

The Story of Scripture:

Christ: His Resurrection

(Mark 16:6)

- Introduction:
1. The doctrine of the Resurrection of Jesus is a cardinal tenant of the Christian faith.
 2. To pervert this doctrine is compared to a cancer that can destroy or overthrow the faith of some (2 Timothy 2:16-18).
 3. In this lesson, I want to briefly examine what the Bible reveals about the resurrection of Jesus and why this doctrine is so important.

I. Background

- A. Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb (Mark 16:1).
- B. Two disciples walking to Emmaus (Luke 24:17-21).
- C. Apostles huddled together (Mark 16:11).
- D. The common thread connecting all these people was unbelief!
- E. But notice the change that took place after they saw the evidence of Jesus' resurrection.
 1. No more unbelief.
 2. They believed even if it meant losing their lives (1 Cor. 15:30-32; Phil. 1:20-21).

II. Why is the Resurrection of Jesus so Important?

- A. After all, he had already shed his blood...
- B. The resurrection of Jesus made him identifiable as the Messiah.
 1. Anyone can claim to be the Christ (Matt. 24:24)
 - a. Jim Jones.
 - b. David Koresh
 - c. Con-artists (Jude 16; 2 Pet. 2:3).
 2. (Isaiah 53:10).
- C. The resurrection of Jesus was indispensable.
 1. We are saved through the resurrection (1 Peter 3:21).
 2. (Hebrews 9:1-28).

III. The Impact of the Resurrection on Me

- A. It proclaims my pardon.
 1. (1 Corinthians 15:17).
 2. We are justified, not just through the death of Jesus, but through the death and resurrection of Jesus (Romans 4:25).
- B. It dispels doubts.
 1. (1 Corinthians 15:14).

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2. Our faith is validated through the resurrection.
 3. We have not whimsically followed deceptive words.
- C. It reassures reunion.
1. (1 Corinthians 15:18).
 2. It reminds me that there is more to life than just this temporal existence.
 3. Imagine the reunion!
 4. No wonder the encouragement to be faithful to the end (Rev. 2:10).
- Conclusion:
1. May we never lose sight of the resurrection.
 2. Packed within this doctrine is our redemption, assurance, and hope!