

# The Reality of the Resurrection

AD: the Risen Jesus and his First Followers #2

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<sup>32</sup> When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, "We want to hear you again on this subject." (Acts 17:29-32)

## Because the resurrection is real...

### 1. I can BUILD my FAITH.

<sup>2</sup> By this gospel you are saved... <sup>3</sup> Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...

<sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith...

<sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

(1 Corinthians 15:2-3, 14, 17)

And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. (2 Corinthians 5:15)

### 2. I can EXPRESS my DOUBTS.

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:24-28)

<sup>2</sup> When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples <sup>3</sup> to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" ... <sup>11</sup> Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist. (Matthew 11:2-3; 11)

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### 3. I can OVERCOME my STRUGGLES.

... just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:4)

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18)

<sup>3</sup> His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. (2 Peter 1:3)

### 4. I can TELL my FRIENDS.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them [Peter, James, and John], "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." (Matthew 17:9)

... The apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead ... With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. (Acts 4:2, 33)

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 4:16)

### 5. I can TRUST my FUTURE.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. (1 John 5:13)

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. (Romans 8:11)

## The reality of the resurrection: LIFE REPLACES DEATH.

Questions about the message?

Is God calling you to serve our kids or students? We need more leaders! No experience needed, just servant-hearted people who love Jesus. We will train you!

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