

Easter 2017

Jesus Rose To Rescue

Weekly Summary: Jesus' body laid dead in a tomb. Hope was lost. Joy was gone. So, what did Jesus do? He rose to rescue us from hopelessness and despair. He rose to redeem us for an abundant life with God!

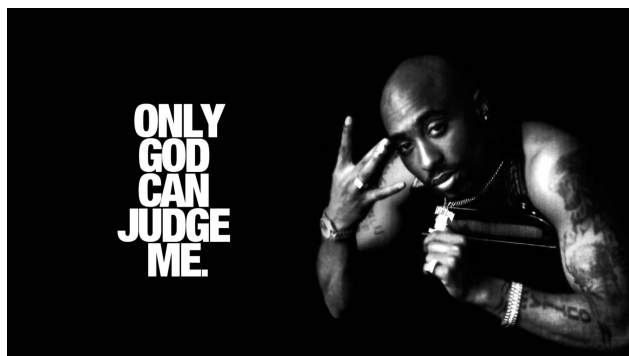


- ❖ The best message ever was real, relevant, and relational.
- ❖ Acts 2:22-32 - **22** “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— **23** this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. **24** God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. **25** For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; **26** therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. **27** For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. **28** You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ **29** “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. **30** Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, **31** he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. **32** This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

- ❖ Acts 2:22 - “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know.
- ❖ Acts 2:25-29 - “David said about him...‘You will not let your holy one see decay’... Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day.”
- ❖ Acts 2:31 - He foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.
Acts 2:32 - This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.
- ❖ The miracles, the prophesies, and the witnesses prove the resurrection is real.



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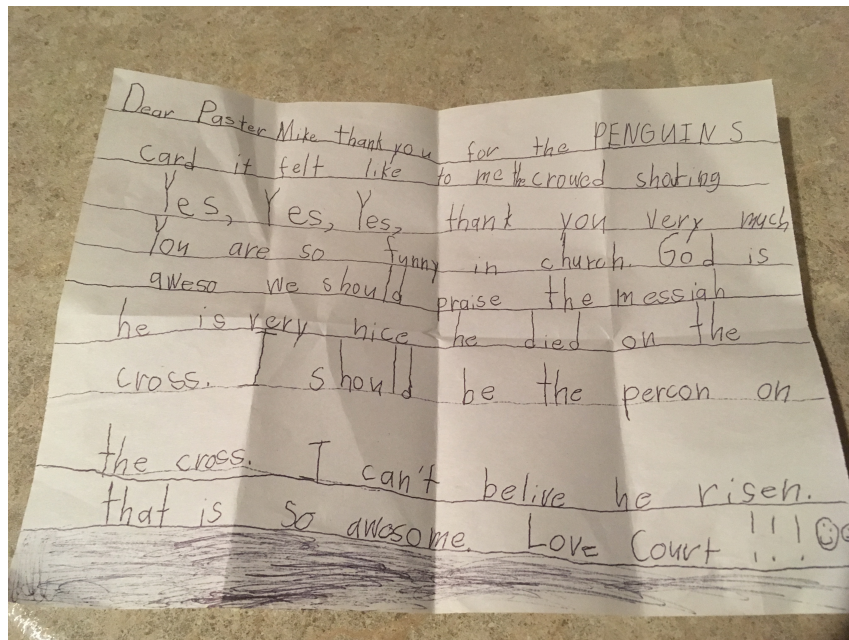


❖ Sin makes the resurrection relevant.

❖ Acts 2:37-38 - **37** Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" **38** And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

❖ Acts 2:25-28 - **25** For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; **26** therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. **27** For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. **28** You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

❖ The resurrection makes God relational.



Points to Ponder

1. Read the Apostle Paul's classic words about Easter from 1 Corinthians 15:1-20. How does Paul prove the resurrection is real? How does Paul confess his relevance/connection to sin? How does Paul rejoice in the relational he has with God?
2. Agree/Disagree—Jesus' resurrection is just like those stories from other religions where the gods die and come back to life, like how flowers burst to "life" every spring.
3. Study Paul's concluding words of 1 Corinthians 15 (verses 55-58). How could these words breathe life into a Christian who is in a dead end job? Or raising ungrateful kids? Or battling cancer?

Homework For Next Week: Luke 24:13-35

*"I am the resurrection and the life.
The one who believes in me will live,
even though they die."
~ Jesus*

Worship Through Song at The CORE:

1. "Because He Lives" - by Matt Maher
2. "Christ Is Risen" - by Shane & Shane
3. "In Christ Alone" - by Keith & Kristyn Getty
4. "All Because Of Jesus" - by Fee