

## Resurrection – What Does It Mean To Us?



## SCRIPTURE READING

24 Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. <sup>3</sup> Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. <sup>5</sup> Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' "



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<sup>8</sup> And they remembered His words. <sup>9</sup> Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.



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## SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

What Does Christ's Resurrection Mean? It means having believed in Christ and His resurrection:

- Jesus is alive at the Father's right hand (Hebrews 10:12)
- We are forgiven for our sins, and are eternally secure in Him John 3:16).
- We are sealed by Him with the power of the Holy Spirit and His promises (Ephesians 1:13-14)
- We are going to experience a bodily resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:24)
- Christ is preparing a place for us in Heaven (John 14:3)
- Heaven is our home (John 14:2-3)



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What Difference Has Christ's Resurrection Have on Us?

In guides to a holy life – a life that is <u>not sinless</u> but rather a life that gives us a desire to:

- It's a call to be right in God's eyes...To "thirst and hunger for righteousness."
- It means to seek the truth in all things, first within ourselves and then the world.
- It's a call of accountability take responsibility for our actions.



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## It's a Call to Discipleship:

- Live a Christ-centric life by way of our thoughts, behavior, and actions.
- To Live a Christ-centric life means to abide in Christ for all things...to surrender to His will...to seek and live by His ways.
- Go into action, and not to remain idle with expectations of blessed life.
- Fulfill His mandate, which is to lead people to Him...to bring them home.



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- It's a Call to Be Like Christ:
  - Humility to recognize who we are in relation to God and to rely on God for all things.
  - Serve by way of thoughts, behavior, and actions lead people to Christ making them disciples.
  - Forgive To show mercy and forgiveness to those who have hurt us and offend us.
  - Listen- We are to seek out, wait on, and listen to Christ and only Christ for all things.
  - Believe To hope, and with it know He will fulfill all His promises.
  - Faithfulness To have complete confidence in His authority and promises.



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- We are to live as Disciples which is to (Cont'd):
  - Love To love others as He loves us to be patient, kind, considerate, selfless, slow to anger, and forgiving.
  - Share Share the gospel and to be charitable.
  - Be Pure in Heart To hunger and thirst for righteousness and the truth in all things.
  - **Pray** Establishing an intimate relationship with Christ by way of communicating our gratitude, petitions, and requests for intercession on behalf of others.



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## And always know and remember, that:

- Our call to discipleship is the greatest honor and role as a Christian.
- We cannot fulfill our roll as a disciple of Christ by our own abilities or accord. We must rely on the power of the Holy Spirit, for it is His power that we are able to fulfill the will of Christ, thus the Father.
- To enact the Holy Spirit's power in us, we must abide in Christ, for only Christ has the authority to enact the power of the Holy Spirit in us.
- That despite what the world may say, or what we may think, our only purpose in life is to be One with God...to be reconciled back to Him, for that was the purpose of Christ's Ministry, Execution, and Resurrection.



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Christ's Resurrection is Not an Idle Tale.

It is True and So Aren't Its Promises.



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So, let me ask you again...

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