

RESURRECTION SUNDAY
What The Resurrection Means To Us
John 20, I Corinthians 15
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Today we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Jesus' death, burial and resurrection were all thought out ahead of time.

THE RESURRECTION HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PART OF GOD'S PLAN

Still, it's what God had in mind all along, to crush him with pain. The plan was that he give himself as an offering for sin so that he'd see life come from it—life, life, and more life. And God's plan will deeply prosper through him.
Isaiah 53:10 MSG

What did Isaiah predict?

He would be beat and disfigured beyond recognition.
He never failed or sinned.
He paid for our sins.
He was beaten, tortured, without a word.
He was buried in a rich man's tomb.
He was brought back to life after death.
He did it for you and me.

THE RESURRECTION WAS FULFILLED IN JESUS

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. 2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" John 20:1-2 NIV

It looked like Jesus got up and just left.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20 *After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.* 21 *Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you!"*

As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."
John 20:19-23 NIV

WHAT THE RESURRECTION MEANS TO US

Because of the resurrection we get life.

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:30-31 NIV

Because of the resurrection our sins are forgiven.

Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. 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...

I Corinthians 15:1-4 NIV

Because of the resurrection we receive grace.

For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

I Corinthians 15:9-10 NIV

Because of the resurrection we have the victory.

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

I Corinthians 15:57-58 NIV

It is time to respond.

Come to faith in Jesus.

Tell people in your relational world about Jesus.

Be transformed by the grace of God in your life.

Give, sing, and celebrate.