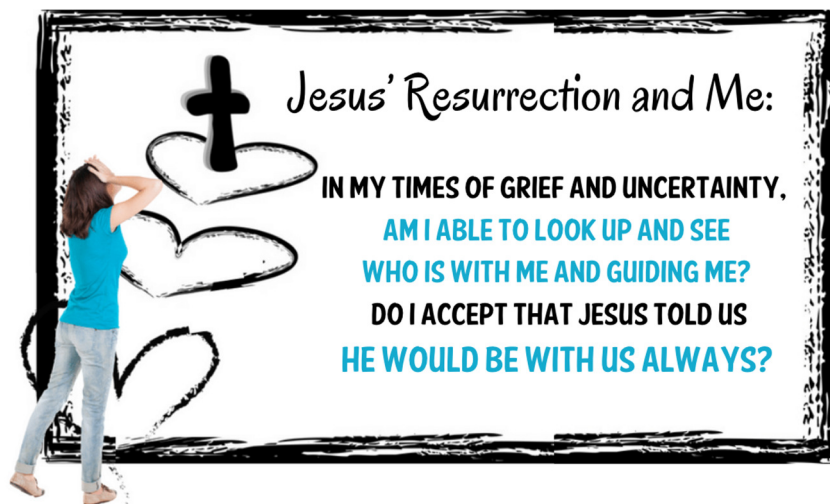
We need to apply the truth of the resurrection in our lives every day.

³⁰When he had reclined at the table with them, he took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, he began giving it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to one another, Were not our hearts burning within us while he was speaking to us on the road, while he was explaining the Scriptures to us?



Jesus patiently and lovingly did everything necessary for the two disciples to finally recognize him. They were now lifted from their sadness and insecurity. This moment would most likely have produced a paradigm shift for them, for their mighty Lord was present while they expressed their grief.

Sometimes our life gets in the way of our spiritual vision.



Matthew 28:20: (KJV) *Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

The disciples could see God's providence but could not appreciate the magnitude of it until afterwards.

As Christians, we really do have every advantage placed before us even when we are feeling lost and unsure.

How do we carry the power of the resurrection with us through our personal sins and shortcomings?

For us, the resurrection of Jesus represents a new start. It was the outward sign that Jesus had overcome the horrific obstacles and suffering placed before him. It also signified that God's plan was moving inexorably forward. This plan was not only cast in stone because of the Old Testament prophecies, it was now able to be seen with the naked eye, to be heard, to be felt.

We all have personal sins and shortcomings. Satan would like nothing more for us than to give up, feel unworthy and stop doing God's will. This could stop our progress in becoming Christlike. We must be continually on the alert to stay focused.



For those who lived at Jesus' time, his resurrection was all of this and much more. It gave each individual who was touched by Jesus a fresh and invigorating start to their Christian experience. THIS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY TRUE OF PETER, AS HE WOULD COME TO EXEMPLIFY THIS NEW START FOR ALL OF US. He would have to be courageous enough to look his failures in the eye, find the forgiveness waiting for him and boldly move forward from there. Jesus, as he had always done, would make sure this could happen in a life-changing way.

Peter's last communication with Jesus before his crucifixion was not verbal. In a way that seems fitting considering Peter's action-oriented character, and it certainly did not diminish the power of the interchange.

We drop in on Peter's third denial of Jesus:

Luke 22:60-62: (NASB) ⁶⁰But Peter said, Man, I do not know what you are talking about. Immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. ⁶¹The Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had told him, Before a rooster crows today, you will deny me three times. ⁶²And he went out and wept bitterly.



In Peter's own mind, the mark of cowardice was indelibly written upon his soul. He had been the most forward and outspoken of all of the Master's followers, and yet when it came down to the moments that truly mattered, he ran and hid like a scared rabbit. To Peter, this must have been an impossible mountain to climb, but to Jesus, this was a mountain *begging* to be climbed. Until Peter could understand and accept this mountain, he went back to his old life.



