

# The Implications of the Resurrection of Jesus 2 of 2

*Salvation Series*

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Many times we hear from listeners who send us short, sweet messages and we'll share a couple of those before going to our Bible study and the first comes from our Sister Elizabeth in Sweden and she sent us a generous gift and writes, "May it be a blessing for your ministry that has been a huge blessing for me. All glory to the Lord." And we say, "Amen, Sister Elizabeth." That's our purpose. It's to draw you closer to the Lord Jesus Christ by getting you into that book and having you fall in love with that King James Bible and you have access to all you need from the author of that book himself being Jesus Christ.

We also received a letter from Charles who lives in Australia. He shared his experiences in Australia as they embrace Sodom and the whole sodomite marriage thing but he began his letter by writing, "Dear Greg, Best wishes from Canberra, Australia. Thanks for your recent sermon identifying the tyranny of the queer marriage brigade and thanks for explaining relevant Scripture passages." Thank you for your stand in Australia, Brother Charles and we'd encourage you to take a moment to write to us as these letters keep our fire stoked just knowing that the Lord has a remnant spread out all over the globe and that this ministry is playing a small part in the encouragement of God's warriors around the world and the main point of this ministry is to preach to the lost how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures and that he was buried and that he rose again the third

day according to the Scriptures and then to take the saved and teach them the infallible words of God in the King James Bible.

Now, that's inside this shell. You're still going, some of you boys in the back are going to have to get used to looking like me and Thomas. You're going to lose your hair and then you have to trim the fingernails and take a bath, hopefully, all the rest of your life. That's because we're decaying. Then when you die, we've got to bury you within a couple 2-3 days because your body goes into hyper-speed decay. But inside of that body is the real you and if you believe in Jesus, you become glorified and when he speaks and everything melts, you will remain. Amen.

Second implication: if Jesus rose from the dead, then he is the only Savior with the power over sin and death. I mean, that's just a factual implication of the resurrection. There's no getting around it. Jesus claimed to be the resurrection and the life. Now, you think about that: if I stood here and told you, "Hey man, you believe in me, you'll never die. You believe in me, when you do die the day will come that I will raise you from the dead." You're like, "That's kind of crazy. Where's the Kool-Aid, man? Keep that Kool-Aid away from me." Amen? Hopefully you would think that. Jesus said it. He's either who he said he is or he's a nut. Do you understand that? That's the implications. Either Jesus is the resurrection and the life or he's a nut and all of us are doomed who are following him.

He said in John 11:25, read that, "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." Now, you have got to believe that Jesus is God in human flesh able to say that or he is a lunatic. That's the implications of the resurrection because he said that he would raise his own body with his own power from the grave and he did it proving he is the resurrection and the life. You see, nobody else has ever done that. That's why we tell everybody we don't hate anybody but only Jesus has the right to claim to be that. No other religion, no other religious leader, nobody has ever proven their power over sin and death. Every other religion says it's up to you to be good enough that God will let you in and that leaves us hopeless. We could never do enough.

But we see Jesus who was made a little lower than the angels to dwell among men. He proved his deity many times over with his miracle power. He spoke words that even his enemies could not respond to. They said, "Never has any man spake like this man." He would be on a boat and things would get out of hand and everybody else would be shaking, "Oh, we're all going to die!" Jesus would say, "(Sigh), be still," and everybody would just look at him. I mean, can you imagine? Have you ever been out on the water when it gets wild like that? I was out on a boat and all of a sudden thunder and lightning just out of nowhere and then the wind starts blowing. That's as close as I ever came to being in a wild storm on the water. It scared me to death. Could you imagine if I just stood up and said, "Be still. Alright, fellas, let's get back to fishing." They would have been standing there going, "Whoa. Dude. Who are you?" That's what they were thinking about Jesus.

A preacher yesterday was talking about how he was on, I'll say Lake Erie. He said, "Actually I wasn't on Lake Erie, I was at the short of Lake Erie." He said, "I could only walk about 20 feet out and then I'd sink." Get it? It's a joke. He can only walk 20 feet out. I'm sorry. I shouldn't have told that. I thought that was funny.

