

The Resurrection

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Mark 16:1-14

Philippians 2:5, *Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus*, [Jesus is the model; conversion is the means of thinking as Christ]

Philippians 2:6–8, [John 1:1] *Who, though he was in the form of God* [2 Cor 4:4, image of God], *did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped* [though He had rightful claim as God's Son], **7** *but emptied himself* [laid aside His privileges or divine prerogatives], *by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.* **8** *And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient* [Matthew 26:39, John 10:18, Romans 5:19] *to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

Philippians 2:9–11, *Therefore* [His humiliation is the basis for His exaltation] *God* [the Father] *has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,* **10** *so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow* [Isa 45:23-24], *in heaven and on earth and under the earth,* **11** *and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

We discussed the two natures (divine & human) of Christ, which were “unconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably” united in His person. He was truly God and truly man.

We saw “two obedience’s.” The active (living) and passive (suffering) obedience of Christ. Theologians use the term “active” obedience when referring to Jesus' life of obeying God's law for us. In His death, He paid sins penalty on our behalf, his “passive” obedience. Our debt is paid, and we receive righteousness (Christ's righteousness) (2 Corinthians 5:21).

His bodily resurrection proved His claim as Son of God (Sign of Jonah Matthew 16:1-4). His sinless life was proven (Psalm 16:10, see Acts 13:32-39). The Old Testament Prophecies are validated by His resurrection (Acts 17:2-3). Showed Jesus to be the “resurrection and the life” (John 11:25, 1 John 5:11-12). He arose as the “first fruits” of the resurrection (1 Cor 15:20,23).

I. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus References His Resurrection Five Times.

- A. **Mark 8:31**, *And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.*
- B. **Mark 9:31–32**, *For he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” 32 But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.*
- C. **Mark 10:33–34**, *Saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. 34 And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.”*
- D. **Mark 14:27–28**, *And Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ 28 But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”*

II. The Testimony of the Empty Tomb (16:1-5a)

- A. The end of the sabbath was both actual and symbolic.
 - 1. The time was Sunday, and the sabbath, indeed, had ended.
 - 2. It was also the end of the sabbath in a theological sense. There were no more legitimate sacrifices offered in the Temple beyond the death of Christ. He was the last sacrificial lamb. (Curtain torn in two, Hebrews)
- B. The Respect shown by the women.
 - 1. Mary Magdalene, Mary, mother of James, Salome, Joanna (Luke 24:10).
 - 2. This act was their “final” opportunity to demonstrate their love.
- C. The stone rolled away.
 - 1. Interestingly, it never occurred to any of the women that Jesus could have risen from the dead.
 - a) They came with spices and anointments to anoint the body of Jesus

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- b) Their first reaction was that someone had stolen the body (John 20:2)
 - 2. The stone was rolled away to let the women in, not to let Jesus out.
 - D. Those who knew the tomb was empty
 - 1. The Roman soldiers (Matthew 28:11)
 - 2. The Jewish religious leaders (Matthew 28:13)
 - 3. The women (Luke 24:3; John 20:2)
 - 4. Peter and John (John 20:6-7)
 - 5. The enemies of Jesus never disputed the empty tomb. Bribed the soldiers to lie (Matthew 28:12-15)

III. The Testimony of the Angels (Mark 16:5b-6)

- A. There were two angels
 - 1. Mark and Matthew only mention one angel, perhaps because only one spoke.
 - 2. Luke 24:4 and John 20:12 record two angels, perhaps to satisfy the requirement of two witnesses.
- B. The frightened women
 - 1. The verb *ekthambeō*, means terrified, bewildered, falling with their faces to the ground.
 - 2. It was angels that announced the birth of Jesus, and angels now announce His resurrection (16:6)

IV. The Testimony of the Eyewitnesses (Mark 16:7-8) (1 Corinthians 15:3-8)

- A. The instruction to proclaim, “Go, tell...”
- B. The instruction to return, “Galilee.”

V. The Practical Impact of the Resurrection on a Believer’s Life.

- A. Christ’s Resurrection empowers our Regeneration.
 - 1. The new birth is the power of resurrection. **1 Peter 1:3**, *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*
 - 2. Faith must embrace the Resurrection. **Romans 10:9–10**, *Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.*
- B. Christ’s resurrection ensures our Justification (change in legal standing from unrighteous to righteous).
 - 1. **Romans 4:25**, *Who [Jesus] was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.*
 - 2. **Ephesians 2:6**, *And raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,*
 - a) *“When the Father, in essence, said to Christ, “All the penalty for sins has been paid, and I find you not guilty but righteous in my sight,” he was thereby making the declaration that would also apply to us once we trusted in Christ for salvation.”*
- C. Christ’s resurrection enlivens our Resurrection.
 - 1. **1 Corinthians 6:14**, *And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.*
 - 2. **2 Corinthians 4:14**, *Knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.*
 - 3. **1 Corinthians 15:20**, *But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.*
 - a) First fruits – *aparchē* – first element in a countable series, understood as the first crop harvested in a season. First fruits is used throughout the Bible (harvests, people, Spirit)
 - b) The term is used descriptively of Christ’s resurrection. The redeemed will follow Christ in the resurrection harvest (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).
- D. Christ’s resurrection engages our sanctification (delivers us from death (sin) to new life (righteousness) on a daily practical level) (Romans 6:1-4)
 - 1. Sanctification is inseparably linked to our new birth (regeneration) & justification. (Romans 6:1-2a)
 - a) Paul is writing in the past tense in Romans 6 regarding the impact of salvation.
 - b) Paul is linking, inseparably, our new birth to our new life.
 - 2. Because of the Resurrection, we cannot live “in” [swim in it; immerse in it] sin (Rom 6:2).
 - 3. Because of the Resurrection, we are united with Christ (Rom 6:3) (His death and person)
 - 4. Because of the Resurrection, we were buried with Christ (Rom 6:4a) (Proof of death)
 - 5. Because of the Resurrection, we walk in newness of life (Rom 6:4b-5)
 - 6. Because of the Resurrection, we were made free from sin and its reign (Rom 6:6-7).

VI. Scripture

- A. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14
- B. The Vindication of Jesus
 - 1. Son of God (The Sign of Jonah proved His claim as God's Son (Matthew 16:1-4))
 - 2. His sinless life (Psalm 16:10, see Acts 13:32-39)
 - 3. The Old Testament Prophecies are validated (Acts 17:2-3)
 - 4. Jesus is the "resurrection and the life" John 11:25, 1 John 5:11-12)
 - 5. As the firstfruit of the resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:20)
- C. The Future of the Believer
 - 1. Bodily existence in a New heaven and a new earth (1 Cor 15)
 - 2. Christ seen, touched, fed, spoke, handled,

VII. Old Testament Revelation about Christ's Resurrection

- A. 2 Samuel 7
- B. Psalm 110
- C. Psalm 16.10
- D.