

**The Resurrection Proclaims, “Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!”
Acts 2:22-24, 32-33, 36-41**

- I. The resurrection is Jesus’ great victory, and ours also.
 - A. It is even more important than the crucifixion.
 1. If there was no resurrection, then the cross is meaningless.
 - (a) The resurrection resoundingly proclaims Christ as God and Savior!
 - (b) We’ll get back to that.
 - B. For us, who are followers of Christ, through faith...
 1. It is a day of joy and celebration!
 - (a) The resurrection proves that all God’s promises are true.
 2. So, it is a day that affirms the truth that...
 - (a) We are loved.
 - (b) We are forgiven.
 - (c) We are accepted.
 - (d) We are welcomed and adopted.
 - (e) We are cherished.
 - (f) We are called.
 3. It is a day to honor Jesus for his great victory...
 - (a) For his faithfulness!
 - (b) For his courageous sacrifice!
 4. It is a day of worship because Jesus is more than a man.
 - (a) He is a man who is also God.
 - (b) God gave himself over to death for us.
 - (c) This is God’s victory over sin and death!
 - (d) This is the victory of the triune God!
 - C. This is a day that renews our sense of hope.
 1. Because of the resurrection, we too will be raised!
 2. Death has been defeated. It has lost its power.
 3. Eternal life with God is our destiny.
 - (a) And it will be so good!
 - (b) No more death or grieving, or losses, or pain.
 - (c) We will be, who we were always intended to be...
 - (d) People made in the image of God, who have God’s character.
 - (e) We will be good and holy, like Jesus!
 4. We will live with each other and God, in peace and love and joy!
 - (a) It will be a degree of joy we can’t even comprehend.
 - (b) We are headed for a glorious future with our glorious God!
- II. The resurrection is the evidence that validates Jesus!
 - A. When sharing the Gospel, we usually lead with the cross.
 1. The apostles led with the resurrection.
 2. Anyone can be crucified. Lots of people were.
 - (a) But how many of them rose from the dead? One.
- III. The resurrection comes with accountability. What are you trusting in?
 - A. The resurrection is a sign, telling us to listen to Jesus!
 1. People say, “God, if you’re real, show me a sign” (Matthew 12:38-40).
 - (a) According to Jesus, we already have the sign.
 - (b) God raised Jesus from the dead!
 - (c) The resurrection validates Jesus and all his claims.
 - B. God sent Jesus because he loves you (John 3:16).
 1. He sent him so we would not perish.
 - (a) He did not send Jesus to condemn us (John 3:17).
 - (b) But until we trust in Jesus and the effectiveness of his sacrifice, we are already condemned (John 3:18).
 - (c) Why? Because “the wages of sin is death.”
 2. Why do we struggle with this? (John 3:19)
 - (a) We run from the light because we don’t trust that it will be good.
 - (b) Let go and put your trust in Jesus. Join the celebration.
3. Without the resurrection, the cross is just another execution.
 - (a) Yes, it was an injustice, but by itself, it proves nothing.
- B. Because of the resurrection, the cross takes on a whole new significance.
 1. The resurrection is extraordinary!
 - (a) Mere mortals can’t do this!
 - (b) There is only one explanation. It was God who did it!
 2. In the resurrection, God is affirming Jesus to us.
 - (a) He is confirming that he is a good man (vindication).
 - (b) He is confirming that Jesus speaks truth.
 3. All his claims are true.
 - (a) He is the Son of God.
 - (b) He existed before Abraham.
 - (c) He is the great “I Am.”
 - (d) He is the Messiah (John 4).
 - (e) He was sent from heaven by God the Father.
 - (f) He is “the way, the truth and the life, no one comes...”
 4. The resurrection confirms the meaning of the cross.
 - (a) The resurrection can only be accomplished by God.
 - (b) The resurrection shows that Jesus had the approval of God.
 - (c) The same God who raised him, could have prevented his death.
 - (d) Why didn’t he? Because the cross was necessary for us.
 - (e) The Law: The wages of sin is death.
 - (f) We are all sinners. Sin is rebellion. Someone has to die...

(c) The Savior has risen! Trust him, and you too will be raised to eternal life!