

VINTAGE JESUS

(The Jesus Most People Miss)

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Sermon Notes

“Did He Rise From Death?” 1Cor.15:3-6, 12-20

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is not just a historical FACT but can and should be a daily reality of FAITH powerfully transforming every part of our lives.

THE RESURRECTION IS A MATTER...

FACT

Biblical Evidence (1) It was prophesied in advance. (Isa53:8-12) (2) Jesus predicted His resurrection. (Matt12:38-40; Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:33-34; Jn2:18-22) (3) Jesus died on the Cross. (Jn19:34-35) (4) Jesus was buried in a tomb that was easy to find. (Isa53:9; Matt. 27:57-60) (5) Jesus appeared physically alive three days after his death. (Matt28:9; Jn20:17; Jn20:20-28; Luke24:36-43) (6) Jesus resurrection was recorded as Scripture shortly after it occurred. (Mark 14:53, 54, 60, 61, 63) (7) Jesus' resurrection was celebrated in the earliest church creeds. (1Cor15:1-3) (8) Jesus' resurrection convinced his family to worship him as God. (Jn7:5; 1Cor15:7; James1:1; Acts 12:17; 15:12-21; 21:18; Gal2:9; Acts1:14; Jude 1) (9) Jesus' resurrection was confirmed by his most bitter enemies, such as Paul. (Phil3:4-6; Acts 7:54-60; Acts9)

Circumstantial Evidence

If you don't believe in the resurrection the burden of proof is on you to explain the overwhelming circumstantial evidence.

(1) Transformation of the disciples. (Jn20:19) (2) The Disciples' loyalty to their Messiah. (3) The Character of the disciples. (4) The Day of worship. (Acts 20:7; 1Cor16:1-2) (5) The object of worship. (6) Theological changes in the church. (7) Women discovering the empty tomb. (Mark 15:40, 47; 16:1) (8) Early church preaching. (9) The tomb not Enshrined. (10) Growth of the church.

FAITH

Even if you can't believe in the resurrection, you should want it to be true because, it's the “happily ever after” we all long for.

1) It is the hinge upon which the story of the world pivots. 1Cor15:1-3

Growing Notes

- 2) It proves that Jesus is who He said He is. Jn14:6; 6:35
- 3) It is God stamping “Paid in Full” for our sins. Vv3-4
- 4) It means that we can enter the “Holy of Holies.” Mark15:38
- 5) It means we have His resurrection power within us. Rom8:11; Eph1:19-20
- 6) It means no death for us. John11:25
- 7) It means we can be bold and take greater risks with our lives for Christ. Acts4:13, 15:26
- 8) It is the promise of new heavens & new earth. Rev21:1; Isa65:17
- 9) It is the promise of new minds, hearts, and bodies. 1Cor15:35-58
- 10) It means our bad things will work for our good, our good things can never be lost and the best things are yet to come. Rom8:28-30; 2Cor6:10

When you have the winning hand, not only are you all in, but you're not uptight or nervous, as you just enjoy the game.

Growing Notes

- 1) The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is not just a historical fact but can and should be a daily reality powerfully transforming every part of our lives. Explain. Why is it important to have both fact and faith combined?
- 2) Read 1Cor.15:3-6, 12-20. What stands out to you from this text? Quickly review the list under FACT of the Biblical evidence and circumstantial evidence. What stands out to you? How does the overwhelming circumstantial evidence place the burden of proof on those who don't believe in the resurrection?
- 3) Review the list under FAITH along with Biblical references. Which one(s) are most helpful to you for where you are in your Christian faith? What difference would it make if you began to live a life consistent with these truths?
- 4) How is the Resurrection the foundation of our hope (Confident joyful expectation) that everything bad and sad in this world will one day be untrue and be all the more glorious for having once been lost? Pray that dber's are filled with this hope!