

“The Victory of the Resurrection”

Matthew 28:1-10

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THE RESURRECTION MEANS THAT EVERYTHING JESUS WAS AND SAID AND DID _____.

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

Matthew 16:21 (English Standard Version)

But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ . . . 1 Corinthians 15:13-15a (ESV)

. . . Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. Romans 4:24-25 (ESV)

Application: Have I allowed the Evil One to undermine my confidence in Jesus? Have I allowed this doubting culture we all live in to push me back from the truth claims of Jesus?

**THE RESURRECTION MEANS THAT JESUS IS A _____
_____ IN OUR LIVES.**

“And behold, I am with you always . . .” Matthew 28:20 (ESV)

“I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me . . .”
John 10:14 (ESV)

. . . For he [Jesus] said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”
Hebrews 13:5 (ESV)

Application: Have I become less and less aware that Jesus is with me? Do I talk to Him in real time throughout a day, aware of His presence with me? Do I foster an interactive relationship with Jesus?

THE RESURRECTION MEANS THAT BELIEVERS HAVE A _____.

See 1 Corinthians 15:20-24.

Two Important Words to show that Jesus and His people will one day be personally present to each other in resurrection life.

- “Coming” = *Parousia*
 - See 1 Corinthians 15:35-55.
 - *Though our outer self is wasting away . . . this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory.”*
2 Corinthians 4:16-17 (ESV)

“Appearing” = *phaneros*

*And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.
^{3:2}Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.*
1 John 2:28; 3:2 (ESV)

[As we live for God, we are] *“waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, . . .”*
Titus 2:13 (ESV)

Application: Am I living in the light of Christ’s appearing? Is my perseverance lagging? Is my joy at a low ebb? Am I immersed in lesser pursuits and forgetting what it means to love God and love others?