

# “When Death Was Arrested”

## Sermon Notes

Easter 2022

### What happened when Jesus rose from the dead?

1. He offered \_\_\_\_\_ to the hopeless.

Mark 16:1-3

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

2. He offered us new \_\_\_\_\_.

Mark 16:9-10

Romans 6:3-4

3. He offered us freedom from \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Corinthians 15:17-20

Colossians 2:12-13

4. He offered us freedom from \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 2:14-15

1 Corinthians 15:51-54

John 11:25-27



# Life Group Discussion Questions

2022 Easter Lesson, April 17-23

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-34

Every Easter, many people go to church and listen to a sermon about the resurrection of Jesus. However, this is something we should think about more than once a year. The resurrection of Jesus is both important and practical for us throughout the whole year. In his introduction to 1 Corinthians 15, Leon Morris writes,

Some of the Corinthians had denied that the dead will rise (v. 12). Paul sets out to show that such a denial cannot be countenanced for a moment, for the resurrection of the believer is integral to the faith. Unless Christians are to rise in due course, they are pathetic; 'to be pitied more than all men' (v. 19). Paul starts from first principles. He shows that Christ's resurrection is fundamental to the gospel, then that the resurrection of Christ implies that of Christians.<sup>1</sup>

## Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

1. How can a Christian avoid believing the gospel in vain? (15:1-2)
2. Why did Paul say that the gospel is of first importance? (15:3)
3. How did the gospel fulfill the Scriptures? (15:3)
4. What are the key points of the gospel? (15:3-8)
5. To whom did Christ appear after His resurrection? (15:5-8)
6. Why did Paul feel unworthy to be called an apostle? (15:9)
7. On what did Paul's apostleship rest? (15:10)
8. What was the message of all the apostles? (15:11)

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<sup>1</sup> Leon L. Morris, *1 Corinthians* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2008).

## **Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-34**

9. What were some Corinthians saying that troubled Paul? (15:12)
10. How was the gospel of Christ's death and resurrection relevant to the dispute in Corinth? (15:12-13)
11. If Christ had not in fact been raised, what would be true of Christianity and Christians? (15:14-19)
12. Why would we be pitied if our hope was only in this life? (15:19)
13. In what way did Christ's resurrection lead the way for us? (15:20)
14. How does the resurrection of the dead come? (15:21-23)
15. What will be the last enemy destroyed? (15:24-28)
16. What other evidence did Paul give to support the resurrection? (15:29-32)
17. What may have caused the Corinthians to doubt the resurrection? (15:33-34)
18. What does it mean to hold firmly to the gospel?
19. What do you think was the strongest argument Paul gave in this passage for the resurrection of Jesus? Why?
20. What difference does it make that Christ's death and resurrection fulfilled Old Testament prophecy?
21. Besides the points Paul made in this passage what other evidence is there for the resurrection of Jesus?
22. How would you describe, in your own words, the importance of the gospel to your life?
23. What evidence could you use to persuade others this week about the truth of the gospel?
24. What will you do to hold firmly to the gospel this year?

# ***“Death Was Arrested”***

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Verse 1

*Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin,  
Lost without hope with no place to begin.  
Your love made a way to let mercy come in,  
When death was arrested, and my life began.*

Verse 2

*Ash was redeemed only beauty remains.  
My orphan heart was given a name.  
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance,  
When death was arrested, and my life began.*

Chorus

*Oh, Your grace so free,  
Washes over me.  
You have made me new,  
Now life begins with You.  
It's your endless love,  
Pouring down on us.  
You have made us new,  
Now life begins with You.*

Verse 3

*Released from my chains I'm a prisoner no more.  
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore.  
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend,  
When death was arrested, and my life began.*

Verse 4

*Our savior displayed on a criminal's cross.  
Darkness rejoiced as though heaven had lost.  
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand!  
That's when death was arrested, and my life began!*