

The Resurrection And It's Triumphant Message

Introduction

- A. Christianity is built over an empty tomb! It is a historical fact – Jesus Christ died and was resurrected from the grave.
- B. In the day the resurrection occurred there was an abundance of scientific evidence for the event – the empty tomb, the graveclothes, the ten appearances of the Lord Jesus, and the change in the disciples.
- C. The message of the resurrection is inseparably related to all the basic truths of the Christian faith.

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Rom. 10:9

I. The Triumphant Message – Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. Rom. 1:4

Comment: The word "declared" is very strong and means more than giving information. The thought is to "determine" or "appoint." The connection is with the birth of the Savior (V3) to show how the resurrection was a historical "appointment" of an authoritative status to the God-man that He was the Son of God. There is no greater historical evidence for the deity of Jesus Christ than the message of the resurrection.

II. The Triumphant Message – Jesus Christ is the Fulfillment of Prophecy.

For David speaketh concerning him . . . Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. . . He (David) seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ . . . This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Acts 2:25-32

Comment: The quotation is from Psalm 16:8-11 which was written some 1000 years before the Lord Jesus was born. This and other fulfilled prophecies underline the claim of the Savior that He was the Messiah promised throughout the Old Testament.

III. The Triumphant Message – The Sacrifice of Jesus Christ was Sufficient.

And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. . . ye are yet in your sins. . . But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

Comment: If the sacrifice of Jesus Christ were not sufficient for the redemption of His people there would have been no resurrection. It was the Father's stamp of approval on the work of the Savior.

IV. The Triumphant Message – The Teaching of Jesus Christ is Truth.

Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying Master, we would see a sign from thee. But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign, and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonas, and behold a greater than Jonas is here.

Matthew 12:38-41

Comment: The Jews, like us, were unwilling to accept only the Word of the Savior as final authority – they wanted a miraculous sign. The Lord Jesus said the only sign would be His resurrection.

A. The implication of this truth for the believer.

Then he (the Lord Jesus) said unto them, 0 fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. Luke 24:25

Comment: These words were spoken by the Lord Jesus after His resurrection to the two on the way to Emmaus. Knowing they would believe after they knew Who He was – He reminded them the Word of God stands as truth and was to be accepted as truth and believed. It is even more so now.

B. The implication of this truth for the non-Christian.

Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained, whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. Acts 17:31

Comment: The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a testimony to the non-Christian of his future judgment. The unbeliever does not like to think of living somewhere forever – but the Word of God and the resurrection of the Savior emphasizes the truths that death does not end all and that there is a judgment ahead.

V. The Triumphant Message – Jesus Christ is Lord of All.

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow. . . and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil. 2:8-11

Comment: What a day of joy and fulfillment this will be for believers and holy angels. But what a sad day for unbelievers and wicked spirits – it will be forever remembered as their public confession that they were wrong in regard to the most important of all truths. Jesus Christ is Lord.

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