Do we ever "close the book" on ourselves after we make bad choices? Do we write ourselves out of God's plan because we feel like a failure? Do we feel we cannot approach our Lord because of something we have done? Peter must have felt this way. Jesus is there for us, too, when we fall.

Peter finds out for the first time the depth of Jesus' character and love.

If we are sincere, our resurrected Lord can help us:

John 21:2-7: (NASB) ²Simon Peter, and Thomas... and Nathanael..., and the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, I am going fishing. They said to him, We will also come with you. They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing. ⁴But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵So Jesus said to them, Children, you do not have any fish, do you? They answered him, No. ⁶And he said to them, Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find a catch. So they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish. ⁷Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, It is the Lord...





Again, an experience that shows plain truth but cannot be perceived by Peter. Peter goes fishing because is he confused and feeling guilty.

Are we ever so consumed by what we are doing that we are blinded to what is really happening? Am I ever blinded to the providence of God? That is what was happening with Peter.



John 21:8: (NASB) *...So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on..., and threw himself into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, but about one hundred yards away, dragging the net full of fish.*



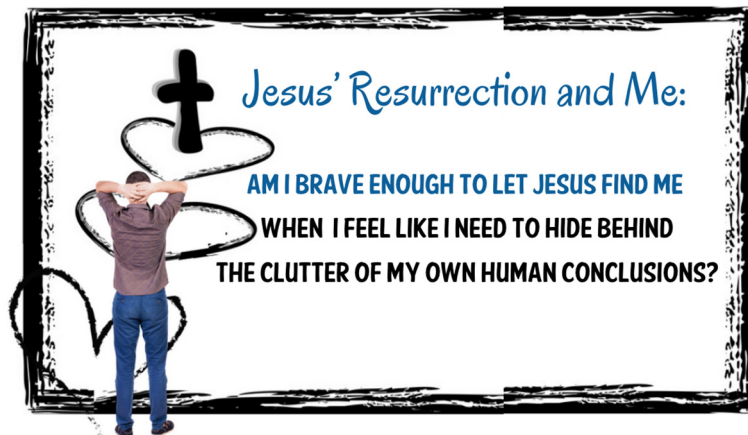
Peter did not know how to follow the Master since his denial of him. Upon the shore, Jesus had prepared breakfast. He was waiting for his beloved followers to come to him so he could feed them on every level. They came to the shore and fellowshiped together.

Then Jesus turned to Peter:

John 21:15-17: (NRSV) ¹⁵...Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon son of John, do you love me more than these? He said to him, Yes, Lord; you know that I love you. Jesus said to him, Feed my lambs. ¹⁶A second time he said to him, Simon son of John, do you love me? He said to him, Yes, Lord; you know that I love you. Jesus said to him, Tend my sheep. ¹⁷He said to him the third time, Simon son of John, do you love me...And he said to him, Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you. Jesus said to him, Feed my sheep.

The conclusion of this interchange was unmistakable. Not only had Peter’s cowardice been forgiven, but Jesus was now - in no uncertain terms - telling Peter there was a whole new level of work to be done. Peter was to be instrumental in its accomplishment. For Peter, this must have been an overwhelming relief, as well as an overwhelming sense of responsibility. He was being raised up by the risen Lord himself to move forward and do the work of the gospel - to learn to live his new name. This truly is forgiveness! This is what Jesus meant for all of us!

For more on the life of the Apostle Peter, please search our archives for Episodes 710, 713 and 718: What Can We Learn From Peter? (Parts I, II and III).



It is an incomprehensible comfort to know that forgiveness through Jesus is not just possible, it is accessible.

**We have begun to see the power of forgiveness.
How do we also give Jesus power over our doubts?**

Personal forgiveness, sincerely received, is life-changing. Properly accepted, it makes us better and provokes and encourages us to be forgiving in the same way that we are forgiven. This forgiveness not only covers our wrongdoings, it covers our doubts as well. Doubts can come in all kinds of ways.

Let's circle back to the two disciples who Jesus left in Emmaus. Their doubts about what they had heard turned to joy when the Master showed himself.

