

CCC Message Notes

Making Jesus' Resurrection the Reality God Intends for You

If Jesus Rising Again from the Dead Means Anything then It Means Everything

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THEME

(The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

Jesus' resurrection brings a living hope in every way to all who believe.

APPLICATION

(What to Do with What You Hear)

Whenever & wherever there's any expression of death in your life, trust the One who alone is the Resurrection & the Life to not just make but to be the difference you seek.

FOCUS

(The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

"The tomb is empty & our hearts are full." Something like that had to be going through the minds of Jesus' first followers as they encountered the grave where His body was laid. How could it be that it is no longer there? What possible explanation is there for such a marvelous & magnificent mystery? Could He really be alive again?

With the millions & millions of Christians who've come & gone before us along with the millions & millions of Christians with whom we celebrate today as well as with the possibility of the millions & millions of Christians yet to come depending on how long it is before Jesus returns, WE CELEBRATE JESUS TODAY!!! Either this can seem too good to be true but is actually too great to be missed or it's the ultimate hoax & most wicked lie ever concocted that continues to deceive all who believe it. It has to be one or the other.

With you I've come this morning to declare "He is risen! He is risen indeed!!"

What to Do In Light of Jesus' Resurrection

1. MAKE it PERSONAL.

It's got to be He rose to rescue & redeem me, not just us / others / everyone.

John 20:28

2. EXPERIENCE its POWER.

If this is true, there should be some evidence.

Luke 24:36-49 (esp v49) / Acts 2:1-4 / Romans 6:1-4 / Ephesians 1:18-21 & 5:18

3. GO PUBLIC with YOUR PRAISE.

There's no way to encounter the risen Christ & truly embrace Him without others knowing by your walk & witness that He is real & right.

Luke 24:45-48 / Acts 2:22-24 & 32

Making It Real Questions

- * Is this your story today ... that He's your savior not just a savior?
- * Will you keep asking God for His power to prevail in & through you?
- * Are you truly one of Christ's witnesses in word & deed?

Action Step

Join me in praying for the fullness of God's Spirit for us to walk in resurrection power.