

Significance of His Resurrection

Texts: **Matthew 28:1-20**

The Book of Matthew is an account of Christ's resurrection and how people see or view this event.

Questions:

What have the people around you told you about the resurrection of Christ?

What is your attitude towards the resurrection?

What difference does the resurrection of Christ make in your everyday life?

John 11:25–26

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life". The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

The resurrection of Jesus Christ validates that Jesus is the one whom He claims to be – the Son of God, the Messiah.

Paul boldly says in **Romans 1: 3-4**

³ and regarding His Son... and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

Christ's resurrection proves that He is different and above the rest, that He is the real deal who

proclaimed to be the Messiah, the Saviour and the Son of God.

Reasons why Jesus rose from the grave:

A. To give you a brand-new life

You have been set free from the past.
Your old sinful life was put to death on the cross with Jesus and buried with Him in the grave.
Jesus rose again that He may raise you up and sit with Him in heavenly places.

God raised you up together with Christ.

Eph. 2: 1, 4-6

¹ And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

⁶ and raised us up together and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

A new beginning.

2 Cor. 5:17 - *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

B. To give you victory over Satan

1 John 4:4

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

1 John 5:4-5

⁴ For whatever is born of God overcomes the world.

⁵ Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Romans 8:37-39

*Yet in all these things **we are more than conquerors** through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

He has given us total victory against our enemy. Jesus is the conqueror and we are more than conquerors through Him.

C. To give you power for the present

Zechariah 4:6

It is not by might, nor by power but by the Spirit, says the Lord of host.

It is your source of power for the present.

Because Jesus is alive, we have now received the power of His Spirit to live a life of victory over sin and the dominion of Satan.

Romans 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 because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Ephesians 1:19-20

*¹⁹ and [so that you will begin to know] what the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His [active, spiritual] power is in us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of His mighty strength
²⁰ which He produced in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places,*

D. To give you hope for the future

The resurrection of Jesus gives us great hope for the future. How?

Jesus started His ministry with 12 followers.

When Jesus was crucified and when He rose from the dead He had 120 followers.

Today, more than 2,000 years later there are 2.3 billion people in the world consider themselves believers of Jesus Christ.

His resurrection is the single most significant event in history that changed the course of the entire world.

It turned these first followers of Christ from being fearful, discouraged and disillusioned and defeated into fearless, courageous, contagious people filled with hope. They began to spread the message of hope everywhere when they saw Jesus had come back to life. His resurrection changed everything.

Christ will return to all those who believe in Him.

1 Cor 15: 51-52

⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed

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

1 Thess. 4: 16-18

¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.