

# The Reason for the Resurrection

Text: [John 20:19-23](#)

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## [Psalm 16:8-9](#) (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

## [John 20:19-23](#) (ESV)

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

<sup>20</sup> When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you.”

<sup>22</sup> And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

## [Matthew 28:1-10](#) (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

<sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

<sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.

<sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

<sup>6</sup> He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay.

<sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him. See, I have told you.”

<sup>8</sup> So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples.

<sup>9</sup> And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him.

<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.”

#### [Matthew 28:11-15](#) (ESV)

<sup>11</sup> While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place.

<sup>12</sup> And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers

<sup>13</sup> and said, “Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.’

<sup>14</sup> And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.”

<sup>15</sup> So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

The resurrection is proof of our justification.

#### [Romans 4:25](#) (ESV)

<sup>25</sup> (Jesus Christ) was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

The resurrection is the power for our sanctification.

[Romans 6:4](#) (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

[John 15:5](#) (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

[Philippians 4:13](#) (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

The resurrection is the certainty of our glorification.

[John 11:25](#) (ESV)

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live.”

[Philippians 3:20–21](#) (ESV)

<sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,  
<sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.

The resurrection led to Christ being seated at the right hand of the Father.

[Ephesians 1:20–23](#) (ESV)

<sup>20</sup> ... (The Father) worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

<sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

<sup>22</sup> And He put all things under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church,

<sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

[John 20:19](#) (ESV)

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

[John 16:2](#) (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God.

[John 16:20](#) (ESV)

<sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.

[John 20:19](#) (ESV)

<sup>19</sup> ... Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

[Luke 24:36–37](#) (ESV)

<sup>36</sup> As they were talking about these things, Jesus Himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!”

<sup>37</sup> But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit.

“Peace be with you.”

[John 14:27](#) (ESV)

<sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

[Philippians 4:6–7](#) (ESV)

<sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

<sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

[John 20:20](#) (ESV)

<sup>20</sup> When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

[Luke 24:39](#) (ESV)

<sup>39</sup> “See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Touch Me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”

[John 20:20](#) (ESV)

<sup>20</sup> ... Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

“The disciples *then rejoiced* when they saw the Lord.”

[John 20:21](#) (ESV)

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you.”

[Matthew 28:19–20](#) (ESV)

<sup>19</sup> “Go therefore and *make disciples of all nations*, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

[John 20:22](#) (ESV)

<sup>22</sup> And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

[Luke 24:45–49](#) (ESV)

<sup>45</sup> Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

<sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,

<sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

<sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

[John 20:23](#) (ESV)

<sup>23</sup> “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

[Mark 2:7](#) (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> “... Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

[Mark 2:10](#) (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> “But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.”

[Psalm 103:12](#) (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> ... as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

[Romans 8:1](#) (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

The resurrection is the guarantee of the final judgement.

[Hebrews 9:27–28](#) (ESV)

<sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

<sup>28</sup> so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him.

[Revelation 20:11–15](#) (ESV)

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw a great white throne and Him who was seated on it. From His presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them.

<sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.

<sup>13</sup> And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done.

<sup>14</sup> Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

<sup>15</sup> And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

#### [Romans 2:5-6](#) (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

<sup>6</sup> He will render to each one according to his works.

#### [Romans 14:10](#) (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> ... For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

What is the current state of your eternal life?