



Resurrection Sunday
Sermon Title: The Glory
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Big Idea: Let the Glory of Christ define you

In celebrating Jesus' resurrection, there is great hope - hope for the future and hope for today. By the power of Jesus, you and I will go through a great change. The life you get to live because of Jesus, on earth and in heaven, is not a re-run. He will set you on a new path, and it is all for His glory and your good. The believers in Corinth struggled to understand how physical bodies could live eternally.

In **1 Corinthians 15:35**, Paul anticipates the question: "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" He answers by pointing to the glory to come. Glory means weight, worth, beauty - something so real and powerful it changes what it touches. The Bible uses the word *kavod* - a kind of heaviness, a reality you can feel. We catch glimpses of it in moments of joy and love, but those are only shadows of the glory of God. What follows shows us what that glory means for us.

1. Jesus' Glory

Jesus said His hour had come - the moment of His glory. But what did that glory look like? A cross. In **John 12:23-24**, He used the image of a grain of wheat falling into the earth and dying. What looks like an ending becomes the beginning of something greater.

His glory came through death, not in spite of it. His death was not a defeat - it was victory. His resurrection proves He is worthy of all worship, having power to crush death. Death has no hold on Jesus. His resurrection victory is the way for us to see that He is truly worthy - and that the path of obedience, however costly, belongs to the One who wins.

2. There is Glory to Come

Since Christ's glory came through death, what does that mean for us? In **1 Corinthians 15:41-44**, star differs from star in glory. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. Sown in dishonor; raised in glory.

Sown in weakness; raised in power. Sown a natural body; raised a spiritual body - not a ghost, but driven, ruled, and empowered by the Spirit of God.

Jesus ate fish and could be touched after the resurrection, yet was no longer limited by time, space, or location. In **1 Corinthians 15:49**, just as we have borne the image of Adam - the man of dust - we will also bear the image of Jesus, the man of heaven. Your current body belongs to a world marked by sin and decay. The day is coming when your future body will be ready to live fully submitted to God's Spirit. Just as you did not choose Adam's dying body, you did not earn Christ's glorified body - one dies, the other is gifted. Your glorified body will be far superior to the first - greater glory, imperishable, honorable, in God's power and Spirit.

3. There is Glory for You Personally

This is not just a future idea - it is personal. In **Philippians 3:21**, Jesus "**will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.**" God's power demonstrated in the resurrection is the same power moving in every believer right now.

The troubles of this world will not continue forever and do not define you. His glory will be your glory. In **Ephesians 1:13-14**, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit - the guarantee of your inheritance until we acquire possession of it.

In the first century, a guarantee was a legal term for a non-refundable, irrefutable deposit. God placed His guarantee on you, never to be taken back.

Your resurrected body will be like Christ's - risen, transformed, magnificent, prepared to live for eternity with Him. The power of God cannot be overcome by corruption, sin, evil, or even death. The resurrection is not just a historic moment we celebrate and remember - it demonstrates God's present power and future guarantee. Let the glory of Christ define you.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Glory is described as weight, worth, and beauty - something so real it changes what it touches. Where in your life do you most need to encounter the glory of God right now?**
- 2. Jesus said His glory came through death - a grain of wheat that falls and dies bears much fruit. What does that tell us about how God works in seasons that feel like loss?**
- 3. Paul contrasts what is sown with what is raised - perishable becomes imperishable, weakness becomes power. How does that future reality change the way you carry present hardship?**
- 4. The Holy Spirit is described as a guarantee - a non-refundable, irrefutable deposit on your inheritance. How does knowing God has already secured your future change the way you live today?**
- 5. The Big Idea is: Let the Glory of Christ define you. What is currently defining you that needs to give way to the glory of the risen Christ?**