

# THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING!

## Resurrection Story

Joh 20:1-31 (NKJV) Now the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. [2] Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." [3] Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. [4] So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. [5] And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. [6] Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, [7] and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. [8] Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. [9] For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. [10] Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

[11] But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. [12] And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. [13] Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." [14] Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. [15] Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." [16] Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). [17] Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" [18] Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

[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. [21] So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." [22] And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. [23] If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Act 1:3-11 (NIV) After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. [4] On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. [5] For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." [6] Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" [7] He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. [8] But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." [9] After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. [10] They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. [11] "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

## The Disciples were empowered when Jesus was with them

- **But now He was gone**

## Now they were full of fear...

- **They didn't even remember that His promise...**
  - o "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. [19] Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. [20] On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you." (John 14:18-20)
- Even when Jesus stepped through the walls and declared "peace be with you.." They were just more afraid.. He had to say it again and remind them that HE WAS SENDING THEM
  - o Just like when he sent them out to preach – he breathed on them
  - o Without the Spirit of God – nothing supernatural will happen
  - o Without the Presence of Jesus – the preaching, miracles, signs and wonders are impossible

## But God created each one of us to live the impossible –

### We were created by God as natural

- **but we were designed with the ability to receive a divine upgrade to live as supernatural**
- We were designed to carry the life and power of God within us

This Supernatural life is only possible because of the death and resurrection of Jesus

- We are not designed to live as animals (eat, sleep, work)
  - o The cross and resurrection of Jesus enables us to live with power and purpose
  - o The cross and resurrection of Jesus enables us to partner with God
    - To REIGN (by humility) on the earth with Him

## The Death and Resurrection of Jesus = Two sides of the same coin

- Most demanding reality to believe and accept in all of life...
- Most demanding reality to and receive in all of life...
- Even more demanding to participate in...
  - o Because the death and resurrection of Jesus is not a historical event but daily reality

## Why is the death and resurrection so IMPORTANT to our faith?

- The Reason: The death and resurrection of Jesus It is the source of EVERYTHING!

AS A PASTOR... I have a sacred responsibility...

- If the death and resurrection of Jesus is NOT true (real)
  - o THEN I owe humanity the rest of my life to:
    - warn people about this lie
    - disprove this fallacy
- If the death and resurrection of Jesus is TRUE and REAL
  - o THEN I owe humanity the rest of my life to:
    - CARRY THIS POWERFUL MESSAGE
    - DEMONSTRATE ITS POWER

## THE DEATH & RESURRECTION OF JESUS TRANSFORMS EVERYTHING!

- Jesus did not give his life to prove a point
- Jesus was not raised from the dead to settle some issues
- **The Cross and Resurrection of Jesus was God's method of settling EVERYTHING**
  - o JESUS BECAME THE OFFERING TO SETTLE ALL SCORES

*"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen (in the sky): not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."*— C.S. Lewis

- The death and resurrection of Christ redefines everything

- Relationships
- Dreams, hopes
- Giftings,
- Future,

### Everything takes on new meaning because..

- Jesus, died in my place to
  - remove the power of Sin and Death AND
  - give me the power of his resurrected (immortal, abundant) life.

### SO HOW DOES THIS HAPPEN?

Rom 6:4-8 (NIV) We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. [5] For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. [6] For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— [7] because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. [8] Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

- We are united with him when we lay down OUR life in obedience to God
  - when we live in submitted relationship with the Father like Jesus did...
- We are united with him in receiving HIS (immortal, abundant) life

Jesus did not raise himself – It was the POWER of God that raised Jesus

- It is the power of God that raises all who die to self.

### HOW DID JESUS DO IT...

#### ATONEMENT THEOLOGY

Some people believe that

##### 1. Satisfaction Theology

- a. God's is angry is not open to relationship because of our choice to sin
- b. Jesus death satisfies the Anger of God
  - i. Now we can receive the Love of God because of Jesus sacrifice

##### 2. Moral Influence

- a. Jesus was an example for us
- b. His death and crucifixion show us the love of God
- c. His death and crucifixion compel us to love and honor God

##### 3. Ransom Theory (second best)

- a. Adam lost God's favor = imprisoned in sin, all are condemned to hell
  - i. Could not pay the bail/ransom to be freed
- b. Jesus paid the ransom on the cross = freed from sin, possibility of heaven
  - i. Getting saved makes it possible to get to heaven

##### 4. Recapitulation (Best)

- a. Jesus became what we are so that we can become what He is.

