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∘ John 11:25 (NIV) — 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

 Resurrection Power Is Essential For Us As We Grow In Our Faith And Progress In Our Walks With Him.

 The Essential That We Cannot Exist Without Is The Resurrection Of Christ

• Luke 23:55–56 (NIV) — 55 The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. 56 Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

• Luke 24:1–7 (NIV) — 1 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. 5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'

• Luke 24:8–12 (NIV) — 8 Then they remembered his words. 9 When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. 10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. 12 Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

There Are Accounts In Every Gospel About The Resurrection:

- ∘ Luke 24
- Matthew 28
- ∘ *Mark* 16
- ∘ John 20 & 21

### The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ Is Of Central Importance To The NT

• Acts 2:22–24 (NIV) — 22 "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. 23 This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. 24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

#### Jesus Christ's Resurrection Was Foreshadowed In The OT

- ∘ In Abraham and Isaac
- ∘In Jonah

- Jesus Christ's Resurrection Was Predicted In The OT
- Hosea 6:2 (NIV) 2 After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence.

**By Jesus Christ Himself** 

- Mt 16:21; Mk 8:31;Lk 9:22;Mt 17:9; Mk 9:9; Mt 20:18-19;
   Mk 10:32-34; Lk 18:31-33; Mt 26:32; Mk 14:28; Jn 2:19-21
- Many Times, Jesus Promised And Predicted His Resurrection

Resurrection Is 1 Of The 2 Primary Doctrines Of The Gospel

- The (1) Death AND (2)Resurrection Of Jesus Are Both Required
   For The Salvation Of Humankind
- Without The Vicarious Sacrifice Of His Death, His Resurrection
   Would Have Presented No Saving Power.

The Resurrection Of Christ Demonstrated That Christ Was Indeed The Son Of God.

• In The Resurrection, God Demonstrated That Jesus Christ Was And Is The Perfect Son Of God "who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

The Resurrection Is The Foundation Stone On Which The Church Is Built.

• "And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 4:33).

• 1 Corinthians 15:3–8 (NIV) — 3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

#### What Was It That He Considered Most Important?

- 1. Christ Died For Our Sins
- 2. He Was Buried.
- 3. He Was Raised On The Third Day

- Without The Resurrection There Are No Christians,
   No Church , No Faith
- (1 Cor 15:14-15 NIV) 14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. 15 More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.

#### If Christ Is Not Risen, The Following Things Are True:

- A) The Believer's "Preaching Is Empty
- B) The Believer's "Faith Is Empty"
- ° C) The Apostles Were "False Witnesses Of God"
- D) Believers Are Still In Their Sins
- ∘ E) Believers "Who Have Fallen Asleep In Christ Have Perished."

o"If Jesus rose, then this gospel is what it professes to be; if He rose not from the dead, then it is all deceit and delusion."

-- Charles Spurgeon

#### 5 Major Questions Of Life Answered By The Resurrection Of Christ

- 1. Is Jesus Really God?
- 2. Is Jesus Sovereign?
- 3. Can He Justify And Cleanse Us
- 4. Can He Give Us New Life?
- 5. Can We Live Eternally?

All Of These Are Answered Yes!! By And Thru The Resurrection

#### **Everything Hinges On The Resurrection -- There Is Plenty Of Proof**

- 1. The Uniqueness Of Christ's Resurrection
- 2. The Empty Tomb
- 3. The Grave Clothes In The Tomb
- 4. The Unwavering Proclamation Of His Followers -
- 5. The Eyewitness Accounts Of Over 500 People

#### The Resurrection Is The Key To Our Salvation Life Experiences

- It Is The Full Life
- It Is The Newness Of Life
- It Is The Victorious Life

The Power Of Christ's Resurrection Begins Here And Now!

• We Are Connected To Christ By Resurrection Life

- Because He Has Been Raised By Resurrection Life
- ■We Can Be Raised **To** Resurrection Life
- It All Comes To Us As We Find Our Position In Him
- 1 Peter 1:3 (NIV) 3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

- Being Made Alive In Christ Means That We Have Crossed Over From Death To Life
- A. Being Made Alive In Christ
- B. New Spiritual Desires
- C. A New Spiritual Assurance
- D. A New Spiritual Appetite
- E. A Renewed Commitment To God
- F. And A Love For Fellow Believers

- 1. The Message Of The Resurrection: Jesus Christ Is God's Son
- 2. Jesus Keeps His Promises
- 3. Christ's Sacrifice On Calvary Is Accepted
- 4. The Resurrection Assures Our Justification
- 5. The Resurrection Allows Us To Be Sanctified
- 6. Resurrection Impacts, Touches & Heals Physical Life
- 7. Death Has Been Defeated -- We Can Look Forward To Our Own Resurrection

Since Jesus Christ Is Alive – We Too, Ought To Be Alive In Him

- An Alive Christ Is The Key To An Alive Chrisitian And Church
- Jesus Is Alive Therefore We Can Live!
- We Need The Power Of Christ's Resurrection To Invade And Impact Our Lives
- Our Only Hope Is Resurrection Life

We Won't Find The Living Christ In The Trappings Of Death

- That Is Because He Is Not Dead, But He Is Alive
- He Is The God Of Life And Liberty
- He Makes All Things New
- He Is Not Dead He Is Alive

#### The Question Is... Do You Know Him As The Living One?

- 1. Not Just To Know About Him -- But To Know Him.
- 2. To Celebrate To Know To Have Fellowship With Him
- 3. To Walk Thru Life In Step With Him --You Know Him And He Knows You