

**“THE REALITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST”**  
**MATTHEW 28:1-10; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-8; ACTS 1:1-9; ROMANS 4:25-5:1**

**INTRO:** This morning, we gather together to commemorate the MOST IMPORTANT DAY AND EVENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH - **THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD!** Coupled with the work of Christ on the Cross, **WHEN HE DIED TO PAY THE PRICE FOR THE SINS OF THE WHOLE WORLD, THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST COMPLETES HIS REDEPTIVE WORK FOR MANKIND AS HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD TO PROVIDE ETERNAL LIFE FOR ALL WHO WILL TRUST HIM AS THEIR PERSONAL SAVIOR.** BOTH the CRUCIFIXION and the RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST are essential for our eternal salvation – which should compel us on GOOD FRIDAY and RESURRECTION SUNDAY to pause, reflect upon, worship and thank God for what He did for us through JESUS CHRIST! **Not to do so would be an act of the HIGHEST DISHONOR TO OUR WONDERFUL LORD!** So, today, let us consider for a few moments the **REALITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST AND DETERMINE TO HONOR HIM FOR HIS GREAT WORK OF REDEMPTION FOR US ALL.**

**CERTAIN SCRIPTURES ON THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST**

**NOTE:** Let's carefully read certain scriptures on Christ's Resurrection.

1) Matthew 28:1-10; 2) 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; 3) Romans 4:25-5:1; 4) Acts 1:1-9

**CERTAIN PROOF OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST**

- 1) The Empty Tomb of Jesus after the Resurrection (No body ever found)
- 2) The Actual Appearances of Christ after the Resurrection
- 3) The Boldness of the Believers after the Resurrection
- 4) The Establishment of the Church after the Resurrection

**CERTAIN REALITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST - ACTS 1:1-9**

**I. THE VISIBLE REALITY OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION – ACTS 1:3a**

**“SHOWED HIMSELF ALIVE”**

(No less than 12 times – Note the Chronological Order)

- A. His Appearance to Mary Magdalene – John 20:10-18
- B. His Appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Women  
-Matthew 28:1-10
- C. His Appearance to Peter – John 20:3-9
- D. His Appearance to the two Disciples on the Emmaus Road  
-Luke 24:13-55
- E. His Appearance to the Ten Apostles – Luke 24:36-49
- F. His Appearance to the Eleven Apostles – John 20:24-31
- G. His Appearance to the Seven Apostles – John 21:1-25
- H. His Appearance to all the Apostles at Once – Matthew 28:16-20
- I. His Appearance to the 500 Disciples at Once – 1 Corinthians 15:6
- J. His Appearance to James – 1 Corinthians 15:7
- K. His Appearance to the Apostles before His Ascension – Acts 1:1-9
- L. His Appearance to Paul after the Ascension – Acts 9:1-9

**II. THE VARIFIABLE REALITY OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION – VS. 3b**

**“MANY INFALLIBLE PROOFS”**

**NOTE:** The English phrase **“INFALLIBLE PROOFS”** comes from one Greek Word, **“TEKMERION”** meaning **“A SIGN OF POSITIVE PROOF.”** In literal terms it speaks of **THAT WHICH CANNOT RIGHTFULLY BE DENIED.**

**III. THE VOCAL REALITY OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION – VS. 3c**

**“SPEAKING OF THINGS PERTAINING TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD”**

- A. The Word “Speaking”  
-The Greek word is “LEGO” = “To Relate systematically in a set discourse.”
- B. The Message Spoken
  1. Christ continued to teach on the **“KINGDOM OF GOD.”**  
Cp. Matthew 4:23; Mark 1:15; Luke 4:43; John 3:3-21

NOTE: The **KINGDOM OF GOD** is the sphere of God's dominion over those who belong to Him. It is NOW MANIFESTED in GOD'S SPIRITUAL RULE over the hearts of BELIEVERS (Luke 17:21) and will eventually be established as the LITERAL EARTHLY KINGDOM – "**THE MILLENNIUM**" (Revelation 20:4-6).

2. Christ continued to teach **HOW TO LIVE UNDER GOD'S AUTHORITY, WHICH INCLUDES FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION (Vs. 8)**, while He was on earth between His Resurrection and His Ascension.

### **III. THE VALUABLE REALITY OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION – ROMANS 4:25**

NOTE: In Romans 4:25 the **VALUE OF THE CRUCIFIXION** and **THE RESURRECTION of CHRIST** is brought together in one text.

A. Christ was Delivered for Our Offenses – Vs. 25a.

**-Christ bore our SIN in His BODY on the CROSS**

B. Christ was Raised for Our Justification – Vs. 25b.

**-Believers are DECLARED "NOT GUILTY" with respect to SIN through FAITH in the FINISHED WORK OF CHRIST on the CROSS.**

NOTE: Because of Christ's CRUCIFIXION and RESURRECTION, Romans 5:1,2 teaches that **JUSTIFIED BELIEVERS:**

1. Have Peace with God – Vs. 1
2. Have Access to the Grace of God – Vs. 2a
3. Have Rejoicing in the Hope of the Glory of God – Vs. 2b

### **LESSON AND APPLICATION**

**ON RESURRECTION SUNDAY WE CELEBRATE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DAY AND EVENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. IT IS THE EVENT THAT:**

- **DISTINGUISHES CHRISTIANITY FROM ALL OTHERS AS THE TRUE FAITH AND WAY TO A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**
- **CHANGED THE COURSE OF THE WHOLE UNIVERSE FOR ALL OF ETERNITY**
- **CHANGES THE LIVES OF ALL WHO ARE BORN AGAIN IN SALVATION AND SERVICE**

**CHRIST JESUS HAS RISEN – HE HAS RISEN INDEED!**