

So What?

Intro:

Mk 16:1-8

Trembling, astonishment, amazement, terror

These were the reactions that first Sunday morning...

All of the sudden they knew it was all true

All of the things they weren't sure about, all of the things they hadn't really paid attention to, all of the things they were on the fence about, came into immediate and terrifying focus...

The very nature of reality had just spun on its head

All of the sudden everything changed...they didn't really understand it yet but it was unbelievably, impossibly, terrifyingly, good news...

It still is

Problem:

1 cor 15:1-20

If it happened it changes everything

It happened

It changes everything

...so what? What does that mean for us today right now?

Everything.

Main Idea:

Its meant to make us rejoice

Its meant to empower us

Its meant to motivate us

Its meant to set us apart

Implication:

2 Tim 2:8-10

Its meant for more than us

Remember the resurrection and remember who its for...

Application:

Good news it meant to be shared

Articles for further study:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/resurrection-Christ-important.html>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/the-explosive-power-of-the-resurrection-now>

<https://www.placefortruth.org/blog/the-resurrection-motivation-for-holiness>

<https://www.monergism.com/great-christian-hope-glorification>

So What?

Text:

Its meant to make us rejoice

Phil. 3:1 ¶ Finally, my brothers, **rejoice in the Lord**. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

Phil 1:12-18; 2:17-18; 4:4, 10-13 (the most joyful letter is written from prison - not a suggestion but a command how can he model such a thing...how can he command such a thing...why is it no trouble for him why is safe for us?)

1 pet 1:3-9 (this is what we were made for - born again to a living hope...)

Its meant to empower us

Phil. 3:2 ¶ Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh.

Phil. 3:3 For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh—

Phil. 3:4 though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:

Phil. 3:5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;

Phil. 3:6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Phil. 3:7 **But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.**

Phil. 3:8 **Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ**

Phil. 3:9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

Phil. 3:10 **that I may know him and the power of his resurrection**, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

Phil. 3:11 **that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.**

eph 1:15-23 (that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection...now?)

rom 6:1-14 (this is the power of the resurrection - newness of life - free from the penalty and the power of sin)

col 2:8-23 (the performative virtue schemes of the world are impotent - the self help try harder mantras of the world no longer has to hold sway over you because of the resurrection)

Its meant to motivate us

Phil. 3:12 ¶ **Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.**

Phil. 3:13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and **straining forward to what lies ahead**,

Phil. 3:14 **I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.**

Phil. 3:15 Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.

Phil. 3:16 Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

matt 13:44-46 (its one thing to count his past righteousness as loss but he counts everything as loss...because has something better - he is motivated by something better)

col 3:1-11 (the fear, the outrage, the constant propaganda of the world no longer has to hold sway over you because of the resurrection (5-11) this is all meant to motivate us to be different...to be set apart)

Its meant to set us apart

Phil. 3:17 ¶ **Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.**

Phil. 3:18 For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.

Phil. 3:19 Their end is destruction, **their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.**

Phil. 3:20 **But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,**

Phil. 3:21 **who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body**, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

1 cor 15:20-58 (firstfruit)

rom 8:11-17 (meant to set us apart now - in the body)

Rom 12:1-2 (matter matters now - bodies = spiritual worship now)

1 pet 1:13-21 (its meant to set us apart...but not just us...)