



THE WISDOM OF THE RESURRECTION

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In the Christian faith, everything rises and falls on the resurrection of Christ

- **(1 Cor 15:17 NIV)** And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.
- The nature of the wisdom of God is centered on this foundation of our faith -- Jesus lived, died, and rose again!

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- **Truth #1 – The Wisdom & Plan Of God Can't Be Stopped, Shut Up Or Sealed Away**
- **Matthew 27:57–61 (NIV)** — 57 As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. 58 Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. 59 Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. 61 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb of the Lord.



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God Has A (His) Way Of Getting Things Done

- **When God has a plan, He often finds a man or a woman to work through**
- **Joseph of Arimathea, Mary and Mary, Peter & John**
- ***God uses them to accomplish his plan***

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- **Matthew 27:62–66 (NIV)** — 62 The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. 63 “Sir,” they said, “we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ 64 So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first.” 65 “Take a guard,” Pilate answered. “Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how.” 66 So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.



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None of these security measures mattered. They all fall away before the wisdom and power of Christ & His resurrection power!

- The Pharisees & Pilate did all they could to “stop the steal”
- In the end they couldn’t do a thing



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- **Matthew 28:1–4(NIV)** — 1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. 2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

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- **Matthew 28:5–10(NIV)** — 5 The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.” 8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”



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- **Truth #2 --The Wisdom Of God Is Seen In The Sunrise It Reminds Us That After The Darkness – The Sun Rose!**
- **Matthew 28:1 (NIV)** — 1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.



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In The Creation's Very Nature

- *Night Turns To Day*
- *Winter Turns To Spring*
- *Jesus Was Not Raised At Night But At The Dawn Of Day*
- *It Was -- And Is -- The Dawning Of A Brand-New Day*



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2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) — 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

- *New Hope*
- *New Feeling*
- *New Purpose & Direction*
- *New Destiny*
- *New Understanding*
- *New Potential*
- *New Faith-filled & Hope Filled Attitude*



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Because He Has Risen, We Are Free From:

- *Defeat*
- *Ignorance*
- *Sin*
- *Worry*
- *Captivity*
- *Condemnation*



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Problems & issues are small when compared to the power of a God -- who has conquered death -- hell -- and the grave

Today -- In Resurrection Power We Declare:

- *He is not dead*
- *He is not in the grave*
- *He lives*
- *Everything is made new in Him*



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- **Truth #3 --In The Wisdom Of God Everyday Is A Fitting Day To Worship – But Sunday Works Really Well**
- **Matthew 28:1 (NIV) —** 1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.



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- ***Christians in the early churches met together often on the first day of each week.***
- ***Christians commonly referred to the first day of the week as the Lord's Day.***
- ***This was because it was the day on which Jesus rose from the dead as the triumphant Lord***

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Today in a majority of the church we worship on Sunday

- ***The first day of the week***
- **The day that Jesus rose up out of the tomb!**



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- **Truth #4 -- God Uses Signs & Wonders To Declare The Plan & Wisdom Of God**
- **Matthew 28:2–4 (NIV) —** 2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.



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Divine times of impact & change ; are often followed with signs in nature – we refer to these as “signs and wonders”

- ***They are not coincidental & without purpose***
- ***The signs and wonders we see signal something from God***



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- **Truth #5 --In The Wisdom Of God, You Won't Find Christ In The Tomb Or On The Cross – He Has Risen**
- *“Don't look for the living among the dead”*
- *The stone has been removed – the tomb is empty*
- *The burial clothes are there*
- *The presence of angels testify*
- ***Jesus isn't there -- He is risen***



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What is the significance of the Resurrection?

- *It proves that Jesus is God's Son*
- *It verifies the truth of Scripture*
- *It assures our own future resurrection*
- *The entire structure of the Christian faith rests on the foundation of the Resurrection. If we do away with His resurrection, we have no hope.*



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In The Wisdom Of God Jesus Christ Is Transforming Lives Today.

- *Jesus' resurrection power impacts our lives*

It gives us the ability through Jesus Christ:

- *To be **rejoicing** instead of **retreating***
- *To be **triumphing** instead of **trembling***
- *To be **shouting and singing** instead of **crying***



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***We Can Respond In Wisdom By Receiving A Fresh Touch
Of Resurrection Life Today***

- ***We don't have to wait***
- ***Life changing power is available for everyone today***



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We Need A Spiritual Resurrection

- ***Without Christ's resurrection life --we are dead in our sin***
- ***With Christ's resurrection life -- we're alive in every way***
- **John 11:25-26 (NIV) ... "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; **26** and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"**



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Life Is Only Found In Relationship With Jesus Christ

- **(John 3:36 NIV)** Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him.“

For Wisdom To Be Planted In Your Life

- *Trust*
- *Revere*
- *Believe and receive God*



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(John 5:24 NIV) "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

It is possible to cross over from death to life through believing in Jesus Christ!

- ***We need a fresh touch of Resurrection Life***
- ***Here is God's wisdom for you: Receive Christ today!***
- ***It's your move!***