



Reversing the Ruins

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Why Did Jesus Have to Rise from the Dead?

- **TO PROVE** He Really is Who He Claimed to Be

He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. - Acts 1:3

- **TO CONQUER** Death for Himself and For Us

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. - Revelation 1:17-18

That I may know [Christ] and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death - Philippians 3:10

RUINED:

- 1) something reduced to a state of decay, collapse, or disintegration.
- 2) the disastrous disintegration of someone's life

*I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power ²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.
- Ephesians 1:19-20 NLT*

*The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³ to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified. ⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.
- Isaiah 61:1-4*

How to Reverse Your Ruins

1. STOP DYING

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor - Isaiah 61:1a

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" - John 11:25-26

2. START REBUILDING

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound! - Isaiah 61:1b

3. STOP DOUBTING

That they will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified / display his beauty! - Isaiah 61:3c

4. START LIVING!

They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. - Isaiah 61:4