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY??

Jesus BECAME a curse – bore the curse – so that don't have to bear the curse

- Gal 3:13 (NIV) Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole."
  - Jesus did not die on the cross so that we have a good example to follow
  - Jesus did not die on the cross so that we can try and do better

- HE BORE THE CURSE SO THAT THE POWER OF THE CURSE WOULD BE BROKEN
  - o He was broken so that wholeness would be available to everyone

### **WE SHARE IN HIS RESURRECTION – SO DEATH HAS NO POWER**

*Rev 20:6 (NIV) Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.*

- When we share IN HIS resurrection, death has no power over us
- WE LIVE “IN HIM” to experience “HIS LIFE”

*2Co 5:17-18 (NKJV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is (becoming) a new creation; old things have (are passing) passed away; behold, all things have (are becoming) become new.** [18] Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,*

- When we live in HIM – His resurrection life is active in us
  - o The OLD HAS GONE = NEW HAS COME
    - We are being made into a NEW CREATION
  - o If we live “IN US” = **OUR life consist of only what we can be or do**

### **JESUS GOAL – CLEAN US, MAKE US HOLY SO HE CAN PARTNER WITH US**

Eph 5:26-27 (NIV) to **make her holy**, cleansing her **by the washing with water through the word (Rhema)**, [27] and to **present her to himself as a radiant church**, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

- Holiness is not earned, it is received in relationship with Jesus
- We are cleansed by washing – with the RHEMA
  - o We hear and allow God to perfect us by listening to His voice
- The Goal is to ENABLE us to be a PARTNER
  - o So that we can REIGN WITH HIM on the earth

### **JESUS DEATH AND RESURRECTION GAVE US POWER OVER SIN AND DEATH**

- There is no solution for sin in the Old Covenant
  - o The blood of animals did not get rid of sin
    - The Blood postponed the consequences of sin for 1 year

The only solution for SIN was the CROSS, the only solution for

- **The only solution for sin was the blood of Jesus (crucifixion)**
  - o **If there was another any other way, it was cruel of God to allow Jesus to be crucified!**
    - Bible says “It pleased the father to bruise him” – Isaiah 53
    - There are not “many ways to God..”
      - **If there were many paths to God it was cruel of God to allow Jesus to be crucified!**
      - God Himself made a way for us to get to Him.. Through the blood of Jesus
        - o The only way that we could get there is because of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus!
      - There is no “path of knowledge” that can give us a relationship with God
        - o The Problem is Sin!!
          - The only way to get free from destruction of sin is the Cross!
          - The only way to
- **The only solution for death was the resurrection of Jesus (resurrection)**
  - o If Jesus had not been “The firstborn of the dead” then then
    - Jesus did not raise himself

- GOD RAISED JESUS – because he laid down His life.
- Jesus “descended into hell” and took the keys of death
  - EARLIEST CREED “He descended into Hell”
  - He took the keys of death – HE DID NOT SUFFER FOR THREE DAYS
- Jesus “took Captivity Captive” -
  - Eph 4:8-10 (NKJV) Therefore He says: "WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVITY CAPTIVE, AND GAVE GIFTS TO MEN." [9] (Now this, "HE ASCENDED"— what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? [10] He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)
  - 1Pe 3:18-20 (NIV) For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. [19] After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— [20] to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water,

**Jesus conquered SIN by his crucifixion AND Jesus conquered DEATH by his resurrection.**

- EVERYTHING COMES FROM THIS AMAZING MIRACLE THAT HAPPENED ON THE FIRST DAY OF WEEK!
- Even the fact that we gather on SUNDAY (the first day of the week) is because of the Resurrection of Jesus.
- EVERYTHING COMES FROM THIS AMAZING EVENT!