Here is what happened when Jesus vanished from their sight:

Luke 24:33-40: (NASB) ³³And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them, ³⁴saying, The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon. ³⁵They began to relate their experiences on the road and how he was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread. ³⁶While they were telling these things, he himself stood in their midst and said to them, Peace be to you. ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing a spirit.

They got up and walked the seven miles back to Jerusalem. They were excited and wanted to share their experience with their brethren. *While they were telling these things, he himself stood in their midst.* Why were they confused and frightened? This was the first time ever a man was raised from the dead, became a spirit being, and yet was manifest in a way they could see him and understand.

³⁸And he said to them, *Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?*

His point here is: **I AM HERE WITH YOU.**

We have heard the saying "seeing is believing." With such drama and "first time ever" events happening so quickly, seeing needed to be supported by actions. Jesus did not hesitate to supply their needs and drain away their doubts.

He knew they needed the extra level of verification, and Jesus always comes through with what we need:

³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; touch me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have. ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

He was likely showing them the marks of crucifixion to give them the comfort and proof they needed.



Do we ever give more credence to our doubts than we do to the truth we see and hear?

The future kingdom is a "done deal," and yet we allow our own doubts to get in front of the beauty, the hope and the joy before us.

This is why it is important for us to review and honor Jesus' life and resurrection. It helps us to grab hold of what should drive us through hard times.

John adds an important detail to this account for a further lesson on doubt. Jesus is raised and has been seen by ten of the eleven remaining apostles and several other disciples.

When all of their personal experiences were brought before Thomas, he succumbed to doubt:

John 20:24-29: (NASB) ²⁴But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples were saying to him, We have seen the Lord! But he said to them, unless I see in his hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.



Thomas's doubts are deep. He needs more assurance. There is this extra level of frustration and doubt that needs to be dealt with.

Do we ever allow our doubts to reign over our hearts and minds, even when everyone else is convicted by their own experiences?

Jesus would quell all doubt, but he would do it in his own way and his own time:

²⁶After eight days his disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, Peace be with you. ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, Reach here with your finger, and see my hands; and reach here your hand and put it into my side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing. ²⁸Thomas answered and said to him, My Lord and my God! ²⁹Jesus said to him, Because you have seen me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.

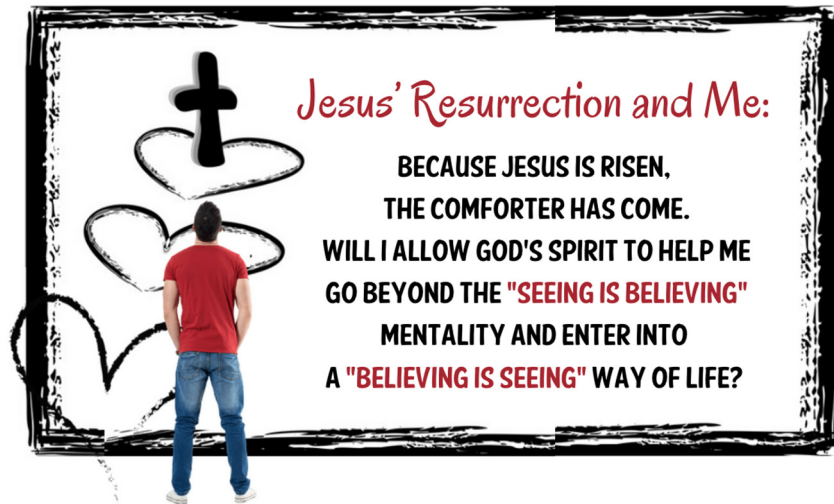


Eight days is a long time to be uncertain. During this time, Thomas has to live with the others saying it really was Jesus they all saw. When Jesus appears, he is compassionate and does not chastise him, but leads Thomas to believe the way Thomas needs to be led.

The Scriptures do not say Thomas touched Jesus' hands or feet. We assume he did not need to because he was in awe that Jesus knew what he was thinking.

Jesus meets us where we are as individuals. How thankful we are that he knows our inward thoughts and insecurities. He knows just what we need to feed our faith. What a Redeemer!





