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## *The Results of the Resurrection*

### *Matthew 28:1–15*

The resurrection of Jesus is the cornerstone of our Christian faith and central to the Gospel message. Without it, the deity of Christ would be false, the Gospel's power to save would vanish, and our hope for transformation and eternal life would be in vain.

*1 Corinthians 15:1-4* “Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.”

*Romans 1:4* “[Jesus]...was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by His resurrection from the dead”

*Romans 8:11* “If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

#### **Resistance to the Resurrection**

*Matthew 28:11-15* “While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. <sup>12</sup>And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers <sup>13</sup>and said, ‘Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.’ <sup>14</sup>And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.’ <sup>15</sup>So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.”

#### **From Fear to Boldness**

❖ The fear Jesus’ followers displayed during and after His crucifixion was transformed into boldness that became evident in their lives.

- The women who witnessed Jesus’ crucifixion and death were mourning and processing these events with fear, but their fear was transformed by the resurrection of Jesus.

*Matthew 28:5-6* “But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay.’”

*Matthew 28:8* “So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples.”

*Matthew 28:9-10* “And behold, Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.’”

- Peter denied the Lord when a servant girl asked whether he knew Jesus, but after Jesus restored him, he became a bold proclaimer of Jesus alongside the other apostles.

*Matthew 26:69* “Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, ‘You also were with Jesus the Galilean.’”

*John 20:19* “On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’”

## From Despair to Hope

- ❖ The despair in Jesus' believers after His crucifixion, death, and burial was transformed into living hope through His resurrection.
  - The women came to the tomb expecting death, but their despair would become a living hope.

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*Luke 24:8-10 "And they remembered His words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles."*
  - The disciples were sad and confused because Jesus' story ended with His crucifixion and death.

*Luke 24:17-21 "...But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel..."*

*Luke 24:33-35 "...They rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!' <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of the bread."*
  - Peter had lost all hope, but after Jesus appeared to Him, he became a messenger of hope.

*1 Peter 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."*

## From Unbelief to Obedience

- ❖ The disciples didn't believe, but the power of the resurrection gave them the faith to obey even unto death.
  - The women were perplexed about the death and resurrection of Jesus, but when they saw Jesus, they proclaimed the good news of His resurrection.

*Luke 24:1-4a "But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this..."*

*Luke 24:10-11 "Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup>but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them."*
  - Peter became resolutely obedient after Jesus appeared to him and restored him.

*John 21:18-19 "'Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.' <sup>19</sup>(This He said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this He said to him, 'Follow me.'"*

*Acts 5:28-29 "'We strictly charged you not to teach in this Name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us.' <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than men.'"*