Now, the third implication: if Jesus rose from the dead you must turn to him for salvation. Folks, that's why we're here. We believe Jesus is who he said he was, is who he said he is and that we need to share that information with everybody. Now, contrary to Bill O'Reilly on Fox News, we are not dangerous. Bill O'Reilly in an interview tried to compare born again Christians to ISIS and what he said was basically because we preach that you must be born again or you go to hell, somehow that equates to the same as ISIS saying, "Convert or die." No, listen: if you want to reject Jesus Christ, that is your right. You do your history and you'll find out Baptists are largely the ones who are responsible for the freedom of conscience and freedom of religion that we enjoy in this country and other countries. That's just a fact. Why? Because Jesus never said, "Go around telling everybody to convert or die." Jesus said, "Tell everybody you must be born again." And the consequences are, "Yes, you will be cast in the lake of fire because he is holy, you're wicked and if you don't get saved, you must go where the wicked go." It's that simple. It's not a threat of your life in this life but it's just the truth. It's like this: if I looked at somebody and they're smoking, if you keep smoking like that it's going to kill you. "What kind of terrorist are you? Are you threatening me?" That's not a threat, that's a warning. If you keep smoking, I'm not going to kill you but you'll die. It's just a reality.

The same thing with salvation. You either believe the Gospel or you've chosen to reject heaven and there are only two places folks can go. Now, all other religions, religious leaders are powerless to even fulfill this. Every religious leader you've ever heard of died and they are still in the grave. Only Jesus rose from the dead and Jesus claimed to be, again, the only way to heaven in John 14:6. Read that, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." You either believe what I'm saying this morning or just be man enough, women enough to admit you think Jesus Christ was a liar because Jesus Christ said he's the only way to heaven. Again, he's the only one who was crucified or killed and then rose from the dead proving he has the power and authority to say that.

So there's the question, the implications are there: will you? That's the question that remains once we have considered the implications of the resurrection of Jesus Christ: will you believe on him and be saved? That's it. That's the question we are putting forth to the world. If you're saved, there is only one reason for God to leave you around here and that is so you can go around asking that question. Ask other people, "What about you? I'm on my way to heaven. Do you want to go? I believe in Jesus, he's the only way to heaven. He was crucified, buried and rose again. Will you believe that?" That's it. You can only save those who will believe on him. That's why our message is believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shall be saved and thy house because Jesus will only save those who believe of their own choice, their own free will. No one is coerced. No one is forced. But if you will believe on him, you will be saved. Amen?

Now, we're going to read a couple of things in closing. Go to 1 Corinthians 15 and we're going to look at the implications of the resurrection are that Jesus will be the one to raise everyone else from the dead. That includes Christian and non-Christian and there are two things that are going to happen generally speaking. We can cut this down to specifics and it gets detailed but generally speaking, two basic truths and for the saved in 1 Corinthians 15, beginning in verse 51. Paul was writing to that church in Corinth, the same one we were reading about earlier and he says, "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." This is talking about believers in Jesus Christ.

Verse 53, "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." Otherwise you can't stand in God's presence. It's a requirement. It's a necessity.

Verse 54, "So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." That's not a fill-in-the-blank there. It's only through Jesus Christ. You can't say, "Oh God by other names or God by any name." It had better be Jesus Christ.

Now to the lost, Revelation 20, if you'd turn there. Revelation 20, right at the end of the book. Revelation 20, beginning in verse 11, "And I saw a great white throne," now listen to this, "and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away." Remember I said he was going to speak and everything is going to melt? "And there was found no place for them." Verse 12, "And I saw the dead," these are the people who have rejected Jesus Christ, "and I saw the dead small and great," presidents will be there, kings will be there, so-called great men, they will be there. They, "stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works." Now, a lot of people stop there. First of all, what that is saying is they are first going to prove that your works didn't save you. That's it. Everyone who rejects Jesus Christ will stand there and have it proven to them their works didn't save them.

