

Disciple's Quest

*If you continue in My word, then you are
truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31

April 5, 2026

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Select Gospel Texts

Redemption and Resurrection

Main Idea:

Through His sacrifice on the cross, Jesus secured the forgiveness of sins and eternal life for believers. Still, an understanding of the gospel that ends with the cross is incomplete because the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the proof of the Father's acceptance of His redemptive work.

(no outline today)

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

- #1 Read John 19:30. What is the significance of Jesus' cry, "it is finished," in conjunction with His death?

- #2 Read John 10:17-18. Does the record of the death of Jesus in 19:30 confirm what He said in 10:17-19?

- #3 Thinking of the cross, was Jesus a victim, or the victor? Explain your answer?

- #4 In what ways does John's account of the cross and the resurrection bear the marks of his status as an eyewitness?

- #5 How did the empty tomb as Peter and John discovered it bear witness to the fact that Jesus had been raised from the dead as He said He would be?

- #6 John says plainly that when he entered the tomb, "he saw and believed" (the Jesus had been raised from the dead). Is it possible to receive salvation apart from reaching that very conclusion?

- #7 How would you explain the content of saving belief in Jesus to an unbeliever? Put differently, what must one believe about Jesus to receive salvation?