

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

Ac.2:25-31; Mt.28:1-6

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Jesus as the risen Lord and Savior of sinners was the very core of apostolic preaching under the Great Commission.
2. Jesus as the risen Lord and Savior of sinners is to occupy the same place in present-day preaching.
3. I know of no way to over-emphasize the importance of preaching and believing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
4. Thus our lesson will emphasize some of the Bible truths concerning the resurrection of Jesus.

II. DISCUSSION

A. IT WAS PROPHESED PRIOR TO THE FACT OF IT, Mt.16:21; 17:22,23; Lk.9:18-22; Jno.2:18-22; Ac.2:25-31; Psa.16:10.

B. THE N.T. RECORD OF IT, Mt.28:1-6; Mk.16:1-6; Lk.24:1-7.

C. ITS EVIDENCES

1. The tomb found empty. What happened to his body? Lk.24:1-3; Jno.20:1,2.
 - a. How the Jewish authorities tried to prevent the tomb being emptied, Mt.27:62-66.
 - b. How they tried to explain it after his resurrection, and the absurdity of their claim, Mt.28:11-15.
2. The recovered grave clothes left behind after the resurrection, Jno.20:3-8.
 - a. If the body were stolen by the disciples, why leaven the grave clothes behind?
3. Witnesses of his resurrection, or some of the post-resurrection appearances.
 - a. Ac.1:1-3; 2:29-32.
 - b. To the eleven apostles in Galilee, Mt.28:16-20; Mk.16:14-18.
 - c. To the two at the village called Emmaus, Lk.24:13-31.
 - d. To Mary Magdalene on the 1st day of the week, Jno.20:1,2, 11-18.
 - e. To the apostles the same day at evening, being the 1st day of the week, when Thomas was not with them, Jno.20:19-24.

- f. Again after eight days to the apostles when Thomas was with them, Jno.20:26-29.
- g. Again to his disciples at the sea of Tiberias, Jno.21:1.
- h. To Stephen, one of the seven of Ac.6, Ac.7:55.
- i. To Saul of Tarsus who became the apostle Paul, Ac.9:3-6.
- j. To Peter, then to the twelve, after that to above 500 brethren at once, after that to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all to Paul, 1Cor.15:5-8.
- k. Plus other appearances.

D. BY WHOM HE WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD

- 1. By God, the Father, Ac.2:24,32; 3:15,26; 4:10; 5:30; 10:40; 13:30,33,34; 17:31; Rom.4:24,25; 10:9; 1Cor.6:14; 2Cor.4:14; Gal.1:1; Eph.1:19,20; 1Th.1:9,10; 1Pet.1:21.
- 2. Jesus' claim, Jno.10:17,18.
 - a. Take note: "This commandment have I received of my Father."

E. HIS RESURRECTION WAS THE FINAL, ULTIMATE, POSITIVE PROOF OF HIS IDENTITY AND AUTHORITY, Rom. 1:1-4; Ac.1:3.

F. HE WAS PREACHED AS THE RISEN LORD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AS THE ONLY SAVIOR OF SINNERS, Ac.2:22-36; 4:10-12; 8:5,35; 9:20; 17:18; Rom.4:24,25; 6:5; 1Cor.15:12-20; 2Tim.2:8.

G. SOME VITAL SPIRITUAL THINGS INSEPARABLY CONNCTED WITH OR DEPENDENT UPON JESUS AND HIS RESURRECTION.

- 1. Our present salvation from past sins, 1Pet.3:21,22; Ac.2:36-38; Rom.4:24,25; 5:11; 7:24,25a.
- 2. Being alive unto God, Rom.6:8-11.
- 3. Being able to bear fruit unto God, Rom.7:4; Jno.15:1-8.
- 4. Being delivered from the wrath to come, 1Th.1:9,10.
- 5. The resurrection of the dead, Ac.24:15; 4:1,2; 1Cor.15:20-22.
- 6. The resurrection unto life, jno.5:28,29; Phil.3:7-11.
- 7. The assurance of a righteous judgment of all men, Ac.17:30,31; cf. Rom.2:2,6-11; 2Cor.5:10.

8. Our hope of an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven, 1Pet.1:3-5; 2Cor.4:14; Rom. 5:8-10,20,21; 6:23.
9. The final fulfillment of God's promises to the fathers of Israel, Ac.13:32-39.

III. CONCLUSION

1. We have examined the N.T. record of the resurrection of Jesus which:
 - a. Reveals that it was prophesied.
 - b. Records the fact of it.
 - c. Offers various evidences of it.
 - d. Tells us who raised him from the dead.
 - e. Declares it to be the final, ultimate, positive proof of his identity and authority.
 - f. Reveals it as what the apostles preached to all men the world over,
 - g. Tells us of the vital, spiritual things inseparably connected with or dependent upon it.
2. No one can believe the Bible without believing in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
3. But to be saved one must act upon that faith by obeying the gospel of Christ, Mk.16:15,16; Ac.2:36-38; 2Th.1:6-10.