
Walking Towards the Cross: Jesus Rose for You!

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¹³For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless.... ¹⁶And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins... ¹⁹And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world. ²⁰But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.” **1 Corinthians 15:13-14, 16-17, 19-20, NLT**

What Does the Resurrection Mean to Me?

If the Resurrection Did Not Take Place, Then Christianity Is A False Religion.
If It Did Take Place, Then Christ Is God and The Christian Faith Is Absolute Truth.
There Is No Middle Ground

“Jesus said to her, **“I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,”** *John 11:25, ESV*

The Resurrection Is the Source of Power You Can
Experience in Your Own Life, Every Day

You Can Have ...

Power to Overcome Temptation, Addictions and Weaknesses

Resources to Overcome Problems in Life

Peace and Joy Even in Tough Times

Hope

Power to Take on The Impossible

Can I Have This Resurrection Power in My Life? YES!

“⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his

resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead." *Philippians 3:7-11, ESV*

To Experience Resurrection Power... *v10a*

1. Jesus Will Matter More Than Anything *v7-8a*

How?

Focus on What Matters Most: Jesus

2. Jesus Will Have ALL of Me *v8b-9a*

3. My Focus Will Be on Faithing Him *v9b*

4. Suffering Will Take on New Meaning *v10b-11*

Is My Faith About Truth or Tradition?

3 Challenges

Trade Religion for A Relationship

Set Eternal Priorities

Practice Dying to Self

