

The Resurrection

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Luke 24:1–12 (ESV)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

One year in Luke!

The Resurrection is central to our Christian faith. Without The Resurrection, Christians are the most pitiful people on the earth. If no resurrection, we are sacrificing the pursuits of this world for an eternity that doesn't exist.

1 Corinthians 15:17, 19 (ESV) **Overhead**

¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

However we have a Savior raised from the dead who appeared to a multitude of people!

1 Corinthians 15:3–9 (ESV)

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

Paul's experience with the risen Jesus changed his life. He went from destroyer of the Christian faith to the greatest promoter and teacher of the Christian faith.

Acts 9:1–6 (ESV)

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he

might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵ And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”

Our resurrection is closely tied to Christ's resurrection.

1 Corinthians 15:20 (ESV) **Overhead**

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the **firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep.

Firstfruits – The first part of the harvest showing that the total harvest of exact same kind was coming. Meaning as Christ was resurrected as firstfruits and we also would follow in exactly the same way and be resurrected.

1 Corinthians 6:14 (ESV) **Overhead**

And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.

Therefore we should have an eternal view:

1 Corinthians 15:58 (ESV) **Overhead**

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Hebrews 12:1–2 (ESV)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Our choice: Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith! Our motivation is The Resurrection. The Resurrection means that we do not perish and we have eternal life with the resurrected Jesus.

John 3:16 (ESV) **Overhead**

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him **should not perish** “but” **have eternal life.**

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