Then we go to verse 13, "And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them." You see, when you die right now without Jesus Christ you go to a place called hell and then when judgment day comes, you're taken out of hell and brought before a great white throne for final judgment. "And they were judged every man according to their works." And they will see that their works didn't save them. Then verse 14, "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death." Now read verse 15, "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

That's it. The implications of the resurrection of Jesus Christ are you're either going to have part in becoming glorified and able to be in his presence in heaven or you will be unglorified, still in your sin and your name will not be found written in the Lamb's book of life and you will be cast into the lake of fire that God did not create for you. The lake of fire was created for Satan and the angels who rebelled against God eons ago but when you reject Jesus, you are choosing to join them in that place. God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But God is also a believer in free will regardless of the Calvinists and God believes that you have the opportunity and should choose whether or not to receive his free gift of salvation and if you choose to reject that, that's the end and it is never ending.

That is why on this day and every day, regardless of the name of the holiday, our message is to the world and they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and thy house." There is no reason for anyone in this room now to go to that place called hell or the lake of fire. There is really no reason for anybody who has the sense to pick up a Bible and read it to go to hell and the lake of fire. And we are privileged as Christians to present that to the world and if you're not, you're blowing it. If you're wasting your life doing anything else, I mean, we all have our jobs, we all have our hobbies, fine, but all along the way as you do these things, you share this message otherwise it's a wasted life and I don't want anybody who ever sat under this teaching in this church, this local body to face God having wasted your life and I certainly don't want to see anyone stand at the great white throne and be judged by the books because if you are saved, your judgment was taken care of at the cross. Your sins are forgiven. Paid for. Paid in full. Eternally saved.

That's why we sing so much. People say, "You guys sing an awful lot." You ain't seen nothing. You ought to be around the house. Amen? Why? We've got something to sing about. I'm saved are you saved? "Glory to his name." Amen. You've got something to sing about. You'll find yourself singing as you're doing things that you don't even like to do and all of a sudden you'll be singing about Jesus and being saved. Amen.

Let's close.

*Father, we thank you, Lord, for this wonderful day to remember and consider the implications of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We just pray that he would be glorified. We have so many who we would love to see saved. Just believe on Jesus and believe in his death, burial and resurrection. Lord, we're thankful for the opportunity both here and out in our daily walk, daily lives, to tell people about Jesus and we just give you all praise, honor and glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

"All to Jesus I surrender;  
All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.

"I surrender all,  
I surrender all;  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.

"All to Jesus I surrender;  
Humbly at His feet I bow,  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken;  
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

"All to Jesus I surrender;  
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;  
Let me feel the Holy Spirit,  
Truly know that Thou art mine."

Just for a moment, I want Jenny to keep playing. Bow your heads and close your eyes and I just want to make something very clear: all it takes for you to know that you're saved is to believe. That's it. There is nothing else to it. Jesus if you read Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, he didn't go around having crusades with altar calls and hoops that people put in front of you to jump through. He looked out on the crowd and said, "Believe." Right now if you believe how that Christ died for your sins and he was buried and he rose again, you are saved. Now, I invite you to tell the Lord in prayer, just say, "Lord, I believe. Lord, I believe. I believe Jesus paid for my sin. I believe Jesus rose from the dead. I believe and I want to be with him when he returns." That's all you've got to say. That's called prayer. It really is that simple.

And there might be somebody here who has played the game. You've been coming here for a while, you may have told family or friends or whomever that you're already a Christian but you haven't really believed. Don't play games. I just urge you, do not play games. Make it real and you don't do that here, you do that with the Lord. Make it real with Jesus. I'm just going to give you a moment if you'd like to pray. Maybe you are saved and you know it but you've just been a pathetic Christian. Come on. You might as well tell the Lord, he already knows it, but just tell him you want to do better, serving him not to be saved but because you are saved. Take just a moment. Amen. Let's sing that last verse.

"All to Jesus I surrender;  
Lord, I give myself to Thee;  
Fill me with Thy love and power;  
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

"I surrender all,  
I surrender all;  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all."

Praise God.

"I don't know about tomorrow  
I just live from day to day  
I don't borrow from its sunshine  
For its skies may turn to gray  
I don't worry o'er the future  
For I know what Jesus said  
And today I'll walk beside Him  
For He knows what is ahead.

"Many things about tomorrow  
I don't seem to understand  
But I know who holds tomorrow  
And I know who holds my hand.

"I don't know about tomorrow;  
It may bring me poverty.  
But the one who feeds the sparrow,  
Is the one who stands by me.  
And the path that is my portion  
May be through the flame or flood;  
But His presence goes before me  
And I'm covered with His blood."