# Resurrection

The Centre of Everything!

### The Empty Tomb - God's Plan Fulfilled

Matthew 28:1-6 NIT

<sup>1</sup> Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. <sup>4</sup> The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint.<sup>5</sup> Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying.



### **Christ - the Central Focus of Scripture**

Luke 24:44-46 <sub>NLT</sub>

<sup>44</sup> Then he said, "When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> And he said, "Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day.



"Human beings are the centre of the universe from only one perspective, and that is our own."



#### **Evidence for the Resurrection**

- An empty tomb no physical body
- Reliable witnesses accounts
  (Christ post-resurrection: 12 appearances, +500)
- Rapid expansion of Salvation
- Written records 12 NT books affirmed as truth
- Worship on Sunday "The Lord's Day"



#### **New Life with Christ at the Centre**

Philippians 3:8-11 NLT

<sup>8</sup> Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ 9 and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, 11 so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!



#### What Did The Resurrection Achieve?

- 1. Ultimate Demonstration of God's Love (John 15:13)
  - 2. Death Defeated (Rev 1:18)
  - 3. Victory over Sin Debts paid in full (1 Cor 15:57)
    - 4. No more Sacrifices (Rom 6:9)
    - 5. Christ Glorified King of Kings (Phil 2:9)
    - 6. Jesus' Kingdom fully established (Matt 28:18)
      - 7. Birth of 'the Church' (Acts 2:41)
      - 8. Resurrection for Others (1Cor.15:2)



#### What The Resurrection Means For Us?

John 5:24 NLT

<sup>24</sup> "I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life."

- 1. Salvation through Faith in Christ (1 Pet. 1:3)
  - 2. Sonship Enter God's Family (Eph. 1:5)
  - 3. Receive Power Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4)
- 4. Experience Grace, Peace & Strength in Life (2 Pet. 1:2)
  - 5. Covenant Promise of Eternal Life (Rom 6:23)



## Re-Centre Christ... Reset My Future!

Luke 22:15-16, 19-20 NIT

<sup>15</sup> Jesus said, "I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. <sup>16</sup> For I tell you now that I won't eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God."

<sup>19</sup> He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

<sup>20</sup> After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you.



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