The spirit helps us to see God’s providences in our lives, so we can trust Him even when we cannot trace Him. Jesus gently told Thomas, *Blessed are they that believe without seeing*. It was a correction and reminder of the importance of faith in the things that are true according to the word of God. We all need this at times.

Jesus’ resurrection calms our sorrows, brings us to forgiveness and reduces our doubts. What is better than that?

**Jesus’ resurrection changes us as we follow him.
Will it change everyone else in the world as well?**

The world now exists under the severe penalty of death. This penalty was set in place from the time of the first sin, and it has wreaked havoc ever since. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus were part of God’s plan to take the current patterns of sin and death and transform them into life and peace.

We looked at personal experiences of several individuals after the resurrection and drew lessons from them. What happens to the unbelievers who think the Bible is a bunch of words, written by a bunch of men, meaning a bunch of nothing? How do we understand what happens to them? Let’s go through a prophetic look at the power of Jesus’ resurrection.

Death not only takes us at life’s end, it has plagued the world throughout all of history:

Genesis 3:17-19: (NASB) ¹⁷Then to Adam He said ... Cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. ¹⁸Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; and you will eat the plants of the field; ¹⁹by the sweat of your face you will eat bread, till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.



We know sin produces death, the lack of life. That was the penalty for all of humanity because of the sin of Adam.

To help answer your children’s questions on death, please see our CQ Kids video: [Why Do We die?](#)



Death has ruled, but because of Jesus and his sacrifice, the domain of death is destined to dissolve:

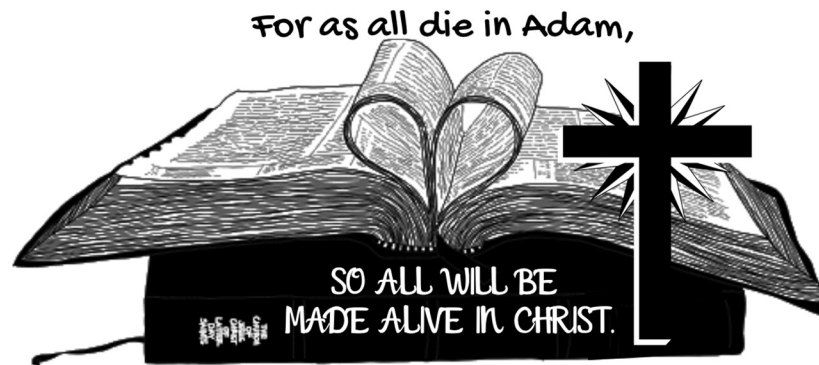
1 Corinthians 15:20-22: (NRSV) ²⁰*But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.* ²¹*For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;* ²²*for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.*

No other soul was raised to life before Christ. Jesus was *the first fruits of those who have died.*

Colossians 1:18: (NASB) *He is also head of the body, the church; and he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he Himself will come to have first place in everything.*

Christ is the fulcrum upon which all of God's plan is balanced. Because Jesus gave his life in the way he did, it puts him in a position to bring back life to all. Everybody dies in Adam, there is no exception; therefore, there is no exception in being given opportunity for life in Christ.

Check out our CQ Kids video: [Why Did Jesus Have to Die?](#)



How was this to be made so? First, God made a veiled promise in Eden that Satan would be destroyed by the “seed of the woman,” meaning Jesus.

As human history developed, that veiled promise gained clarity as it was expressed to Abraham:

Genesis 22:17-18: (NASB) ¹⁷*Indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies.* ¹⁸*In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.*

All the nations of the earth shall be blessed!

This promise of blessing to all mankind would be repeated in generations to follow. The book of Galatians tells us Jesus is that *seed of Abraham* who would bless the world. How? What would the blessing look like?

God gave us many prophecies that paint word pictures of such clarity, beauty and detail that they unmistakably tell the story of redemption:

Isaiah 51:3: (NRSV) *For the LORD will comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.*

Even though the perfection of Eden was lost, Isaiah is saying the waste places of earth will once again look like Eden.



