

## WHY THE RESURRECTION MATTERS

Matthew 28:1-10  
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1Corinthians 15:1-4 (NIV2011) “I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. <sup>2</sup> By this gospel you are saved... <sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died [on the Cross] for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...”

**BECAUSE JESUS IS RISEN... WE CAN...**

**1. Know \_\_\_\_\_ That *OVERRULES* Our \_\_\_\_\_.**

John 20:25-28 (NIV2011) “[Thomas] said to [the other disciples], ‘Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.’” <sup>26</sup> A week later His disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ <sup>27</sup> Then He said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and believe.’” <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to Him, ‘My LORD and my God!’”

Hebrews 10:23 (NIV2011) “Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.”

**2. Know \_\_\_\_\_ That *OVERPOWERS* Our \_\_\_\_\_.**

Luke 22:34 (NIV2011) Jesus said... “I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know Me.”

Luke 22:61-62 (NLT) “At that moment the LORD turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered that the LORD had said, ‘Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny Me three times.’” <sup>62</sup> And Peter left the courtyard, crying bitterly.”

**3. Know \_\_\_\_\_ That *OVERCOMES* Our \_\_\_\_\_.**

Acts 4:13 (NLT) “The members of the [Jewish ruling] Council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men who had had no special training. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus.”

Acts 4:31 (NLT) “After this prayer, the building where [the believers] were meeting shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. And they preached God’s message with boldness.”

**4. Know \_\_\_\_\_ That *OVERTHROWS* \_\_\_\_\_.**

1Peter 1:3-4 (NLT) “All honor to the God and Father of our LORD Jesus Christ, for it is by His boundless mercy that God has given us the privilege of being born again. Now we live with a wonderful expectation because Jesus Christ rose again from the dead.” <sup>4</sup> For God has reserved a priceless inheritance for His children. It is kept in Heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.”

Revelation 1:17-18 (NIV2011) The Apostle John wrote... “When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead. Then He placed His right hand on me and said: ‘Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.’” <sup>18</sup> I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of Death and Hades.”

Matthew 28:6 (NIV2011) “He is not here; HE HAS RISEN, just as He said.”

Romans 8:11 (NLT) “The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, LIVES IN YOU.”

**Jesus CHANGED... *EVERYTHING*!**

**THAT’S WHY... The Resurrection Matters**

**Jesus ALONE... Has *the POWER* to *CHANGE YOUR LIFE*!**