

## The Power of His Resurrection

Video: It's Friday, but Sunday's a comin'

John 20:1-18

1. Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.
2. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"
3. So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.
4. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.
5. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.
6. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there,
7. as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen.
8. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.
9. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)
10. Then the disciples went back to their homes,
11. but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb
12. and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.
13. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."
14. At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.
15. "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."
16. Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

17. Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

18. Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Word has (3) key purposes

1. It reveals who God is
2. It reveals who man is
3. It reveals what God wants to do in and through man

Philippians 3:10 - I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Rom. 8:11 - And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

## **1. The Power of His Resurrection is a Life Giving Power!**

Ephesians 2:1-10

1. As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,
2. in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.
3. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.
4. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,
5. made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved.
6. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,
7. in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

8. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--

9. not by works, so that no one can boast.

10. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Convert = to change the state of (Like water – liquid, gas, solid – it is all water but it has a different states).

1. Admit that you are a sinner – Rom. 3:23 - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

1 John 1:8 - If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Rom. 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2. Believe on Jesus Christ - John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

3. Confess your sins to God in repentance, especially the sin of not forgiving others.

Mt. 6:14-15 - For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

1 Jn. 1:9 - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## **2. The Power of His Resurrection is a Conquering Power!**

Romans 8:37

37. No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

38. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

39. neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

e. There is no storm, no valley, no attack, and no need, which God cannot handle.

Ephesians 1:18-21

18. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

19. and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength,

20. which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,

21. far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

22. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,

23. which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

### **3. The Power of His Resurrection is a Transforming Power!**

Romans 12:1

1. Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.

2. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

### **4. This Resurrection Power is an Establishing Power!**

Establish =

1. to found, institute, build, or bring into being on a firm or stable basis:
2. to install or settle in a position, place, etc.:
3. to show to be valid or true; prove:
4. to cause to be accepted or recognized:
5. to bring about permanently:
6. to enact, appoint, or ordain for permanence, as a law; fix unalterably.

Rom. 16:25-27

25. Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past,

26. but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him--

27. to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Phil. 1:6 - being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 15:42-58

42. So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable;

43. it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;

44. it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

45. So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being" ; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.

46. The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual.

47. The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven.

48. As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven.

49. And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.

50. I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

51. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed--

52. in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

53. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

54. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

55. "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

56. The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

57. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58. Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you.

Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Video: Easter