This is a perfect plan. The earth was not created in vain; mankind will live on the earth for eternity. Eden will be restored. This is a picture of justice!

God plainly speaks of this world as again under His heavenly rule:

Micah 4:1-2: (KJV) *¹But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.*

Mountains in the Scriptures represent governments. Here the mountain is the government of God, and it will be over all else. Have we seen that yet? Not yet.

Will we see it? Yes:

²And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

These are specifics about the future of earth. There will still be many nations. Amazingly, the nations will ALL seek after God.



Micah 4:3-5: (KJV) *³And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.*

This is a powerful word picture declaring world peace! We have to take this statement seriously, as it is not just a prophetic utterance. This is why Jesus came.

⁴But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it. ⁵For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.

God will teach the world the ways of peace - *beating swords to plowshares, turning spears to pruninghooks.* There will be no more war; rather, they will all dwell in peace. Each will have the ability to provide for themselves, and all this will be while living under the just and merciful hand of God. This is the reality of what God said will come because Jesus lived, sacrificed, died and was raised.

These prophecies tell us about the nations coming to God.

What about individuals? How will they be affected? What kind of circumstances will they experience?

Isaiah 35:5-10: (NRSV) ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

These Scriptures tell us mankind will have perfect human bodies.

NO DISEASE, NO PANDEMIC!



It is a prophecy of the world to come, and it will be here on earth.

⁸A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

This is a wide, well-defined path to God to learn the way to righteousness.

⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

No lion - no Satan or his influence to turn man from the correct path. The ravenous beasts (sin, death, sorrow, darkness, lies, greed) will be taken away. The ransomed of the Lord shall return with everlasting joy.

JESUS' RESURRECTION CHANGES US AS WE TRY TO FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS.

It will also give each and every human being who has ever lived redemption and the opportunity for life eternal. This is a story worth telling again and again!

When we look at Jesus suffering and dying on the cross, we need to ask, "What came from this?" Not only does our opportunity for salvation, as followers of Christ now, come through Jesus' sacrifice, but the opportunity for salvation will extend to the rest of mankind in the future.

Jesus' true followers will have a ministry in this future time. 2 Corinthians 5:18 refers to this as *the ministry of reconciliation*. It will be a blessed opportunity in which salvation will flow through them to reconcile the rest of mankind to God.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise His son for the things he has done!





Victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory however long and hard the road may be; for without victory, there is no survival. – Winston Churchill

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Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1121: Jesus is Risen! How Does That Change Me?

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1. What was the situation surrounding Jesus' crucifixion? How was his resurrection first revealed? (See John 19:31-42, Matthew 27:60-66, Mark 16:1-7, Luke 24:6-8)
2. How does Jesus' resurrection make you feel? Why? Does it inspire you to grow in faith and to build up others with what you know?
3. What lessons can we take away from Jesus' conversation with his two disciples walking to Emmaus? How can we apply these lessons to our lives? (See Luke 24:13-32)
4. How do you look to Jesus to guide you during your times of grief and uncertainty? Do you truly believe his promise that he would always be with us?
5. What can we learn from Peter's final interaction with Jesus before Jesus' death and his first interaction after Jesus' resurrection? (See Luke 22:60-62, John 21:2-8, 15-17)
6. How do you let Jesus rescue you from yourself after you make a mistake? How do you accept his forgiveness of your shortcomings?
7. What happens after Jesus vanished from the sight of the two disciples in Emmaus? How can we apply these experiences to our lives? (See Luke 24:33-40, John 24:29)
8. Do you ever let your doubts overwhelm you despite the truth given to us by God? What can you do to overcome this situation?
9. What changed because of Jesus' death and subsequent resurrection?
(See Genesis 3:17-19, 22:17-18, 1 Corinthians 15:20-22, Colossians 1:18, Isaiah 51:3)
10. What will the world look like under Jesus' rule? (See Micah 4:1-5, Isaiah 35:5-10)
11. What does Jesus' resurrection mean to you? How has it changed your life?