

## Resurrection

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“One of the most obvious missing words in the practice of our faith.”

- \* The Biblical message of Resurrection is that the “project of restoration has begun!”
- \* It actually begun when God, through Jesus, conquered the powers of darkness that had corrupted the perfect creation of God!

Colossians 2:11-15 (NLT)

11 When you came to Christ, you were “circumcised,” but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision—the cutting away of your sinful nature. 12 For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

13 You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins.

14 He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. 15 In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

VII. God has started the process of “making everything right” through this act of resurrection!

- A. Nobody really saw Jesus’ resurrection coming even though He spoke of it clearly and directly! It was just too contrary to logic!
  1. The very “act of restoration” God spoke of and intended to use in restoring His creation was just too foreign to understand!
  2. Dying in order to truly live! Giving up things in order

to gain other things! Taking the posture of humility  
in order to be exalted!

### 3. WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?

Mark 8:31-38 (TPT)

31 From then on, Jesus began to tell his disciples that he, the Son of Man, was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer great injustice from the elders, leading priests, and religious scholars. He also explained that he would be killed and three days later be raised to life again. 32 Jesus opened his heart and spoke freely with his disciples, explaining all these things to them. Then Peter took him aside and rebuked him. 33 But Jesus turned around, and glancing at all of the other disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, "Get out of my sight, Satan! For your heart is not set on God's plan but man's!" 34 Jesus summoned the crowd, along with his disciples, and had them gather around. And he said to them: "If you truly want to follow me, you should at once completely disown your own life. And you must be willing to share my cross and experience it as your own, as you continually surrender to my ways. 35 For if you let your life go for my sake and for the sake of the gospel, you will continually experience true life. But if you choose to keep your life for yourself, you will forfeit what you try to keep. 36 For what use is it to gain all the wealth and power of this world, with everything it could offer you, at the cost of your own life? 37 And what could be more valuable to you than your own soul? 38 So among the unfaithful and sinful people living today, if you are ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of you when he makes his appearance with his holy messengers in the glorious splendor of his Father!"

B. God was about to restore our "true humanity" through the most unpredictable way!

1. This act of resurrection was about to bring beauty and justice to all of creation!
2. Restoring man, the very crown of God's creation!

### 3. The very IMAGE OF WHO HE IS!

John 20:1-9 (NLT)

1 Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. 2 She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, “They have taken the Lord’s body out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” 3 Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. 4 They were both running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn’t go in. 6 Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, 7 while the cloth that had covered Jesus’ head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. 8 Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed— 9 for until then they still hadn’t understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead.

VIII. You see, this is why the first chapter of John is the greatest “poetic writing of all time”! Yes, it's our Holy Scripture, but it is such a creative expression of the foundation truth of Christianity!

John 1:1-5 (NLT)

1 In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He existed in the beginning with God. 3 God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. 4 The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

A. Then Paul writes in a very similar way to the Church in Colosse.

Colossians 1:15-20 (NLT)

15 Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, 16 for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. 17 He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. 18 Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything. 19 For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, 20 and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

1. This is the Gospel of John 2.0!
  2. Or actually the reverse because it is believed that the Gospel of John was not actually written until 90 A.D.
  3. The letter to Colosse was penned around 62 A.D.
- B. Regardless of any of that, The “poetic truth” of God’s work through Jesus to resurrect His creation was awesome!
1. We will never understand the message of the Gospel unless we understand the depth of the meaning of ...RESURRECTION...!
  2. It’s about CREATION AND JUSTICE!
  3. A perfect world was spoiled by hostile destruction, only to be reborn and made new by the most profound way; death, burial and resurrection!
  4. And our lives are renewed the very same way; death...burial...and resurrection!

