

# Resurrection Sunday 2023

Jesus

## Today is about Jesus To know Him and the Power of His Resurrection

### I. Problem Death

Who do men say that I Am?  
You are the Christ...Son of the Living God

**Matthew 16:18** ... on this rock I will build My church/the **gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.**

- Gates of Hades will be defeated!
- **Hades** heb. lit. Not hell but the realm of the dead. The grave.

We have a problem...**Death**  
Jesus regarded death as an enemy to be utterly defeated

- **Problem:** Death.
- **Promise:** Jesus will defeat Death. Gates of death will not prevail against Christ Son of God

**Death is a Problem: Cruel Master**  
**Fear of death enslaves the minds of men...**

**Hebrews 2:14b** [Jesus came to...] **destroy him** who had the **power of death**, that is, **the devil**, 15 and release those who **through fear of death** were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

- **Q.** How did the devil acquire the power of Death? Right to make us slaves to sin/death
- **A.** We gave it to Him. **Q.** How?

**He's got some dirt on us...He didn't always have it**

**Genesis 1:26** [God gave us the world] ...God said, "Let Us make man in **Our image**, according to Our likeness; let them have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

- **Man given Dominion...**
- **Man given one command:** Don't eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good/Evil

In Genesis 2:17 God said don't and if you do you will die. They did and they died. Adam and Eve died spiritually and began to die physically...and so all born in the image of Adam. [NJC]

- **Man chose to sin...**Disobey a Holy/Righteous/Good God
  1. **Sin:** Missing mark. IOWs Anything other than will of God
  2. **Command?** Eat and you will surely die. Adam ate and we all died

**Romans 6:23** For the **wages of sin is death**

- **Devil has something on us:** By our sin we forfeited our standing w/God. Dominion over earth
- **Adam was legally bound** to hand over dominion of earth **to the devil**

**Devil became the Ruler of World after first bite:**

Usurper/Gatekeeper/Guardian/w/Power of Death

**Now Relishes in man's legitimate Fear of death...** Separated from God and that for Eternity

All men after Adam now born alienated from God. Separated from Life condemned Merely existing/Waiting for Judgment. Now w/Dual image: God/Adam

**Genesis 5:3** And Adam...begot a son **in his own likeness, after his image...**

**Romans 5:12** ...through **one man sin entered** the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned

- **Q.** Why are people naturally afraid of death?
- **A. Everybody knows we exist forever.** Our Soul goes Somewhere
  1. No one able to explain *consciousness*, i.e. existence outside of the physical
  2. Think about it: Our brains do not control our thoughts/Our thoughts control our brain
  3. IOWs My brain is not telling me what to think I'm telling my brain what think
  4. IOWs Not my brain guiding me it's me guiding my brain...But then who am I really?

The **real us** is **our Soul**, which is distinct from our physical body  
Thus when the body dies/Soul continues...**and everyone knows it**

**Ecclesiastes 3:11** [God] has put **eternity in [our] hearts...**

- **Why are people afraid of death?**
  1. Everybody knows we exist forever. So what?
  2. **Everybody knows judgment is a thing...** somebody wrongs us/deserve consequence.

**Hebrews 9:27** ... it is appointed for men to die once, but after **this the judgment...**

**John 16:8b** ... He [Holy Spirit] will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and **of judgment...**

- **Fear of death enslaves mankind**
  1. Do our best to stay alive/avoid death/get checkups/Vitamins
  2. Death brings sadness/deep hurt. **Nothing good about death**
- **Problem:** Sin brought **Death**. If not solved, Eternal Damnation every soul is all that is left
- **Promise:** Jesus will **destroy the devil**/release those in bondage to sin/death. Gates of Hades will not prevail

**II. Promise** Jesus will destroy death/Make a way to God

**What could possibly repair man's severed relationship with his Creator?**

What could possibly put Dumpty-Dumpty back together again after sin  
All the kings men/all the kings horses are of no use...we certainly cant fix it

But since sin brings death...then question of eliminating death is simple...

**Get rid of the Sin or What can wash away my sin?**

- **Even before sin God had a plan...**

**Genesis 3:21** [Plan Revealed to A/E] ...Lord God made tunics of skin and **clothed them.**

- **Picture of God's Eternal Plan:** Adam provided the sin/God provided the Skin
- **God painted the picture:** Sin brought death must be atoned for w/ innocent blood

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God the Father sent Him to do the job...

**1 John 3:8** He who sins is of the devil [and all have sinned], for the devil has sinned from the beginning. **For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.**

- **Q.** Why did Jesus come to earth. **A.** To defeat death...to make a way to be with us. Put us together
- Bust open the Gates of Hades and set the Captives Free!

