



THE GOSPEL OF LUKE LUKE: SEEING JESUS MORE CLEARLY | THE RESURRECTION REV. ERIC SMITH

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BIG IDEA:

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST IS THE ULTIMATE HOPE OF BELIEVERS.

INTRODUCTION

The resurrection of Jesus Christ was the defining moment in all of history. Jesus by virtue of His resurrection is "the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep" 1 Corinthians 15:20. And in Romans 6:5, believers are assured that they will "share in His (Jesus') resurrection." How can we be assured that the resurrection really happened? And if it did, what difference does it make?

"Is there any meaning in my life that the inevitable death awaiting me does not destroy?" - Leo Tolstoy

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 5:15-16; Luke 6:12-13a; Luke 22:31-32; Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1; Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1; Hebrews 7:25; Luke 23:24; Matthew 5:43-45a; Luke 11:1-4; Matthew 6

DIVING INTO THE MESSAGE

1. DID THE PHYSICAL RESURRECTION OF CHRIST REALLY HAPPEN?

But very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. 2 They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. 3 So they went in, but they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 As they stood there puzzled, two

men suddenly appeared to them, clothed in dazzling robes. The women were terrified and bowed with their faces to the ground. Then the men asked, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? 6 He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what he told you back in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and that he would rise again on the third day."

I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. 4 He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. 5 He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. 6 After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7 Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him. 9 For I am the least of all the apostles. In fact, I'm not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God's church.

1 Corinthians 15:3-9 NLT

2. IF THE RESURRECTION HAPPENED, WHAT ARE THE RAMIFICATIONS...

FOR US?

FOR THE DEAD?

ON THE FUTURE?

CONCLUSION

BECAUSE JESUS IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, WE CAN AND SHOULD BE FILLED WITH HOPE!