

BIG GOSPEL
Colossians 1:15-23 (CSB)

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb. ³They went in but did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men stood by them in dazzling clothes. ⁵So the women were terrified and bowed down to the ground. "Why are you looking for the living among the dead?" asked the men. ⁶"He is not here, but he has risen! Remember how he spoke to you when he was still in Galilee, ⁷saying, 'It is necessary that the Son of Man be betrayed into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and rise on the third day?'" ⁸And they remembered his words. ⁹Returning from the tomb, they reported all these things to the Eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them were telling the apostles these things. ¹¹But these words seemed like nonsense to them, and they did not believe the women. ¹²Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. When he stooped to look in, he saw only the linen cloths. So he went away, amazed at what had happened.

Luke 24:1-12 (CSB)

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, in this way death spread to all people, because all sinned.

Romans 5:12 (CSB)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For everything was created by him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and by him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is also the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰and through him to reconcile everything to himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. ²¹Once you were alienated and hostile in your minds as expressed in your evil actions. ²²But now he has reconciled you by his physical body through his death, to present you holy, faultless, and blameless before him—²³if indeed you remain grounded and steadfast in the faith and are not shifted away from the hope of the gospel that you heard. This gospel has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and I, Paul, have become a servant of it.

Colossians 1:15-23 (CSB)

1. The resurrection matters because Jesus IS GOD. (Vs 15, 19)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

Colossians 1:15 (CSB)

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him...

Colossians 1:19 (CSB)

2. The resurrection matters because Jesus MADE US. (Vs 16-17)

For everything was created by him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and by him all things hold together.
Colossians 1:16-17 (CSB)

3. The resurrection matters because Jesus is LEADING the WAY. (Vs 18)

He is also the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

Colossians 1:18 (CSB)

He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. ¹⁴In him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14 (CSB)

Who among you is wise and understanding? By his good conduct he should show that his works are done in the gentleness that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your heart, don't boast and deny the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there is disorder and every evil practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peace-loving, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without pretense. ¹⁸And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who cultivate peace.

James 3:13-18 (CSB)

4. The resurrection matters because Jesus is IN CHARGE. (Vs 17-18)

He is before all things, and by him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is also the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

Colossians 1:17-18 (CSB)

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride in one's possessions—is not from the Father, but is from the world. ¹⁷And the world with its lust is passing away, but the one who does the will of God remains forever.

1 John 2:15-17 (CSB)

If we have put our hope in Christ for this life only, we should be pitied more than anyone.

1 Corinthians 15:19 (CSB)

5. The resurrection matters because we will also be RESURRECTED. (Vs 20-23)

... and through him to reconcile everything to himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. ²¹Once you were alienated and hostile in your minds as expressed in your evil actions. ²²But now he has reconciled you by his physical body through his death, to present you holy, faultless, and blameless before him—²³if indeed you remain grounded and steadfast in the faith

and are not shifted away from the hope of the gospel that you heard. This gospel has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and I, Paul, have become a servant of it.
Colossians 1:20-23 (CSB)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Romans 3:23 (CSB)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 6:23 (CSB)

“Truly I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not come under judgment but has passed from death to life. ²⁵Truly I tell you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he has granted to the Son to have life in himself. ²⁷And he has granted him the right to pass judgment, because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸Do not be amazed at this, because a time is coming when all who are in the graves will hear his voice ²⁹and come out—those who have done good things, to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked things, to the resurrection of condemnation. ³⁰I can do nothing on my own. I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, because I do not seek my own will, but the will of him who sent me.”

John 5:24-30 (CSB)