**Bulls/Goats of OT Law could only cover sin. Why?**

Sacrifice for sin must be of the same kind as the sinner. Human

**Hebrews 10:3** But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. 4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins. 5 Therefore, when [Jesus] came into the world, He said [to the Father]: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But **a body You have prepared for Me...** 7 Then I said, '**Behold, I have come**— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God... **10** By that [we are] sanctified through the **offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**

**Revelation 13:8** [Plan from outside of time] **Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**

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Born in Bethlehem set His face to the Cross Never looked back

**Isaiah 50:7b** I have set **My face like a flint**, And I know that I will not be ashamed.

- **Lived perfect sinless life in our place**

**John 14:30** ... the ruler of this world is coming, and he has **nothing in Me.** [Unlike Adam]

- Jesus was without sin/Thus death could not hold Him in the grave

**Hebrews 4:15** For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet **without sin.**

**2 Corinthians 5:21** For [the Father] made Him who **knew no sin** [Jesus] to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- **Great exchange:** Our sin in exchange for Jesus perfect Righteousness

In the great courtroom we are now left with nothing positionally to judge. Sin paid.

Gone

Jesus paid the price and double jeopardy is thrown out of court

- **He did it all**
  1. **Lived** perfect/sinless life
  2. **Died** excruciating death

**Separated from His Father that we would not have to be**

**John 19:30b "It is finished!"**

- **Problem: Death caused by sin**
- **Promise:** Jesus will **destroy the devil**/release those in bondage to sin/death. Gated of Hades busted down

**Q. How do we know Jesus defeated the Devil? A. Because He's Alive!**

**Colossians 2:14** [Jesus on Cross] wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 [Jesus at Resurrection] disarmed principalities and powers, He made a **public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.**

**Q. How do we know Jesus utterly defeated death? A. Resurrection**

**1 Timothy 3:16** ...without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifested in the flesh, Justified** [vindicated] **in the Spirit**, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

**Romans 1:4** [Jesus was] ... **declared to be the Son of God** with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the **resurrection from the dead.**

**Psalms 16:10** [David prophesied the Words of his grandson the Messiah] ... You will **not leave my soul** in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

We know that Jesus utterly defeated death. How? Because if He had any sin He could not have been raised. He was raised, His innocent blood was accepted by the Father on our behalf and His work on the cross was vindicated by the Spirit whose power raised Him from the dead. [NJC]

**All that was required to unite us to God was completed by Jesus  
We are complete in Jesus and United w/Father.**

- **Good News!**

**1 Corinthians 15:3** [Gospel]... Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that **He rose again the third day** according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by [Peter], then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over

five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 Then last of all He was seen by me [Paul] ... as by one born out of due time.

- **Q.** If Jesus was not seen at the time of this writing would it have been accepted?
- **Paul said those who have seen him are still alive!**

**So?** What is so Important about Jesus rising from the Dead?  
Everything. Every single thing!

**1 Corinthians 15:13** [Cont.] ... if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. 14 And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. ...16 For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. 17 And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! 18 Then also those who have [died] in Christ have perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

**If Jesus did not rise from the dead we have no hope...**

**1 Corinthians 15:20** [Cont.] But now **Christ is risen from the dead**, and has become the firstfruits of those who have [died]. 21 For since by man [Adam] came death, by Man also [Jesus] came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each...in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming ...26 **The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.**

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- **Problem:** Sin/Death
- **Promise:** Jesus will **destroy the devil**/release those in bondage to sin/death

**Benefits enjoyed by those who receive Free Gift of Salvation...**

- **No longer afraid** Satan no longer Gatekeeper of Death/Penalty paid
- **No longer slaves** Sin no longer has dominion in our lives
- **New Life** New nature seeking goodness/light/truth
- **New Relationship** Loving God and others
- **New Body** Eternal never to die
- **New Home** With our Creator forever. A new home with a...
- **New Paradigm** **Where...**

**Truth/Righteousness/Justice...**smash/replace lies, wickedness, lawlessness forever!

**Revelation 21:5** Then He who sat on the throne said, "**Behold, I make all things new.**"

Jesus hated death so much He did something about it. Utterly destroyed it  
He died for us/Rose again/Ascended/Sits at Father's Right Hand

- **Today, because He rose from the dead...**

1. We don't stay at the cross                      Work is done there. We can not add to it
2. We don't stay in the ground                  We have work to do here as Salt/Light

3. We live the resurrected life today! Life of Hope/Victory

We who believe will follow Jesus and ascend to Heaven taking as many with us as we can

**Sharing the Good News:** There is One Truth/One Savior/One Gospel  
**Salvation by Grace Alone through Faith alone in Jesus alone. Period**

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.** 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

**Romans 10:8... confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.**

- **As Adam:** We provide the sin. God provides the skin. This last/final time being His only Son

**Jesus took away our sin and thus took away our death**

**John 129b... Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**

Salvation not a *goal to be achieved* but a *gift to be received*. Jesus paid for the sin of the whole world but the whole world will not be saved...**only those who repent of pride and take the free gift**

Those who know Jesus and the Power of His Resurrection  
Will soon stand with Him on the Mountain of God and proclaim  
together..

**Death has been swallowed up in Victory**