

# The Life Changing Charge of Christ's Resurrection (or "What Should I Do?")

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| I. The Proof and Primacy of Christ's Resurrection        | (Did it really happen and does it really matter?) |
| II. The Doctrinal Substance of Christ's Resurrection     | (What does it really mean?)                       |
| III. The Practical Implications of Christ's Resurrection | (Why do I care?)                                  |
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## The Reveal (of the true King)

- The Messiah first in secret and then revealed
  - Leper (Mt 8:4); Two blind men (Mt 9:30); Withered hand + all (Mt 12:16); Transfiguration (Mt 17:9)
- Setting the stage (**Matthew 21:1-10**) + (**John 12:12-15**)
- (PHOTO OF FAMILY ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES)
- Revealed as the King! CF. **Zechariah 9:9** + **Hosanna** + **The Palms**
- What the Rabbis taught and the great surprise (reversal) = the kings cross precedes the kings glory

## The Reversal (of Kingship)

- The Messiah as the suffering servant
- **John 19:15 (1-19)** -- **From Hosanna to crucify Him**
- Mocking: The Crown + The Sign = **Proof that Triumphal Entry was a claim to Kingship**
- A different kind of Kingdom
- We struggle with that call to a different way in the world we live in (The disciples did nothing with Palm Sunday)
- We are seldom faithful to this (deny self + the way of the cross)

## The Resurrection (of the King)

- The Messiah vindicated
- **Matthew 27:62-28:17**
- The proof of a new kind of kingdom
  - The public wants Jesus in the ground and for His followers to be seen as deceivers (PRIVATIZATION)

## The Redirection (by the King)

- The Messiah in the open
- Matthew 28:18-20 (NASB)

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

  - Commissioned in awe
- + Sent
- John 20:19-21 (NASB)

So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; **as the Father has sent Me, I also send you.**"
- Luke 24:47-49 (NASB)

And Jesus said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. "You are witnesses of these things. "And behold, **I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.**"

  - Empowered Witnesses (**ACTS**)
    - **Your life now has clarity and purpose**
    - Past = covered; future = secure; present = purpose
- **Your life is not your own**, you will give an account (**2 Corinthians 4:1–5:15**)
  - Bema Seat (the King will call us to account)

## The Return (of the King)

- The Messiah enthroned, ruling and reigning visibly over all creation
- King of Kings + Restoration + Glory
- **Revelation 22:1-7**
- Judgment
- **Revelation 20:11-15**

- The dark side of Resurrection

### The other side of resurrection is those who are resurrected to judgment rather than in glory

- Resurrected to have eternal bodies, but they will not be dominated by the Holy Spirit—they will suffer in righteous judgment (hell)
- Daniel 12:2  
Many of those whose bodies lie dead and buried will rise up, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting disgrace.
- Jesus in John 5:28-29 (NLT)  
Don't be so surprised! Indeed, the time is coming when all the dead in their graves will hear the voice of God's Son, and they will rise again. Those who have done good will rise to experience eternal life, and those who have continued in evil will rise to experience judgment.
- Jesus in Matthew 25:31-34 & 41 & 46 (NLT)  
But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left. "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons... And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life.'"
- Paul in Acts 17:30-31 (NLT)  
God overlooked people's ignorance about these things in earlier times, but now **he commands everyone everywhere to repent of their sins and turn to him. For he has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead.**

Evangelize!!!!

We need to **fight complacency** and give ourselves to evangelism (**The King is risen!!!**)

- "I was invited to have coffee one morning with Konrad Adenauer before he retired as the Chancellor of Germany. When I walked in, I expected to meet a tall, stiff, formal man who might even be embarrassed if I brought up the subject of religion. After the greeting, the Chancellor suddenly turned to me and said, "Mr. Graham, what is the most important thing in the world?" Before I could answer, he had answered his own question. He said, "The resurrection of Jesus Christ. If Jesus Christ is alive, then there is hope for the world. If Jesus Christ is in the grave, then I don't see the slightest glimmer of hope on the horizon." Then he amazed me by saying that he believed that the resurrection of Christ was one of the best-attested facts of history. He said, "When I leave office, I intend to spend the rest of my life gathering scientific proof of the resurrection of Jesus Christ." It was the fact of the resurrection of Christ that called the disciples to go out as burning young revolutionaries to change the world of their day. They preached that Christ is alive. This should be our message, not only on Easter, but on every day of the year." –Billy Graham

**If Christ has risen from the dead then there is truly hope**

- Death does not have the final word + The world will be made new
- We will be raised to new life + have new life now

Ephesians 2:1,4-6 (NLT)

**"Once you were dead** because of your disobedience and your many sins...**But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life** when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus."

### What will you do with the new life you have been given?

- Many things... but do not forget these 2 things
  - 1. You are no longer obligated to do what your sinful nature wants you to do... sin is no longer your master
  - 2. You are invited (commanded actually) to make disciples
- = Pursue Holiness **and** Witness = demonstration and proclamation (because you are united with Christ in new life)
- Resurrection = power to not sin **and** power for ministry (witness)

Lives today are radically changed because Jesus still calls, commissions and sends men and women and children into the world to make disciples.

### What portion of your life is being poured out and invested in make disciples? (ROI)

**When we fulfill our call to be witnesses of the Risen Lord and His Gospel we feel satisfied, rewarded, and complete**

- We will also find that we ourselves will understand the gospel better.
- Philemon 6 (NIV)  
I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.

**"All God's giants have been weak men, who did great things for God because they believed that God would be with them."** - Hudson Taylor

**Prayer:** Ask for boldness, unction and power; to be shaken and made truly alive in Christ and truly in service of the King