

Spiritual Growth Questions for April 9, 2023

Opener: Why does the resurrection make Jesus different from other famous teachers?

- I. **Read I Corinthians 15:1-7.** Why does Paul record the various witnesses of the resurrection? What impact does this have on the early church? Acts 17:6
- II. **Read Matthew 27:64-66.** What stands out to you about this sealing of the tomb? Why would fraud impossible? As you think of the disciples, why is the change so significant in their lives? Why were the authorities unable to prove them wrong?
- III. **Read Acts 2:23-28, Genesis 3:15.** What stands out in the Acts passage about the resurrection? Why is it important to refer to the prophecy in Genesis? Why was it impossible for death to hold him? What connections can we make about what happens when we die? (See 2 Corinthians 5:8 and Philippians 1:23)
- IV. **Read I Corinthians 15:8-9, I Timothy 1:13-15.** What difference did the resurrected Christ make in the Apostle Paul's life? What applications could we make to both our lives and those we are praying for?
- V. **Read I Corinthians 15:10.** Grace is difficult for self-made people to receive. How easy or difficult is it for you to receive grace? How do your past and present successes and failures contribute to your ability and inability to receive grace?
- VI. **Read Romans 6:4 & 2 Corinthians 5:17.** What does Paul mean when he says in **Romans 6:4** that we would "walk in the newness of life" and in **II Corinthians 5:17** "new creation"? How does this connect with the resurrection? What helps you to walk in the newness of life each day?
- VII. **Read Romans 8:11 & Philippians 3:10.** How would you explain to someone how resurrection power can make a difference in your life? Please share an example.

Prayer: Dear Sovereign Lord, I want to know you and the power of your resurrection. I want your resurrection power to flow to and out of me for each situation that I am facing right now. Please help me to be a witness of your resurrection in my life.

**Life Conquers Death
Selected Scriptures
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We are here today because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the foundation of our faith. If there is no resurrection, then our faith is in vain, this life is all there is, and we are essentially on our own. Thankfully, we celebrate that Jesus Christ has defeated death. We recognize that the greater (Jesus) has conquered the lesser (death, sin and separation from God). We boldly declare that Jesus has conquered death. Life conquers death!

2 Timothy 1:8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, 9 who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 10 and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

Ephesians 1:17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might.

Luke 24:44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things.

Big Idea: Jesus Christ has defeated death. **Life conquers death!**

- I. Death defeated is a _____ to our _____.

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

**We cannot defeat death on our own!
We need a Savior to defeat death for us. Life Conquers Death!**

II. Death defeated is the great _____ of all time.

Acts 2:23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, **because it was not possible for him to be held by it. (I Corinthians 2:8)**

2 Timothy 1:10 and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, **who abolished death** and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

Colossians 2:14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 **He disarmed the rulers and authorities** and put them to open shame, by **triumphing** over them in him.

Rom 1:3 concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh 4 and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,

**The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus sets Him apart
from all the other teachers! Life Conquers Death!**

III. The resurrection life of Jesus _____ & _____

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Ephesians 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, **made us alive** together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

Revelation 1:17b “Fear not, I am the first and the last, 18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

I Timothy 5:6 But she who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives.

Ephesians 1:19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might.

God delivers us from our _____.
God delivers us from our self-_____.
God delivers us from the Law's _____ and _____.
God delivers us from _____ itself.

Legal Humility versus Evangelical Humility- Jonathan Edwards

Romans 6:4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, **we too may live a new life.**

Jesus, who abolished death and **brought life and immortality to light** through the gospel, 2 Timothy 1:10b

We are delivered from evil for good works. Ephesians 2:10
We are delivered from sin for righteousness. 2 Corinthians 5:21
We are delivered from death for a new life. Romans 6:4

Luke 17:33 Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.

Romans 8:6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to **set** the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

(Romans 10:9-10 CEV) says, "You will be saved, if you honestly say, 'Jesus is Lord,' and if you believe with all your heart that God raised Him from death. God will accept you and save you, if you truly believe this and tell it to others"

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,

Our Response: *Philippians 3:11* “So whatever it takes, I will be one who lives in the fresh newness of life of those who are alive from the dead.” Living Bible

**Receive the resurrected Christ and the salvation that He offers.
Walk every day in the newness of life. Life Conquers Death!**